

Newsletter

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Upcoming Events



CONGRÈS SQSP 2022

Valeurs, identités et politique

25 au 27 mai 2022
Université Concordia

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International Society of Third Sector Research (ISTR)

Concordia University, July 12-15, 2022



Recent Events

Human Rights Event Series

Professor Ubaka Ogbogu (Faculty of Law, University of Alberta) gave a talk, moderated by Nicole De Silva, on health, human rights, and pandemic restrictions in Canada on January 28, 2022. This was organized, with support from Marina Correia (Student Coordinator), as part of the Department's Human Rights Event Series. A [recording](#) is available on the Department's Youtube channel.

On April 7, 2022, we showed the documentary "It Takes All of Us to Enforce the Law" about a landmark ruling that Canada had discriminated against Indigenous children living on reserve. Dr. Nicole De Silva facilitated a discussion about the documentary afterwards. This was organized, with support from Marina Correia (Student Coordinator), as part of the Department's Human Rights Event Series.

Coffee with POLI

We had an amazing Alumni panel with guest speakers Mr. Stephen Covey, Chief of Police (North America) and Chief Security Officer at CN Rail, Ms. Lauren Small-Pennefather, Elected Municipal Councillor at Town of Montreal Ouest and Mr. Howard Mann, Lawyer at Howard Mann International Investment on March 24th.

Concordia International presented an information session on the exchange program with guest speaker, Liaison Officer Pauliina Rouleau as many students plan to go study abroad. We wish them all well as they go on an amazing adventure!

Alumni Meet & Greet

Our very first Alumni Meet & Greet, very similar to our Coffee with POLI Alumni panel, was hosted on April 7 with guest speakers Ms. Tremblay-Boire, Assistant Professor School of Public Policy, University of Maryland, Mr. Bouchaud, Senior Vice President, Business Operations and Information Technology at Aviation Strategies International and Mr. Saint-Cyr, President, Federal Marine Terminals and Fednav Direct.

Departmental Speaker Series

The department hosted five speakers in Winter 2022 as part of a departmental speaker series coordinated by Dr. Mireille Paquet and Dr. Alexandra Zeitz:

- February 16, 2022: Jennifer Elrick (McGill) *Making Middle-Class Multiculturalism: Immigration Bureaucrats and Policymaking in Postwar Canada*
 - Supported by the Concordia University Research Chair on the Politics of Immigration
- February 18, 2022: Vince Hopkins (Saskatchewan) “High-salience, low-friction communication increases uptake in labour market programs during COVID-19”
- March 11, 2022: Antje Ellerman (UBC) *The Comparative Politics of Immigration Control*
 - Supported by the Concordia University Research Chair on the Politics of Immigration



- March 25, 2022: Emily Scott (Birmingham) “Governing Need: Delegation, Grounded Experts, and Syrian Refugee Health”
- April 8, 2022: Ryan Briggs (Guelph): “Changes in perceptions of border security influence desired levels of immigration”
 - Supported by the Concordia University Research Chair on the Politics of Immigration

Orientation

New students must attend a MANDATORY FAS Touchstone session, which is a virtual general advising session offered in collaboration with the Political Science department. For newly admitted fall term students: sessions begin at the end of March and run until early September. Here is a link to find out when the Political Science department is next offering a session:

<https://www.concordia.ca/artsci/students/sas/new-student-advising/touchstone-presentations.html#polisci>

Recent Publications

BOOKS

Guy Lachapelle, (préface de Lucien Bouchard), *René Lévesque - Un homme et son siècle: Anthologie de sa pensée politique sur les enjeux internationaux et la place du Québec dans le monde*, Québec, Presses de l'Université Laval, 2022.

András B. Göllner (ed). *The Forgotten Revolution: The 1919 Hungarian Republic of Councils* (Black Rose Books/The University of Chicago Press, 2022), exposes one of the greatest cover-ups of the past century in world history about the struggle of the oppressed for justice. According to Valério Arcary, a leading voice of the Brazilian labour movement, Emeritus Professor of History of the Federal Institute of São Paulo (FSP) it "should be required reading for anyone engaged in the struggle against the fortune hunters who derive their profits by destroying the ability of working men and women to distinguish illusion from reality".

