

# Newsletter

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## News

Welcome to our new colleague, Dr. Rachel Weldrick, who joined us on July 1. Rachel, who hails from McMaster University, was selected last winter to hold the new tier-2 CRC on the Politics and Policies of Aging.

## Events

IPSA-Concordia Summer Institute in Applied Diplomacy, August 18-28, led by Drs. Elizabeth Bloodgood and Kim Fontaine-Skronski.

[Aging and Public Policy 101](#). A seminar followed by conferences on public policy theories and practice, as part of the Canadian Association Gerontology Conference in Montreal, November 23 2025. Places are limited. Organized by Patrik Marier.

## Recent Publications

Sam Rowan. "From Gridlock to Ratchet: Conditional Cooperation on Climate Change". *International Organization* 79(2), p. 257–280. doi:[10.1017/S0020818325000037](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818325000037)

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T. Obuobisa-Darko, **Ohemeng, F.L.K.**, E. Amoako-Asiedu, & K. Parku (2025). Spiritual Leadership and Job Performance in the Public Service in Ghana: The Mediating Role of Employee Engagement. *International Journal of Public Leadership*. Article ID: 752330

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## Book Reviews

Graham Dodds. Review of Asa McKercher and Michael D. Stevenson, *Building a Special Relationship: Canada-US Relations in the Eisenhower Era, 1953-61*. UBC Press, 2024. *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. May 29, 2025.

## Book Chapters

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Ohemeng, F.L.K. and R.K. Foli (2025), Crisis Management, Transnational Administration, and Administrative Sovereignty in Developing Countries: Problems of a

National Disaster Management Organization in Ghana. In K. Moloney, G. Billingsley, B.G. Jeong, T.E. Thornton, P.S. Pulido, and E. Zeemering (eds.), *The Routledge Handbook on Crisis, Polycrisis, and Public Administration* (33-44), New York: Routledge.

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## **Conference and Roundtable Presentations**

Poteete Amy R., Pavel Kunysz, and Nik Luka. 2025. "Caring with and against Commoning in Two Contested Green Spaces in Montreal." Presented by Amy Poteete at the biennial meeting of the International Association for the Study of the Commons, 16 – 20 June 2025, Amherst, MA, USA.

Graham Dodds. "Overcoming Congressional Acquiescence: When and Why Congress Contests Presidential Unilateralism." International Political Science Association (IPSA). Seoul, South Korea. July 12-16, 2025.

Nicole De Silva, "Promoting State Commitment to International Courts: Evidence from the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights," International Political Science Association Conference, Seoul, Korea, July 13, 2025.

Patrik Marier. Street-Level Bureaucrats as Policy and Program Coordinator: A Comparative Analysis of Six Marginalized Older Populations in Québec. International Political Science Association Meeting, Seoul, 12-16 2025.

Joy, M., Smele, S., and Fortune, D. Les centres de bien-être pour personnes âgées comme tiers-lieux : de l'infrastructure sociale à la reproduction sociale. Colloque ACFAS, Montreal, 5-9 mai, 2025.

Joy, M., Marier, P., Smele, S. L'analyse transversale des enjeux d'accès vécus par six groupes de personnes âgées marginalisées au Québec. Colloque ACFAS, Montreal, 5-9 mai, 2025.

Frank Ohemeng. Intergovernmental Relationships and the Challenges of Property Tax Administration in Ghana: The Perspective of Administrative Burdens, presented at the ACRC Urban Property Tax Workshop, Accra, Ghana, 19-21 May 2025.

## **Other Presentations**

Nicole De Silva, "Outreach by International Courts: Insights from the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights," Faculty of Law, University of Oslo, 30 Jun 2025.

Nicole De Silva, "The Foundations of International Justice: International Courts' Outreach to Their Constituencies," Centre for Excellence for International Courts and Governance," Faculty of Law,

University of Copenhagen, 25 Jun 2025.

Patrik Marier. *Valoriser la gérontologie sociale: Débats, enjeux, et le rôle du secteur public*. États généraux sur le vieillissement en français. Association francophone des aînés du Nouveau-Brunswick. Université de Moncton, 10 mai 2025.

