

Newsletter

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News

Jeremy Speight's PhD Defense:



Jeremy Speight became the second PhD student in the Department since the inception of the PhD Program to defend his dissertation, with his thesis titled "Big-Men Coalitions and Political Order in Northern Cote d'Ivoire (2002-2013)."

Jeremy Speight's defense was held on November 2, 2015 and the examining committee consisted of Dr. Amy Poteete (Supervisor), Dr. Leander Schneider, Dr. Michael Lipson, Dr. Kregg Hetherington (Sociology & Anthropology), Dr. Effrosyni Diamantoudi (Economics) as the Chair, and Dr. Pierre Englebert (Department of Politics, Pomona College) as the External Examiner. Dr. Jeremy Speight is currently an Assistant Professor at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks.



On February 5, WSSR organized <u>an event</u> in which Michael Ferguson, the Auditor General of Canada, Mary Dawson, Canada's Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner, and Martin Patriquin, the Quebec bureau chief for Maclean's Magazine, explored the timely and pressing question of ethics and integrity in the Canadian government.

The Department welcomes Maude Benoit, a postdoctoral fellow who will be with us until June 1, 2016, and will join CREGES as a regular member on June 1st. Maude Benoit holds a tenure track job at UQAM in the Department of Political Science in Comparative Public Policy and her postdoctoral research at Concordia focuses on home care services to older adults.

The Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA) is pleased to announce the publication of the fourth volume of the Political Science Graduate Student Journal with the theme "Political and Economic Crises and their Implications." It includes the five most accomplished papers from the 4th Annual Graduate Student Conference in April 2015. One of the papers comes from Alex Rivard, an MPPPA Candidate in the Department. Thanks go out to the Editing and Review Committee: Adnan Raja, Ozge Uluskaradag, Teodora Mihaylova, Timothée Labelle, and Dr. Stephanie Paterson. Hard copies of the journal are available in the Graduate Lounge and the digital copy will be available on the department website.

Upcoming Events

The International Political Science Association (IPSA) Secretariat at Concordia will host a lecture by Ronald Inglehart, titled "35 Years of Cultural Exchange: What's Next?" on March 30, 2016, Wednesday, at 2:00pm in H-110, to mark the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the IPSA

Secretariat in Montreal. Dr. Inglehart's lecture will be preceded by addresses from Max Kaase (past IPSA President) and Aiji Tanaka (current IPSA President). Free registration is available <u>here</u>.

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the International Political Science Association Secretariat at Concordia University, Montreal

IPSA wishes to kindly invite you to a free lecture

35 years of Cultural Change: What's Next?

Wednesday March 30th, 2016

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY HALL BUILDING (1455, DE MAISONNEUVE WEST) ROOM H-110 - 2PM



"Ronald Inglehart

Recipient of the 2014 Mattei Doggan Prize and co-recipient of the 2011 Skytte Prize in Political Science

Ronald Inglehart is the Lowenstein Professor of Political Science and a research professor at the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan. He is also co-director of the Laboratory for Comparative Social Research at the Higher School of Economics in St. Petersburg, Russia. Inglehart helped found the Euro-Barometer surveys and directs the World Values Survey, which has surveyed representative national samples of the publics of 97 countries containing almost 90 percent of the world's population. He will analyze findings from global surveys carried out during the past 35 years, and their implications for social and political change.

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IPSA (AISP WWW.IPSA.ORG Political Science Alumni from the class of 1975, will discuss how politicians and the bureaucracy interact from the advantage of his many years serving in the Assembly and as a former minister. The talk will be Monday, March 21st, starting at 5pm and followed by a wine and cheese.

The 3rd Annual Symposium on "Friendship from Plato to Nietzsche," which Horst Hutter helped organize, will take place in Leigné-sur-Usseau, France, on July 28-31, 2016. For more information, see: <u>www.maisongaisaber.com</u> or <u>http://www.nietzschecircle.com/events.html</u> or email Yunus Tuncel at <u>tuncely@nietzschecircle.com</u>

The Loyola Sustainability Research Centre is hosting a conference titled *Avoiding Catastrophe* at Concordia U. from May 4-6, 2016, funded by a SSHRC Connections Grant. Gathering experts from the medical, epidemiological, veterinary, conflict management, biodiversity conservation, climate change and political science communities, this conference will pursue an integrated understanding of the catastrophic combination of prolonged armed conflict, environmental alterations such as biodiversity loss, and challenges to the provision of public health, including emergent infectious diseases, nutrition, and mental health issues. Partners include the Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies, Doctors Without Borders, EcoHealth Alliance, Future Earth, the Human Security Institute, and the United Nations Secretariat for the Convention on Biological Diversity. Register here. For more information, contact Dr. Peter Stoett at Peter.Stoett@concordia.ca

Publications

Bilodeau, A., L. Turgeon, S. White, and A. Henderson. 2015. "Seeing the Same Canada? Visible Minorities' Views of the Federation." IRPP Study. Released on November 18th.

Bilodeau, A. and S. White. "Trust among Recent Immigrants in Canada: Levels, Origins, and Implications for Integration." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* (available through ifirst).