To learn more, see what the critics are saying worldwide and find out how you can get your hands on the book, visit the publisher's website

<https://blackrosebooks.com/products/gollner-forgotten-revolution> . For a short taste of its flavour, check out this recent interview with Professor Göllner:

<https://hungarianfreepress.com/2022/01/16/journey-to-a-forgotten-revolution-an-interview-with-andras-b-gollner/>.

Christopher L. Pallas and Elizabeth A. Bloodgood, eds. *Beyond the Boomerang: From Transnational Advocacy Networks to Transcalar Advocacy in International Politics*. Birmingham, AL: University of Alabama Press, 2022.

ARTICLES

Belge, Ceren, and Semuhi Sinanoğlu. 2021. "Containing Ethnic Conflict: Repression, Cooptation and Identity Politics." *Comparative Politics*.
<https://doi.org/10.5129/001041522X16364817575110>

Dodds, Graham G. "Presidential Control of Independent Agencies' Leadership and Personnel: A Two-Case Study of Interbranch Contestation over the Bureaucracy and the Unitary Executive under Donald Trump." *Presidential Studies Quarterly*. January 18, 2022. DOI: 10.1111/psq.12773

Elizabeth Bloodgood, Jesse Bourns, Michael Lenczner, Takumi Shibaïke, Jenny Tabet, and Wendy Wong. 2022. "Explaining National Nonprofit Data Environments: Data to Enable or Constrain?" *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, DOI 10.1177/0899764221085731

BOOK CHAPTERS

Schmitt, Etienne B. "La Collectivité européenne d'Alsace : un département à dispositions particulières", in Nicolas Kada, André Fazi (eds.), *Les collectivités territoriales à statut particulier en France. Les enjeux de la différenciation*, Brussels, Peter Lang, 2022.

Paquet, Mireille, Benoit, Noémie, Atak, Idil, Joy, Meghan, Hudson, Graham, and Shields, John. "Sanctuary Cities and COVID-19: The Case of Canada." In Triandafyllidou, A. Ed. *Migration and Pandemics: Spaces of Solidarity and Spaces of Exception*. Switzerland: Springer Nature Switzerland AG. 85-102.

Elizabeth A. Bloodgood. "Power to the People? Network Structures and the World Social Forum." In *Beyond the Boomerang*, Christopher Pallas and Elizabeth Bloodgood, eds. (pp. 62-79). Birmingham: University of Alabama Press, 2022.

Conference and Roundtable Presentations

Elizabeth A. Bloodgood, "Trust and Transparency: Information Availability and NGO Trust." International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN, March 30-April 2, 2022.

De Silva, Nicole (with Misha A. Plagis). "Navigating State Backlash against Human Rights Accountability: NGOs' Mobilization against Tanzania at the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights," Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Online, March 28, 2022.

Hilgers, Tina. "Rescaling Spaces of Authority in Times of Extreme Vulnerability: Shifting Licit/Illicit Governance Practices Under COVID" (co-authored with Diane Davis). Presented at the Research Brunch on Economic and Political Development of the *McGill Sustainable Development Goals Week*. February 11.

Joy, Meghan (with Swim, T., Caines, A., and Montejo, M). "Generation All: Reimagining Montréal. A Panel Discussion on Intergenerationality" Panel organized by the School of Community and Public Affairs and engAGE, Concordia University. March 29, 2022.

Lipson, Michael. "Gated Haven: Organized Hypocrisy and EU Asylum Policy." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Online, March 28, 2022.

Rowan, Sam. "Enforcing international cooperation using issue linkage: Theory from the intersection of climate change and trade." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Nashville, Tennessee, USA, March 30, 2022.

Zeit, Alexandra (with Lauren Ferry). "The Money is in the Mission: Explaining variation in IMF missions". Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Nashville, Tennessee, USA, March 31, 2022.

Zeit, Alexandra. "Financing for Development". Presented at the Research Brunch on Economic and Political Development of the *McGill Sustainable Development Goals Week*. February 11.

Book Reviews

Dodds, Graham G. Review of Michael Nelson and Barbara A. Perry, eds. *The Presidency: Facing Constitutional Crossroads*. University of Virginia Press, 2021. *Perspectives on Politics*. Vol. 19, Issue 4 (December, 2021), p1344-1345.

