

Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Watch for news of a **Winter NGO Community Fair** to be held on Thursday, March 14th, 2019 in room 1220 of the Hall Building. Undergraduate and Graduate students alike will have a chance to speak to the hiring managers from organizations who will be recruiting both volunteers and interns - to do relevant and meaningful work related to their studies! (see Coordinator E.Pankovitch for more details)

As part of our Public Administration Scholar in Residence Speaker series the department will be hosting discussions between our resident Public Admin Scholar David Heurtel and Harold Fortin on January 28th, Philippe Bourke on February 18 and Patrick Beauchesne on February 21st.

A panel made up of **Senior Public Servants** will be coming to campus to discuss their career trajectories and the public service sector as Employer. We hope to host this **speaker panel event** on Tuesday, March 26th, 2019 right here in the Department. (see Coordinator E.Pankovitch for more details)

In view of the Department launching a new work experience program called "PREX," Nicole De Silva (Academic Director for the Co-op Program) and Rachel Bureau (Program Coordinator) will host an information session for students interested in participating in either Co-op or PREX. (Date TBD; email polisci.co-op@concordia.ca for details.)

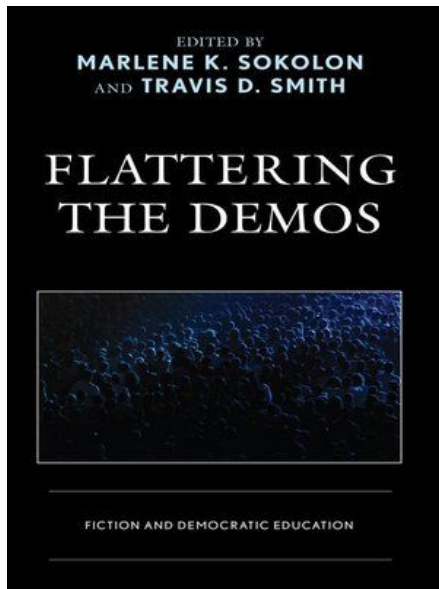
Recent Events

On October 12, **Graham Dodds**, **Mireille Paquet**, and **Maxime Heroux-Legault** gave a brown-bag lunch talk for the department's graduate students on the academic writing process.

Elizabeth Bloodgood, with Michael Lenczner, Jesse Bourns, and Amy Melvin of Ajah and Powered By Data held the Global Registry of Nonprofit Data Sources (GRNDS) Workshop in the Political Science Department from October 18-20, 2018, bringing experts in nonprofit data management from the United States, Europe, and Canada, including participants from the

Governments of Canada and the UK, the Foundation Center, 360Giving, Union of International Associations, and GlobalGiving.

Recent Publications



Marlene K. Sokolon and **Travis D. Smith** edited the volume *Flattering the Demos: Fiction and Democratic Education*, Lexington Press, 2018.

Meghan Joy. "Problematizing the Age Friendly Cities and Communities Program in Toronto", *Journal of Aging Studies*, 47: 49-56.

Simon Langlois-Bertrand was the lead author for the *Canadian Energy Outlook 2018*, published by the Trottier Energy Institute (co-authors K. Vaillancourt, O. Bahn, L. Beaumier and N. Mousseau).

Elizabeth A. Bloodgood. 2018. "Quantifying NGOs." In *Handbook on Non-Governmental Organizations*, Aynsley Kellow and Hannah Murphy-Gregory, eds. London: Edward Elger.

Conference and Roundtable Presentations

Marlene K. Sokolon presented "Political Deliberation: the Agôn in Euripides and Deliberative Democratic Theory" at the Centre Léon Robin (Centre de recherches sur la pensée antique UMR 8061) Journée d'études. Université Paris-Sorbonne, Paris IV. November 23, 2018.

Elizabeth Bloodgood, Jesse Bourns, Michael Lenczner, Takumi Shibaïke, Jenny Tabet, and Wendy Wong. "Explaining National Nonprofit Data Environments: Data to Enable or Constrain?" Presented at the Association of Research on Nonprofit and Voluntary Associations Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, November 2018.

Graham Dodds. "The Unilateral and Unitary Presidencies." American Political Science Association. Boston, MA. September 1, 2018.

Graham Dodds. "Arguments for the Unitary Executive: A Normative and Empirical Assessment." Northeast Political Science Association. Montreal, QC. November 8, 2018.

Thibaud Henin. "Self-Regulation and Scientific Uncertainty: EU and US Laundry Pod Regulation." American Political Science Association. Boston, MA. September 1, 2018.

Thibaud Henin. "Sustainable Forestry Standards and Trade: Protecting or Opening National Markets?" Northeast Political Science Association. Montreal, QC. November 8, 2018.