Bilodeau, A., L. Turgeon, S. White, and A. Henderson. 2015. <u>"Les minorities visibles et la fédération</u> canadienne." *Policy Options*. November 26th.

Cooper, Chris and Patrik Marier. 2015. "Does it Matter Who Works at the Center? A Comparative Policy Analysis of Executive Styles." *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis*. Published online: 05 Nov 2015.

Couture, Mélanie and Patrik Marier. 2015. "Soutien aux proches aidants: Composer avec la réalité québécoise." *Vie et Vieillissement,* 13(2): 5-13.

Hülsemeyer, Axel. 2016. "Traditional Theories," in *International Political Economy*, edited by Greg J. Anderson and Christopher Kukucha. Don Mills, ON: Oxford University Press, pp. 24-39.

Jeffrey, Brooke. 2016. "The Evolution of Human Rights Protection in Canada" in G. DiGiacam (ed). Human Rights: Current Issues and Controversies. Toronto: U of T Press.

Jeffrey, Brooke. 2015. "The Liberals' Campaign for the Ages" in Martland and Giasson.(eds) *Canadian Election Analysis 2015: Communications, Strategy and Democracy*. UBC Press. Nov 2015.

Manning, Kimberley. 2015. "Fighting for Trans* Kids," with Cindy Holmes, Julie Temple Newhook, Annie Pullen Sansfaçon, and Ann Travers. *Studies in Social Justice*, 9(1).

Manning, Kimberley. 2015. Review of *China's Diplomacy in Eastern and Southern Africa*, edited by Seifudein Adem, *The China Journal* 75: 154-156. Poteete, Amy R. 2015. "Election Note: Botswana's 2014 Parliamentary Elections," *Electoral Studies* 40 (Dec): 444 – 447. DOI:10.1016/j.electstud.2015.05.001 Schneider, Leander. 2016. "Visions of Tanzanian Socialism." *Jacobin*. https://www.jacobinmag.com/author/leander-schneider/

Recent Presentations/Events

Amy R. Poteete gave a talk on "Exclusion, Redistribution, and Cooperation" on February 4, 2016 as part of the Center on Philosophy, Art, and Literature (PAL) and Franklin Humanities Institute (FHI) interdisciplinary faculty seminar on cooperation, Duke University, Durham, NC, USA

Bilodeau, Antoine. 2015. "Social Exclusion and Belonging as Determinants of Voter Turnout in Quebec: 1st, 1.5, and 2nd Generation." Symposium: Immigrant and Emigrant Voting: Comparative perspectives. December 14th, Victoria University of Wellington, NZ.

Bilodeau, Antoine. 2015. "Electoral Participation among Immigrants in Canada." Public Lecture: Immigrants as voters: comparing the New Zealand, Australian, European and North American experiences. December 15th, Victoria University of Wellington, NZ.

Csaba Nikolenyi gave a talk titled "Party Switching In Israel and Canada: Assessing the Impact of Electoral and Legislative Institutions" at the Australian National University's School of Politics and International Relations seminar series on February 25, 2016.

Patrik Marier was a guest speaker at a panel discussion L'observatoire de la retraite, at l' Université du Québec à Montréal, on the 16th of October, 2015. His talk was entitled *L'enjeu des retraites au Québec: regards croisées sur la conjoncture actuelle*.

The Faculty Research Seminar is back by popular demand! Alex Rivard's paper "Republicans Shrugged: How the GOP Seeks to Capitalize on Libertarianism" was presented on February 10 at 11:30 am in H1220, with Dr. Graham Dodds as in-field discussant.

Dean Robinson gave a lecture at Concordia for the 2nd year in a row entitled "Closing the Racial Gap in Health Outcomes: Black Lives and the Role of Political Protest," on January 21st, 2016, at 12:00 pm. His talk was preceded by Mireille Paquet's presentation on "Canadian Politics for Beginners" to a group of Robinson's students in Montreal on a 2-day field trip from the University of Massachusetts.

Francesca Scala participated in a Panel Discussion at Concordia U., entitled "Editing Genes? The Science and Ethics of the New Biotechnology" on February 10th, 2016.

Kimberley Manning gave three invited lectures in February 2016: "The Feminist University," Simone de Beauvoir Institute, Concordia University, February 5, 2016. "Attachment Politics and the Rights of the Trans Child," Dawson College Social Science Week, February 9, 2016. "Women's Rights in China," Asia Pacific Law Association of McGill (APLAM), McGill University, February 22, 2016

Kimberley Manning conducted a training event titled "Gender Nonconforming and Transgender Children: Creating Safe and Affirming Learning Environments" at SNAPP, Sir Wilfred Laurier School Board, February 10, 2016

Peter Stoett gave four lectures in recent months:

"Environmental Crime and International Human Rights." International Human Rights Conference, College of Law, University of Saskatchewan, Feb. 26, 2016.

"Transnational Environmental Crime Prevention and Global Justice." Dawson College Social Science Week, Dawson College, Montreal, Feb. 10, 2016.

"Climate, Action and Accountability: Narratives of Environment in African Development." McGill African Students Society Annual Conference, McGill University, Feb. 5, 2016.