Announcements

Lab for Latin American and Caribbean Studies

Tina Hilgers is Visiting Researcher in the Department of Journalism and Editing, School of Communication and Arts, Universidade de São Paulo (April)

Tina Hilgers is Visiting Researcher in the Centre for Research on Political Psychology and Social Movements, Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo (April)

LLACS co-hosted (with ÉRIGAL and the UdeM CRC in Participation and Citizenship) a talk by Kevin Parthenay on "Crises en Amérique latine: les démocraties déracinées", February 2.

Rubens Lima Moraes (PhD candidate) was hired to teach Methods and Introduction to Political Science at Dawson College.

Laura Rivera successfully defended her BA Honours Thesis

Laura Rivera received offers for MA positions at Concordia, LSE, UofT, and McGill.

Cássia Reis Donato successfully defended her MA thesis proposal

Gustavo Andrade (MA candidate) received a Barry Pashak Graduate Fellowship in Social Justice from the Social Justice Center

Media Appearances and Op Eds

Since last fall, Graham Dodds was interviewed about U.S. politics by CTV News three times and by *La Presse* once.

Nicole De Silva discussed the human rights implications of Quebec's planned tax on the unvaccinated on CBC Radio on January 12, 2022.

Etienne Schmitt was interviewed about the French presidential election by *Info Haiti* on March 31, 2022.

Etienne Schmitt was interviewed about the Ukraine crisis by *La Presse* on February 26, 2022.

Kudos

Political science major Astrid Aguy represented Concordia as a finalist at the 2022 “*Délie ta langue!*” concours d’éloquence in Montreal on March 28th. The competition may be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dYIDrvR7Ecq> and Astrid’s performance follows her introduction at 45:20.

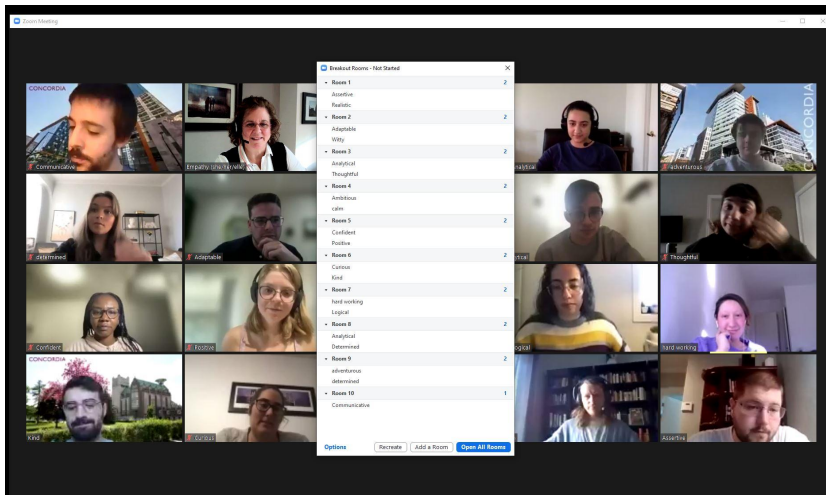
Alice Isac, Emilie Martel, Niem Huynh and our very own Eve Pankovitch recently had an article on Co-op in Grad Studies entitled “Learn by working: Experiential Pathways in Graduate Studies” published in the latest edition of Grad Matters: <https://www.universityaffairs.ca/career-advice/graduate-matters/learn-by-working-experiential-paths-in-graduate-studies/>

Theses and Internship Defenses

In May, Élora Bussière-Ladouceur defended her Master’s thesis proposal: “Women for (Populist) Women? The radical-right gender gap under women leaders in Denmark and Norway.” Supervisor: Graham Dodds; second reader, Antoine Bilodeau.

Victor Bavaro completed his MPPPA internship report: “Multiple Streams Framework and Oil Tankers: How Politics Impacts Government Actions and Issue Selection.” Winter, 2022. Supervisor: Graham Dodds; second reader: Travis Smith.

