

## Congratulations to Dr. Halawi!

Ali Halawi became the third PhD student in the Department since the inception of the PhD program to defend his dissertation, titled: "Policy Transfer in a Politicized Public Administration: The Case of Abu Dhabi's Preventive Public Health Policy: WEQAYA."



Ali's defense was held on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and the examining committee consisted of Dr. Patrik Marier, Supervisor, Dr. Francesca Scala, Dr. Elizabeth Bloodgood, Dr. Shannon Hebblethwaite (Applied Human Science), and Dr. Eric Montpetit (Département de Science Politique, Université de Montréal). Dr. Monica Mulrennan (Geography, Planning & Environment) served as chair.

## Working in the Federal Public Service

MPPPA alumni (all former interns) were invited to campus on April 11<sup>th</sup> by the PSGSA, supported by the Department, to participate on a panel to discuss the reality of working for the Federal Public Service. Panelists spoke about their career and how they worked to get to where they are. The panel event was followed by a well attended 5 à 7 reception at Reggie's.



In the photo, organizer and moderator Vindya Seneviratne is introducing panelists at the table; from left to right are: Deputy Director **Adler Aristilde** from Global Affairs Canada; Policy Analyst **Hannah Ivanoff** from The Privy Council Office; Senior Committee Advisor **David Perri** from Employment and Social Development Canada; Senior Advisor to the Director General of Space Utilization **Lauren Small-Pennefather** at the Canadian Space Agency; and Director of Circumpolar Affairs **Sarah Cox** from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada.

## Invited Speaker: Jacques Chagnon



Jacques Chagnon, President of the National Assembly, alumni of Concordia and former student of Henri Habib came to give a talk about his career on Monday March 21. Dr. André Roy, Dean of Arts and Science introduced the talk which was followed by a reception.

## Current MPPPA Intern placements



**Anastasia Plakhova**  
Environment & Climate  
Change Canada

**Christine Bissonnette**  
Employment & Social  
Development Canada

**Jen Barbato**  
Employment & Social  
Development Canada



**Andr anne Nadeau**  
Indigenous & Northern  
Affairs Canada

**Johanna Sturtewagen**  
Innovation, Science & Economic  
Development Canada

## Changes in the Administration of the Department

Thanks to Stephanie Paterson and to Travis Smith for all their work and dedication to their administrative posts, and thank you to Leander Schneider and Beth Bloodgood for taking over.

Here are the administrative positions starting June 1:

Beth Bloodgood, Associate Chair

Amy Poteete, GPD

Stephanie Paterson, MPPPA Director

Leander Schneider, UPD

Graham Dodds, Co-op Director



## Departmental Events

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Conference of the Political Science Department was held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016. The theme was “*Because it’s 2015: Minorities and Representation*”. Dr. Martin Papillon, from the Université de Montréal, was the keynote speaker of this event – the title of his talk was “Indigenous citizenship and the State: looking back at 40 years of mobilization in Canada.” The conference consisted of three panels: (1) Aboriginal peoples and the State, chaired by Dr. Jeffrey; (2) Citizenship, identity and multiculturalism, chaired by Dr. Paquet; and (3) Aboriginal Women, chaired by Dr. Paterson. The panelists were graduate students from Concordia University, Queen’s University, Université Laval, McMaster University and Université d’Ottawa. Dr. Salée closed the day with a speech that built on the discussions that were fostered during the conference. The Conference Committee would like to thank everyone that contributed to make this event a success!

Antoine Bilodeau, Kimberley Manning, Daniel Salée and PhD student Lindsay Larios participated in the April instalment of *FAS Beyond Discipline: Re-shaping Diversity* hosted by Kim Sawchuk. Among the topics pondered were: What is the future of diversity and how does it shape the research we do? From the perspective of Indigenous, Post-Colonial, Feminist or Critical Disability Studies, diversity is a concept that may inform our research and influence our lives. The event examined how diversity is understood, studied, and explored across the disciplines.

The Loyola Sustainability Research Centre hosted a conference titled *Avoiding Catastrophe* at Concordia U. on 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, the conference pursued 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 included 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.

## Upcoming Events

The city of Poznań, Poland will host the 24th IPSA World Congress of Political Science. The IPSA Executive Committee has selected the historic city of Poznań as the new host city for the 24<sup>th</sup> IPSA World Congress of Political Science to be held at the **Poznań Congress Center from 23 to 28 of July, 2016.**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: [www.maisongaisaber.com](http://www.maisongaisaber.com) or <http://www.nietzschecircle.com/events.html> or email Yunus Tuncel at [tuncely@nietzschecircle.com](mailto:tuncely@nietzschecircle.com)

Don't miss Diana Gustafson, who will be giving a talk in the department on Tuesday June 21<sup>st</sup> entitled "Writing to transgress: Reconciling feminist epistemology and academic writing in community-engaged research."

## Recent Publications

Mireille Paquet

### La fédéralisation de l'immigration au Canada



Les Presses de l'Université de Montréal

Paquet, Mireille. 2016. *La fédéralisation de l'immigration au Canada*. Montréal: Presses de l'Université de Montréal.

## Articles

Belge, Ceren. 2016. "Civilian Victimization and the Politics of Information in the Kurdish Conflict in Turkey." *World Politics* 68 (2): 275-306.

Bilodeau, A (editor). 2016. *Just Our Ordinary Citizens? Toward a Comparative Portrait of the Political Immigrant*. University of Toronto Press.