"From Greenpeace to Interpol: the Evolution of Transnational Environmental Crime Mitigation." Balsillie School of International Affairs, Waterloo, Ontario, Nov. 25, 2015.

Dr. Peter Stoett is directing the development of two MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) in the context of formal contracts between the Loyola Sustainability Research Centre, Concordia University, Knowledge One, and the UNEP's Education Division. The first is on The Ecosystem Approach and Systems Thinking; the second is on Nutrient and Wastewater Management.

Kudos

Leander Schneider's book *Government of Development: Peasants and Politicians in Postcolonial Tanzania* (Indiana University Press, 2014) was a finalist for the African Studies Association's Bethwell A. Ogot Book Prize for 2015.

MPPPA student Daniel Dickson received two fellowships. One from the VIES Team (\$2,500) and one from CREGES (\$2,000) for his MA project entitled "The Governance of Developmental Disability Supports for Older Adults in Québec and Ontario."

Ph.D. student Lindsay Larios has been awarded a FAS Ethnicity and Social Inclusion Fellowship for the current academic year.

Congratulations to the faculty members who were PIs on the Aid to Research Related Events, Exhibition, Publication, and Dissemination Activities (ARRE) Program:

- Mireille Paquet, "Agents de changement: les provinces, l'immigration et le federalism contemporain"

- Peter Stoett, "Avoiding Catastrophe: Linking Armed Conflict, Ecosystem Harm and Threats to Public Health"

- Marlene Sokolon, "Flattering the Demos: The Politics and Fiction of Democratic Citizens"

Peter Stoett is part of a Fulbright Alumni team that won a Community Engagement Grant through Fulbright Canada and the U.S. State Department (\$8,000) to establish a volunteer network to mentor teenage Syrian refugees arriving and living in Montreal.

Dr. Stoett is the PI on a SSHRC Connections Grant (\$40,000 including in-kind contributions) to host a conference May 4-6 2016 on "Avoiding Catastrophe: Linking Armed Conflict, Harm to Ecosystems, and Public Health Threats." Partners include MSF, the UN, Future Earth, MIGS, and others.

On January 1, Kimberley Manning started her new position as Principal for the Simone de Beauvoir Institute. Read her Interview on March 2 <u>here</u>.

Media Appearances

Kimberley Manning was interviewed on CBC TV and CBC Radio on March 3 on 375 Women's Names on Montreal Streets/Monuments. She also appeared on MAtv's "Gender Creative Kids Canada Profile" on February 26, 2016.

On February 8, Mireille Paquet was a guest on CBC's *The Current*, for a segment titled "Waves of feminism collide between Clinton and Sanders supporters."

Graham Dodds was interviewed by journalists about the U.S. presidential primary contests nine times since November, including two live TV appearances on Breakfast Television Montreal (City TV), articles in *Le Devoir* and *Le Journal de Montréal*, four radio appearances on CJAD, and an online item with Radio Canada.

Horst Hutter recorded the 2nd instalment of a Podcast on <u>Youtube</u> in which he speaks about Nihilism, Religions and Eternal Recurrence.

Ceren Belge's research on minorities in the Middle East was featured on the Concordia News Website.

Theses and Internship Defenses

Congratulations to Matthew Kinch who successfully defended his MA Thesis titled: "Crown-Aboriginal Relations in Resource Developments: An Analysis of Institutional Incentives and Constraints in the Reconciliation of Aboriginal Interests" under the Supervision of Dr. Daniel Salee, second reader Dr. James Kelly and Chaired by Dr. Amy Poteete. Good luck to Matthew in all his future endeavors.

Congratulation to Maria-Caitlin Kelly who successfully defended her Internship Report entitled: "Prioritization and Policy Change: Applying the Multiple Streams Framework to Seniors Policy Development in Canada", on January 12th, 2016 under the Supervision of Dr. Mireille Paquet, second reader Dr. Graham Dodds and Chaired by Dr. Brooke Jeffrey. Good luck to Maria in all her future endeavors.

Congratulation to Diana Dobrovetsky who successfully defended her Internship Report entitled: "The Governance of Higher Education in Germany and Canada: A Contract Rooted in Society, Institutions, Norms, and Actors" on December 14th, 2015 under the Supervision of Dr. Peter Stoett, second reader Dr. Francesca Scala and Chaired by Dr. Stephanie Paterson. Good luck to Diana in all her future endeavors. Congratulation to Timothée Labelle who successfully defended his Internship Report entitled: "On-Reserve Housing Policy: Muddling Through and Failing To" on December 2nd, 2015 under the Supervision of Dr. Jean-François Mayer, second reader Dr. Patrik Marier and Chaired by Dr. Mireille Paquet. Good luck to Timothée in all his future endeavors.

Congratulation to Martin Gautron who successfully defended his Internship Report entitled: "Toward Greater Government Transparency: Examining Stasis and the Potential for Change in Canada's Access to Information Regime" under the Supervision of Dr. Julian Schofield, second reader Dr. Elizabeth Bloodgood and Chaired by Dr. Brooke Jeffrey. Good luck to Martin in all his future endeavors.