

Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Dr. Anna Durnova, Senior Researcher at Charles University in the Czech Republic, will be visiting the Department of Political Science in June. She will be giving a talk on “Intimacy and the Politics of Expertise” on June 20th from 11:00 to 12:00 in room H 1220.

Recent Events

On April 2, **Nicole De Silva** convened a workshop on “Global South Agency through Regional Institutions,” featuring presentations on regional institutions in Latin America, Asia, and Africa.

<https://www.concordia.ca/cunews/artsci/polisci/2019/04/02/workshop-on-global-south-agency-through-regional-institutions.html?c=artsci/polisci>

There were two talks in the Department’s Human Rights Lecture Series. On February 14, Johanna Luttrell (Instructional Assistant Professor, Hobby School of Public Affairs, University of Houston) gave a talk on “How White People Refuse to Understand Black Mourning: On White Responses to Black Lives Matter.” On March 20, **David Heurtel** (our Scholar in Residence in Public Administration) spoke on “Quebec Asylum-Seekers – Rights and Realities.” Both talks can be viewed on the Department’s Youtube channel.

Recent Publications

Nicole De Silva, "The African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights," in Jessie Hohmann and Daniel Joyce (eds), *International Law's Objects* (Oxford University Press, 2019).

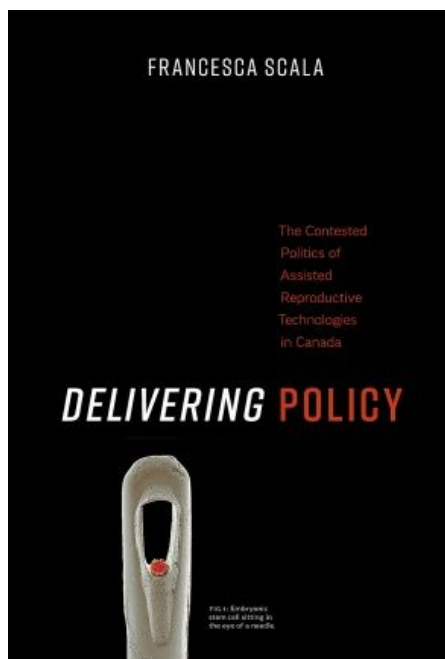
Poteete, Amy R. 2019. "Electoral Competition, Clientelism, and Responsiveness to Fishing Communities in Senegal," *African Affairs* 118, no. 470 (January): 24-48. <https://doi.org/10.1093/afraf/ady037>

Brooke Jeffrey. "Canadian Liberalism as a Distinctive Tradition" in McGrane and Hibbert, eds. *Applied Political Theory in Canadian Politics*. University of Toronto. 2019. 42-68.

Gary Mucciaroni and **Francesca Scala**. "Morality Policy: Abortion and Gay Rights" . In Paul Quirk's (ed), *The United States and Canada: How Two Democracies Differ, and Why It Matters*. Oxford University Press, 2019.

Elizabeth A. Bloodgood. 2019. "Primary Data on NGOs: Pushing the Bounds of Present Possibilities." In *Routledge Handbook of NGOs and International Relations*, Thomas Davies, ed. London: Routledge, 209-220.

Elizabeth Bloodgood, Tosca Bruno-van Vijfeijken, Nina Hall, George E. Mitchell, Christopher Pallas & Hans Peter Schmitz. *The Future of Transnational NGO Advocacy*. *Stanford Social Innovation Review*. May 20, 2019.



Francesca Scala.

Delivering Policy: The Contested Politics of Assisted Reproductive Technologies in Canada.
University of British Columbia Press, 2019.



Travis Smith.