MPPPA News

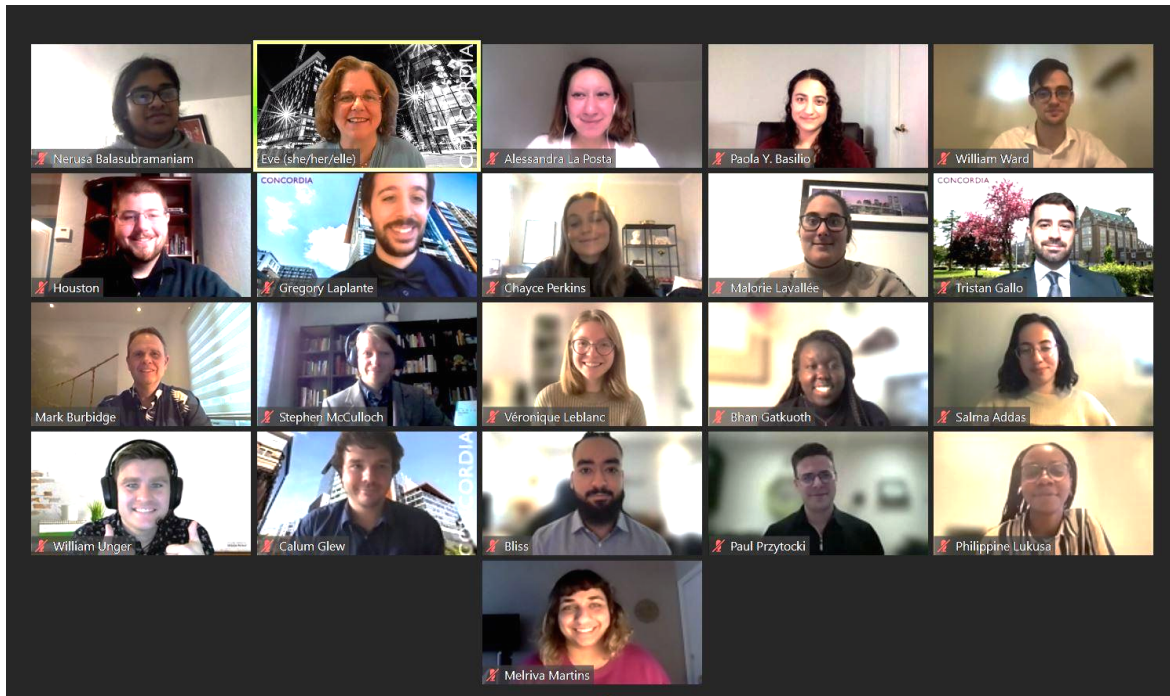


Training Interns virtually can be fun, as well as informative. Here is a photo from the Winter term. An exercise on how to narrow down an entire person’s pitch into one word. Marketing yourself well means knowing what you have to offer and knowing what your potential employer needs. Congratulations to the large cohort of 19 interns for their success in securing a

summer internship.

MPPPA alumni guest speakers **Mark Burbidge** (January); **Janet Akins** and **Daniel Mastine** (February); **Sara Gasparello** (March); all graciously agreed to speak to interns about working in

public service. Interns learned how to prepare for, market to, and navigate their public service careers with grace thanks to the leadership and guidance of all four Speakers.





On February 26th, the Concordia team, coached by MPPPA Director Ceren Belge, and Public Servant in Residence Sarah Cox, participated in the Annual CAPPAP Case Competition on the problem of rough sleeping in cities. The team worked very hard and made an excellent presentation, but did not place in the top three. Congratulations to Mélanie Piggott-Nardozza, Chayce Perkins, Houston Rifai, Will Ward and Malorie Lavalée for their excellent work.

Senior Public Servant Panel - March 25th



PANELISTS:

Sarah Cox (MPPPA Alumna) Director of Circumpolar Affairs of Crown-Indigenous Relations & Northern Affairs; Public Servant in Residence, Department of Political Science, Concordia University