Patrik Marier. *Ageism and Public Policy*. Forum on Inclusion and Exclusion in the Workplace: A Focus on Ageism. University of Ottawa, April 16, 2025.

## Media Appearances and Op Eds

Dónal Gill. “Reform Act snub bad for Liberals — and for democracy.” *Montreal Gazette*. May 27, 2025.

Graham Dodds. “Protests, tariffs, borders: Why Trump says everything is an emergency.” CBC News. June 12, 2025.

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Graham Dodds. Dubreuil, Laurence Brisson. “Raging Grannies protest at Montreal Tesla dealership on Musk’s birthday.” CTV News. June 29, 2025.

Graham Dodds. CTV (Local). Live interview about Donald Trump and Jeffrey Epstein. July 23, 2025.

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Francesco Macallister-caruso. [Gender identity report leaves trans rights at risk of erosion](#) *Montreal Gazette* July 3, 2025.

Nohemie Matomo Bokuma. [Zohran Mamdani à New York, une brise de fraîcheur dans une canicule politique infernale | Le Devoir](#) . June 23, 2025.

Nicole De Silva, and Mary Amadi. “Renewed State Backlash Against the African Court: Tunisia is the Fifth State to Withdraw Individual and NGO Access,” *EJIL: Talk!*, May 23, 2025, <https://www.ejiltalk.org/renewed-state-backlash-against-the-african-court-tunisia-is-the-fifth-state-to-withdraw-individual-and-ngo-access/>.

## Kudos

Congratulations to:

- **Ceren Belge** for her success in obtaining an Insight Development Grant in the latest competition of this SSHRC program for her research project on “Conspiracy Theories and Authoritarianism.”
- **Rachel Weldrick** and **Patrik Marier** teamed up with Affiliate Assistant Professor **Alexandra Charette** (PI) and received an Insight Development Grant for a research project on “Housing and the Governance of ‘Aging in Place’”.
- **Jean-François Mayer** who recently won the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Labor Studies Section Prize for his article “Resistance to Oppression in Informal Work: Domestic Workers’ Strategies Against Workplace Violence in Latin America” published in *Comparative Sociology*, vol. 23, no. 5, 2024: 583-614.
- **Sam Rowan**, for having received tenure last spring and for his promotion to the rank of Associate Professor
- **Alexandra Zeitz**, for having received tenure last spring and for her promotion to the rank of Associate Professor
- **Elizabeth Bloodgood**, for her promotion to the rank of Full Professor
- **Mireille Paquet**, for her promotion to the rank of Full Professor
- **Frank Ohemeng**, for winning the Outstanding Reviewer Award, Public Administration and Development

Patrik Marier has been nominated and has joined the Board of the Canadian Association of Gerontology as Division Chair for Social Policy and Practice (2024-2026).

## Alumni Corner



A **Special Shout Out** to our MPPPA alumni, old and new, who at the *drop of a hat*, came to the rescue of the internship program’s challenge to secure 17 full-time paid and relevant internships for the Winter 2026 semester; these are tough times...

***You have our most sincere gratitude!!***

## MPPPA News



The Internship Preparation Seminars started with a bang in August!!! Seventeen interns were fortunate to meet and learn all about the ins and outs of preparing for their applications, from Public Service Commission of Canada's - Quebec Region representative and expert Human Resources Advisor **Elaine Lam**. Elaine spoke to the group answering many questions on the subject of seeking and identifying relevant opportunities and gave tips to give them an edge on promoting themselves. Elaine helped identify sectors within the Federal Public Service that hire public policy and public administration interns while eliminating the gap of uncertainty.



MPPPA alumni **Rubens Lima Moraes** who graduated just last year, and who has secured a full-time indeterminate position with Employment and Social Development Canada, in the Strategic and Service Policy Branch of the Evaluation Directorate, came to speak in a different seminar, to help interns with their search for a relevant position. Rubens shared his experience and provided several insights about to how one goes about navigating the search for employment in austere times.