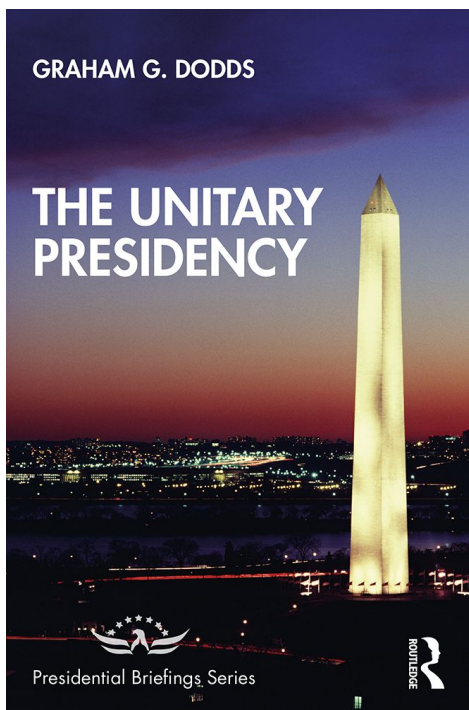
Ética y superpoderes. Translated by Maia Figueroa Evans. temas de hoy, 2019.

<https://www.planetadelibros.com/libro-etica-y-superpoderes/292881>

Travis Smith. アメコミヒーローの倫理学
[Ethics of the American comic hero].

Translated by Shinnosuke Horiuchi & Mr. Kenji Tsuke Parco, 2019.

<https://publishing.parco.jp/books/detail/?id=144>



Graham Dodds is the author of *The Unitary Presidency*. The book examines the constitutional theory of the unitary executive, according to which the U.S. President can supposedly control everything and everyone within the vast executive branch of the U.S. federal government. It will be published by Routledge this summer and is available for pre-order here:

<https://www.routledge.com/The-Unitary-Presidency/Dodds/p/book/9781138484184>

Announcements

On 1 June 2019, **Amy Poteete** began a two year term as Co-Director of the Loyola Sustainability Research Centre.

Conference and Roundtable Presentations

Poteete, Amy R and Keith Jefferis. 2019. "After the Boom: Volatility, Institutions, Politics, and Development in Botswana's Resource-Dependent Economy." Presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Association of African Studies, 16 – 18 May 2019, Montreal, and at the annual meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association, 4 - 6 June 2019, Vancouver.

Joy, Meghan. "What is an Age-Friendly Local Government?" B/OLD Aging in our City Conference. Concordia University, Montreal: May 16, 2019.

Marlene K. Sokolon, "Emotions in Aristotle's Political Texts" invited Guest Speaker for the Séminaire "Causes, passions, actions" (II), PATHOS. La doctrine aristotélicienne des émotions: Centre Léon Robin - PRC Fapesp/CNRS- UMR 8061/Lettres Sorbonne Université. January 24, 2019.

Nicole De Silva (with Anne Holthoefer), "The Power of Legal Norm Entrepreneurs in Legalization Processes: Lessons from the United Nations' and African Union's Development of International Criminal Law." Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, March 27-30, 2019.

Elizabeth Bloodgood, Jesse Bourns, Michael Lenczner, Takumi Shibaike, Jenny Tabet, and Wendy Wong. "Explaining National Nonprofit Data Environments: Data to Enable or Constrain?" Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Conference, Toronto, ON, March 2019.

On 10 April 2019, students in POLI 636/805: Theories of Public Policy and Administration shared their research findings during a poster session in the 12th floor atrium. For their projects, students used one or two of the theories encountered in the seminar to analyze either a specific policy (e.g., the Employment Equity Act, Canada's Super Visa, the proposed Green New Deal for the US) or a policy area (e.g., immigration, military procurement, drugs, oil pipelines).

Kudos

Audrey Gagnon was awarded the Prix Léon-Dion in May at the annual meeting of the Société québécoise de science politique. The Prix Léon-Dion, named after a former President of the Canadian Political Science Association and one of Quebec's and Canada's most significant and influential political scientists of the 20th century, is awarded every second year to the best article published in *Politique et sociétés*, (the official journal of the Société québécoise de science politique) during the intervening period. Audrey won this year's award for her piece on « La construction des attitudes envers les Roms : le cas français » (vol. 37, no.1, 2018, pp. 3-30).