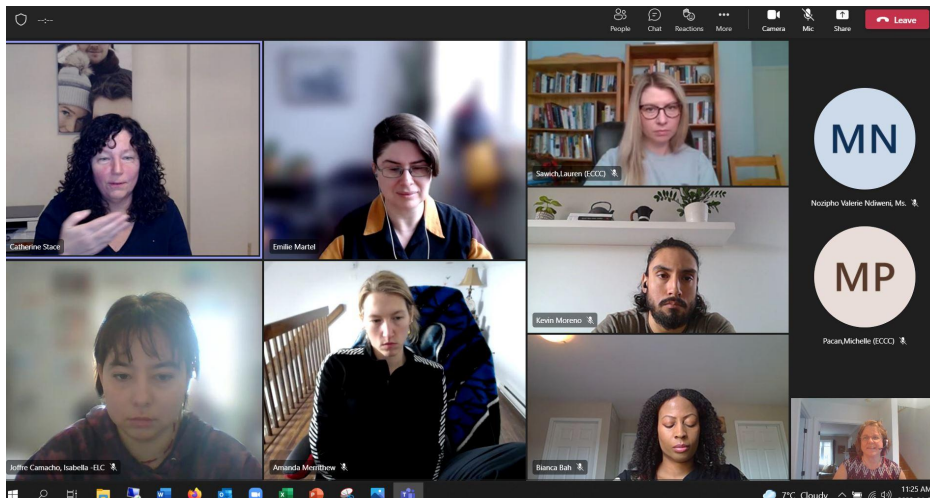
Gina Wilson Deputy Minister of Women and Gender Equality and Youth

Robin Roberts Associate Director General of Medical Services Directorate at Health Canada

Valerie Gideon Associate Deputy Minister of Indigenous Services Canada

Among the 63 registrants who attended this fantastic virtual panel discussion regarding the practical reality of working in the public service of Canada, 46 were graduate students (target audience) and 5 were MPPPA alumni. Moderated by MPPPA Director, Ceren Belge, the smooth discussion covered some of the rich histories of the panelists. Gina Wilson, Algonquin of the First Nation community of Kitigan-Zibi, talked about her early activist years in protest rallies; Robin Roberts shared the benefits of mentoring and mentoring programs for new public servants; and Dr. Valerie Gideon, member of the Mi'kmaq Nation of Gesgapegiag, explored some of the meaningful work that she has led in health advocacy for First Nations and Inuit people. The compelling stories and insights influenced the take-away effect of wanting to get involved to make a difference. The QP at the end was busy. All who attended were privileged to have such an intimate view of public service.

MPPPA outreach



The Internship Office has extended the already established internal experiential alliance with McGill University in coordination with the many federal

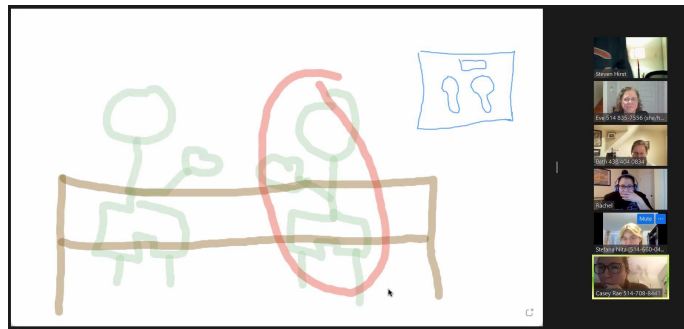
government hiring hubs, including Global Affairs, Infrastructure Canada, Environment & Climate Change Canada, and Shared Services Canada. The goal is to facilitate and streamline services between partners to ensure a greater level of satisfaction while maintaining placement success. The meeting in March yielded practical ideas. The group will reconnect bi-yearly to maintain contact, while sustaining best-practices.

SOCIAL Corner

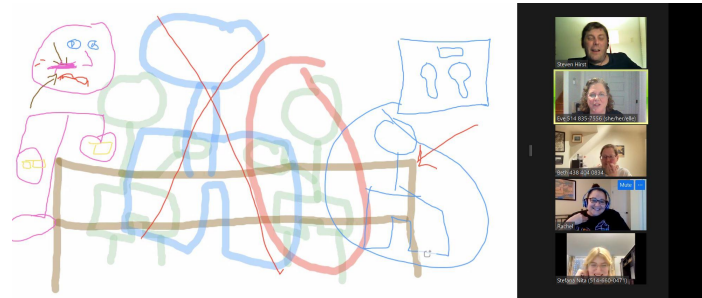
To break the stretch of Zoom fatigue, Political Science staff (and former staff) get together after-hours to enjoy laughs while developing their artistic skills playing PICTONARY on-line.

Here we have “Welterweight” (by Beth Bloodgood) Loads of fun!

Attempt #1



Attempt #2



And for another tricky word... “Workload”