Thibaud Henin. "A Tale of Two Lobbies: Laundry Pod Regulation in the US and EU." Northeast Political Science Association. Montreal, QC. November 9, 2018.

Meghan Joy (with Ronald K. Vogel). "Beyond Neoliberalism: A Policy Agenda for a Progressive City" American Political Science Association. Boston, MA. August 30, 2018.

Meghan Joy. "La démarche villes-amies des aînés. Un remède universel pour vieillir chez soi?" Book Symposium for *Les vieillissement sous la loupe : entre mythes et réalités* (Laval: Presses de l'Université Laval). Concordia University. Montreal, QC. October 26, 2018.

With the assistance of **Graham Dodds** and **Patrick Groeneveld-Meijer**, over a dozen members of the Political Science Student Association (PSSA) volunteered to help the 680 participants at the 50th annual conference of the Northeast Political Science Association (NPSA) in Montreal, November 8-10.

As part of the Department's Human Rights Lecture Series, on August 15, human rights lawyer **Vicki Prais** gave a talk on "Pursuing a Career in Human Rights" for Concordia students. A video of the talk is available [here](#).



Kudos

Congratulations to **Kathryn Rawlings** for winning the *Dean's Award for Excellence in Service to the Faculty by a Staff Member!* The award recognizes leadership, commitment, resourcefulness, and the fostering of an environment of respect and inclusion that is conducive to the University's mission of research and learning, all of which fits Kathryn to a T! The selection committee highlighted Kathryn's "positive and collegial spirit, hard work (often behind-the-scenes), and exceptionally wide and germane knowledge, as testified to by the enthusiastic letters of support from faculty, students, and staff."

Congratulations to **Francesca Scala** for winning the *Dean's Award for Excellence in Academic Service!* The selection committee highlighted particularly "the diversity of [her] service activities, including extensive work with the department of Political Science, the Faculty of Arts and Science, the University Senate, and beyond, and in particular [her] service as director of the Masters in Public Policy and Public Administration program."

Congratulations to **Francesca Scala**, who will become Associate Dean, Graduate Studies on January 1, 2019.

Congratulations to **Noura Brek** for winning the winter 2018 semester TA award.

Congratulations to **Thomas Harrison** for winning the fall 2018 semester TA award.

Public Talks

Graham Dodds. "Comprendre les élections américaines de mi-mandat." Avec Monique Léveillé et Pierre-Olivier Zappa (TVA). Longueuil, QC. October 21, 2018.

Elizabeth A. Bloodgood. "Data for Good." Keynote address for the Workshop on Transnational Networks Amid Global Crisis and Change, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, September 28, 2018.

Media Appearances and Op Eds

Axel Huelsemeyer was interviewed on October 2 for an article in the *Montreal Gazette* on the impact of the new USMCA (formerly NAFTA) for QC

<https://montrealgazette.com/business/what-will-the-new-nafta-the-usmca-mean-for-quebec/>

Since Labour Day, **Graham Dodds** has been interviewed by journalists about various topics related to U.S. politics on local TV 12 times, on radio 14 times, and in the *Washington Post*.

Nicole De Silva was interviewed on November 30 for a *Rappler* [article](#) about the war on drugs in the Philippines and the potential for prosecutions at the International Criminal Court.

Theses and Internship Defenses



Matthew Flanagan successfully defended his doctoral dissertation, “Adam Smith and the Pursuit of Praiseworthiness” on November 9. It was accepted as submitted by the examining committee.

Congratulations to Matthew and thanks to the members of his supervisory committee, Dr. Ed King (thesis adviser), Dr. Marlene Sokolon and Dr. Travis Smith, as well to the external examiners, Dr. Geoffrey Kellow (Political Science, Carleton U.) and Dr. Jarrett Carty (Liberal Arts College) for their time and consideration in assessing Matthew’s thesis.

Louis-Philippe Morneau successfully defended his dissertation proposal on “Theory of Strategic Autonomy” on October 19. The committee included Julian Schofield, Csaba Nikolenyi, Graham Dodds, and Robert Jervis (Columbia University).

Congratulations to **Jeremy Elbaz** who successfully defended his internship report entitled: “Open Government in Canada: An Analysis through the Lens of Historical Institutionalism of the Government of Canada’s Approach to Increasing Governmental Transparency and Accountability” on November 7, 2018 under the supervision of **Dr. Antoine Bilodeau**, second reader **Dr. Edward King** and chaired by **Dr. Francesca Scala**.

Congratulations to **Amanda Cinquino** who successfully defended her internship report entitled: “The Power of Knowledge: The Evolution of Canada’s Fire Management Policies” on November 9, 2018 under the supervision of **Dr. Francesca Scala**, second reader **Dr. Antoine Bilodeau** and chaired by **Dr. Graham Dodds**.