Congratulations to **Emily Simunic**, MPPPA Candidate - Thesis Option, for presenting her work on human trafficking at two conferences (Carleton University Bell Chair Conference and the Association des étudiant(e)s diplôme(e)s en études politique) and for winning the Best Paper Prize in the MA category at the latter.

Daniel Salee won Concordia's Academic Leadership Award (ALA), Track 1. The award recognizes faculty members who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and made significant contributions to the university community, in both formal and informal capacities.



Political Science Co-operative Education student **Sarah Thompson** was featured in the Student Showcase portion of the evening, at the *2019 Co-op Awards* event held on May 21st on the downtown campus. Sarah worked hard to accomplish her goal of attaining a paid years' worth of relevant experience while completing her undergraduate degree. Congratulations to Sarah!



Congratulations to the Concordia team – **Andrea Moody, Fadi Cherry, Kirsty Rancier and Ashley Rodrigues** – who participated in the 8th annual CAPPA Case Competition in Ottawa on February 22-23. Their excellent presentation was very well received and set a high standard for future MPPPA teams to match. Well done everyone!



Clayton Ma (MA student, working with Antoine Bilodeau) won the 3-Minute Thesis competition at this year's annual conference of the Canadian Political Science Association in Vancouver. Clayton presented his work under the title *A Liberal Partisan? A Socio-Psychological Approach to Visible Minority Canadians' Political Preferences*.

Manon Laurent (PhD candidate, working with Kimberley Manning) finished in third place in the 3-Minute Thesis competition at this year's annual conference of the Canadian Political Science Association in Vancouver. Manon presented her ongoing research on *Hyper-connected Parents in a Highly Competitive and Regulated Education Market in China*.

Public Talks

Poteete, Amy R. 2019. "After the Boom: Volatility and the Sustainability of Development in Botswana's Resource-Dependent Economy." Presentation of work co-authored with Keith Jefferis on 12 April 2019 as part of the Loyola Sustainability Research Centre Seminar Series, Concordia University.

Media Appearances and Op Eds

Since Spring Break, **Graham Dodds** has been interviewed by journalists about U.S. politics on local television 3 times and on radio once.

Sawchuk, K., **Joy, M.** and Hebblethwaite, S. "Opinion: Montréal et les aînés: Accueillir la vieillesse avec audace" *La Presse*, May 19, 2019.

http://mi.lapresse.ca/screens/883ca404-ee26-4183-8ce6-15bc794a6a30_7C_0.html

Sawchuk, K., **Joy, M.** and Hebblethwaite, S. "Opinion: The age-friendly city is everyone's responsibility" *Montreal Gazette*, May 15, 2019.

<https://montrealgazette.com/opinion/opinion-the-age-friendly-city-is-everyones-responsibility>

Francesca Scala, "Should we publicly fund IVF in Canada". *Policy Options*, April 30, 2019. <https://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/april-2019/publicly-fund-ivf-canada/>

Brooke Jeffrey was interviewed numerous times during March/April with respect to the Wilson-Raybould/SNC Lavalin events and related governance issues. She also published a lead Letter to the Editor on the subject in the *Globe and Mail* of February 28, 2019.

Theses and Internship Defenses

Congratulations to Benjamin Stickles who successfully defended his internship report entitled: "Federal Mining Effluent Regulation in Canada: An Analysis using Historical Institutionalism and Reformed Pluralism" on March 25, 2019 under the supervision of Dr. Julian Schofield, second reader Dr. Mebs Kanji and chaired by Dr. Stephanie Paterson.

Congratulations to Sara Gasparello who successfully passed her internship report entitled: "The Multiple Streams Model: Explaining Policy Change on Wrecked and Abandoned Vessels in Canada" on April 2, 2019, under the supervision of Dr. Antoine Bilodeau and second reader Dr. Edward King.

Congratulations to Elise Johnson who successfully defended her internship report entitled: "Punctuated Equilibrium and Food Safety Policy in Canada: *Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Food Safety Modernization*" on April 5, 2019 under the supervision of Dr. Jean-François Mayer, second reader Dr. Graham Dodds and chaired by Dr. Stephanie Paterson.

Congratulations to Vincent Giannini who successfully defended his internship report entitled: "Divergent Outcomes: Historical Institutionalism and Immigrant-Settlement Service Policy in Quebec and New Brunswick" on December 12, 2018 under the supervision of Dr. Tina Hilgers, second reader Dr. Daniel Salée and chaired by Dr. Stephanie Paterson.

Congratulations to Klawleh Rashid who successfully defended her internship report entitled: "Regulating Emerging Technology: Explaining the RPAS (Remotely Piloted Aircraft System) Regulations in the United

States” on April 9, 2019 under the supervision of Dr. Julian Schofield, second reader Dr. Brooke Jeffrey and chaired by Dr. Stephanie Paterson.

Congratulations to Sara Douha who successfully defended her internship report entitled: “The Rise of the Data and Research Strategy at Infrastructure Canada” on April 15, 2019 under the supervision of Dr. Leander Schneider, second reader Dr. Nicole De Silva and chaired by Dr. Graham Dodds.

Congratulations to Ioana Cosmovici who successfully defended her internship report entitled: “Access to Information and Bill C-58: Understanding the Trudeau Government’s Priority” on April 18, 2019 under the supervision of Dr. Brooke Jeffrey, second reader Dr. Meghan Joy and chaired by Dr. Stephanie Paterson.

Congratulations to Guillermo Boccagni who successfully defended his internship report entitled: “New Political Governance: Evidence Shows There Is Still A Partisan Interference in The Canadian Bureaucracy” on April 29, 2019 under the supervision of Dr. Ceren Belge, second reader Dr. Julian Schofield and chaired by Dr. Stephanie Paterson.

MPPPA News

On March 14th, 2019 The Department of Political Science welcomed 9 organizations to attend the First Annual NGO Community Fair, held in room H-1220 of the Department. Students were overheard in the hallways saying that they were happy to have a chance to speak to potential employers and organizations who support experiential learning. Representatives heralding from the Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies, Mer et Monde, and MITACS (to name a few) all asked to come back next year. The future of employment is slowly moving away from the traditional and morphing into potential areas of creating partnerships, bridging inter-disciplinary research, and is beginning to transcend the desktop workstation moving to a model of remote site and mobile work environments. New grads are learning to define their future while contributing to it. We hope to host the Second Annual NGO Community Fair in 2020 with many more partners.





On March 26, 2019 a group of Senior Public Service Administrators were received in the Department of Political Science to share their insights and stories of what it is like to work in public service. Many themes formed over time that resonated with the students, namely: how dedication is its own reward; how it can be challenging to strike a work-life balance, but that it is essential for sustaining a lifelong career in the public service. Wanting to make a difference was a common thread.



From left to right: **Julie Gascon** (Master Mariner and Director General, Operations, Canadian Coast Guard); **Marie-Christine Tremblay** (Director General of the Strategic Priorities Directorate of the Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment and Climate Change Canada); **Marc A. Jacques** (MPPPA Alumni, Senior Political and Economic Affairs Attaché, Consulate General of Canada, Boston); **Sarah Cox** (MPPPA Alumni, Director, Circumpolar Affairs Directorate. Head of delegation for the Sustainable Development Working Group (Arctic Council), Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada); **Daniel Salée** (Professor, Political Science, School of Community and Public Affairs); **Elizabeth Bloodgood** (Associate Professor, Political Science, Department Chair); **Eve Pankovitch** (Internship Coordinator, Academic Advisor, Political Science Department); **David Heurtel** (Public Administration Scholar in Residence, Concordia University)

Timothée Labelle (MPPPA alumnus graduated in 2016) came to campus in late April to join in on the MPPPA Career Development Seminars. He spoke to and helped train the Fall 2019 internship program cohort by sharing best practices in terms of marketing themselves to the Government of Canada. Timothée is presently working at Indigenous Services and has stayed in touch with the program since graduation. We want to thank Tim for his expertise and investment: He brought their future just a little bit closer to them.