Congratulations to **Samira Njikam-Manfon** who successfully defended her internship report entitled: “New Public Management in the Federal Government of Canada: Employment & Social Development Canada’s

Privacy Management Framework” on December 12, 2018 under the supervision of **Dr. Stephanie Paterson**, second reader **Dr. Francesca Scala** and chaired by **Dr. Daniel Salée**.

Congratulations to **Jackson Morgan** who successfully defended his internship report entitled: “Punctuated Procurement: Examining the Abandonment of a Longstanding Procurement Procedure and its Timely Replacement” on December 12, 2018 under the supervision of **Dr. Mireille Paquet**, second reader **Dr. Francesca Scala** and chaired by **Dr. Daniel Salée**.

Congratulations to **Yoana Garcia-Poulin** who successfully defended her internship report entitled: “Notions of Legitimacy in Epistemic Discourse Relating to Canadian Chemical Management Reform” on December 19, 2018 under the supervision of **Dr. Antoine Bilodeau**, second reader **Dr. Francesca Scala** and chaired by **Dr. Graham Dodds**.

MPPPA News

The MPPPA program hosted a Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) Policy Analyst Recruitment and Development Program (PARDP) Information Session open to all interested senior undergraduate and masters level students on Monday, September 24th. The session was given by two PARDP alumni, Amélie Veillette and Jean-Philippe Bernier.



This Information Session spurred avid interest from The Assistant Deputy Minister’s Office to conduct all interviews over a three day period on October, 23, 24 and 25 here on campus. Mr. Frank Des-Rosiers, Assistant Deputy Minister, Innovation & Energy Technology, accompanied by his colleague Kanwaljeet Dewan, (Concordia alumni) interviewed many candidates from UdeM, UQAM, McGill and Concordia.

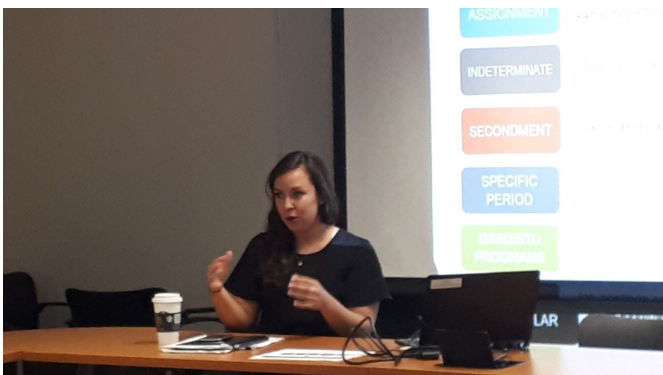
A luncheon was hosted by the Department of Political Science with NRCan representatives to discuss possible future collaborations. We are happy to say that discussions are underway in order to gain swift access to internship and employment opportunities.



From left: Dr. Francesca Scala, MPPPA Director & Professor
Kanwaljeet Dewan, Policy Advisor, Deputy Minister's Office, NRCan
Dr. Elizabeth Bloodgood, Chair & Professor
Frank Des Rosiers, ADM, Innovation and Energy Technology, NRCan
Dr. Graham Dodds, Associate Chair & Professor
Dr. Leander Schneider, Undergraduate Program Director & Professor

Alumni Corner

At the beginning of the Fall term, MPPPA alumni Suzie Rousseau (né Fortin) and Maya Cerda came to campus to share their unique experiences of managing the unobvious territory of bridging-in to full-time indeterminate positions after they finished their master's degree. Each provided examples of how their *determination* was the key characteristic that permitted them to attain their goal of working right here in Montreal, doing high level relevant work. We are fortunate that our MPPPA alumni want to give back; and in this very direct way, they help train the graduate cohort who are next to embark on their experiential journey.



Suzie Rousseau



Maya Cerda



Internship Coordinator, Eve Pankovitch travelled to Ottawa-Gatineau to conduct MPPPA internship site visits on November 1st and 2nd. Here are a few of our interns at work, some with their supervisors. All are thriving in their experiential learning world.



A 5 à 7 was held at Milestone's on Sussex Drive, where over 30 MPPPA alumni gathered to reunite, share stories and exchange inside tips 'n' tricks on how to manage their careers. Nathaniel Pitt (backrow left) assisted in organizing the event.



And, for something different, Eve Pankovitch organized an MPPPA **Montreal Chapter** alumni/ intern gathering at McKibbin's on Bishop to provide an opportunity for them to meet (some for the first time) and learn more about each others careers. Drs. Elizabeth Bloodgood and Amy Poteete attended to keep the connection. Although there are over 30 students in the Greater Montreal area working in their field, many were unable to attend that Thursday evening, on November 8th.