Alumni Corner



Many MPPPA Alumni turned out for a 5 à 7 organized by our own Internship Coordinator, Eve Pankovitch, with the assistance of MPPPA grad Timothée Labelle. Interns who are presently on assignment in Ottawa all turned out, to be greeted by many willing mentors (AKA senior alumni). Thanks to the support of the Department of Political Science, these get-togethers keep the network strong.

Congratulations to Ciprian Barnutiu, class of 2011 (BA) and 2015 (MPPPA), who will be attending Claremont Graduate University starting in Fall 2019 as a doctoral candidate in political theory. Ciprian plans to

investigate the distinction between the liberal and radical persuasions in the political thought of Edmund Burke and Alexis de Tocqueville.

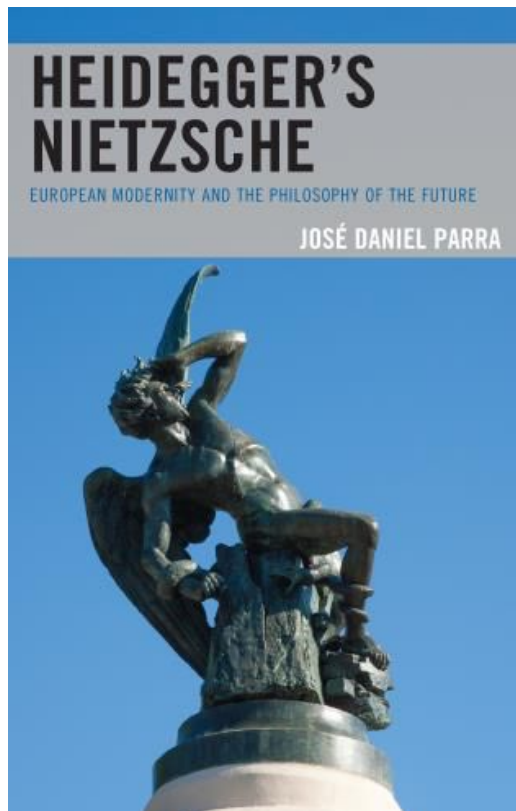
Congratulations to Nabila Bouabdellah, class of 2017, who will be attending New England Law Boston starting in Fall 2019.

Congratulations to Jin Jin, class of 2018, who will be attending the University of Wisconsin–Madison starting in Fall 2019 as a doctoral candidate in political theory. Jin’s research will combine inquiries into Alexis de Tocqueville and Ancient Chinese Legalism, examining the interaction between Chinese political thought and the Western Enlightenment. For a recent example of his research, visit:

<https://voegelinview.com/shang-yangs-proposal-for-fundamental-reform/>

Congratulations to Alex Bay Karcis, class of 2018, who will be attending the University of Chicago starting in Fall 2019 as a doctoral candidate in political theory. Alex plans to research early modern political thought, focusing on Machiavelli, with particular interests in neo-classical republicanism and questions of class conflict and economic equality.

Congratulations to Tristan Masson, class of 2019, who will be attending Cambridge University starting in Fall 2019 as a Masters student in international relations.



Congratulations to José Daniel Parra, class of 2005, on the publication of his book *Heidegger's Nietzsche: European Modernity and the Philosophy of the Future* (Lexington, 2019).

<https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781498576727/Heidegger's-Nietzsche-European-Modernity-and-the-Philosophy-of-the-Future>