Bilodeau, A. 2016. "Usage du français et préférences politiques des néo-Québécois. » *Revue canadienne de science politique* 49 (1) : 1-22 (doi:10.1017/S0008423916000160)

Hüelsemeyer, Axel (2016), "The transformation of Germany's position in the Eurozone crisis: From Greek bailouts to Eurobonds," in *Crisis and Institutional Change in Regional Integration*, edited by Sabine Saurugger and Fabien Terpan, London: Routledge, pp. 60-78.

Laurent, Manon. 2016. "Les effets du renforcement de la carte scolaire sur le marché immobilier chinois", *Urbanités* (7).

<http://www.revue-urbanites.fr/les-effets-du-renforcement-de-la-carte-scolaire-sur-le-marche-immobilier-chinois/>

Nikolenyi, Csaba. 2016. "The Adoption of Anti-Defection Laws in Parliamentary Democracies." *Election Law Journal*. 15(1): 96-108.

Nikolenyi, Csaba. (2015). "Government Investiture in India: Formal Rule and Informal Practices" in Shane Martin, Bjorn Erik Rasch and Jose Cheibub, eds., *Parliaments and Government Formation: Unpacking Investiture Rules*. Pp. 275-91.

Nikolenyi, Csaba and Shaul Shenhav. (2015). "The Constitutionalization of Party Unity: The Origins of the Anti-Defection Laws in India and Israel." *Journal of Legislative Studies* 21 (3): 390-4107.

McGrandle, Jocelyn. 2016. "Understanding Diversity Management in the Public Sector: A Case for Contingency Theory" in *International Journal of Public Administration*

Paterson, S., P. Marier and F. Chu. Forthcoming. "Gender Analysis in Canada: Technocracy or Transformation?" Manuscript accepted by *Canadian Public Administration*, January 2016.

Paterson, S., D. Trussell, S. Hebblethwaite, M. Evans, and T. Xing. Forthcoming. "Playing with Motherhood? The Politics of Leisure and the Transition to Motherhood in Montreal and Toronto." Manuscript accepted by *Canadian Review of Social Policy*, December 2015.

### **Recent Presentations**

Bilodeau, A., L. Turgeon, S. White, and A. Henderson. 2016. "Strange Bedfellows? Attitudes toward the Place of Minority Religious Symbols in Québec (Canada)" *Council for European Studies Conference*, Philadelphia, April 14-16.

Bilodeau, A. 2016. "L'ABC de la publication scientifique" Colloque étudiants. Centre pour l'étude de la citoyenneté démocratique. Québec. 10 mars.

Bilodeau, A., L. Turgeon, S. White, and A. Henderson. 2016. "Prejudices or Principles: Attitudes toward religious symbols in Quebec." National Metropolis Conference. Toronto, March 3-6.

Bilodeau, A., S. White, L. Turgeon, and A. Henderson. 2016. "Feeling accepted in four Canadian provinces: Another tool to understand immigrant integration." National Metropolis Conference. Toronto, March 3-6.

Turgeon, L., A. Bilodeau, A., S. White, and A. Henderson. 2016. "Attitudes envers le port des symboles religieux au Canada. Le Québec est-il une société distincte?" Chaire de recherche du Canada en études québécoises et canadiennes. UQAM. February 26th.

On Monday, April 11, 2016 Csaba Nikolenyi participated in a panel discussion on The Rise and Fall of Moshe Sharett: The War that Abruptly Ended the 33-Year Coalition Between David Ben-Gurion and Moshe Sharett, where Yaakov Sharett, son of Moshe Sharett, shared from his father's remarkable diary. Other panelists were Dr. Neil Caplan and Dr. Avi Bareli.

Csaba Nikolenyi gave a talk entitled Party Hopping in Israel, 1949-2015, on Wednesday April 13, 2016.

Professor Graham Dodds gave a talk at the Royal Montreal Curling Club on April 13, entitled "A Primer for Canadians on the American Electoral System."

Turgeon, L., A. Bilodeau, A., S. White, and A. Henderson. 2016. "Attitudes toward minority religious symbols in Canada: Exploring the impact of Prejudices and Principles" Department of Political Science, Carleton University. February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Laurent, Manon. "The 2001 Curricula Reforms in Chinese National Language Teaching: Renewal of Identity Foundations," *Language, Power and Identity in Asia Creating and Crossing Language Boundaries*, March 2016, Leiden, The Netherlands.

Csaba Nikolenyi. "Political Elites in India: Regional Distinctions." Paper presented at the workshop on *Political Elites and Institutions in Multi-Level Countries*, Freie Universitat Berlin, Germany. December 3-4, 2015.

Csaba Nikolenyi. "Committee Composition and Decision-Making in the Hungarian Parliament". Paper presented at the workshop on *Institutional Determinants of Legislative Coalition Management*, Tel Aviv University, Israel, 16-19 November 2015.

Csaba Nikolenyi. "The Regulation of Party Hopping in India: A Thirty-Year Perspective on the Anti-Defection Law" at the Department of Political Science and International Relations at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, March 9, 2016.

Csaba Nikolenyi. "Party Hopping in Israel: An Assessment of the Impact of Ant-Defection Laws" joint seminar of the Electoral Regulation Network and the Centre for Comparative Constitutional Studies at the Melbourne Law School, Australia, March 3, 2016.

McGrandle, Jocelyn and Frank Ohemeng. "Absenteeism As A Wicked Problem in the Canadian Public Service: Why A Quick Fix is Not the Solution" at the 20th annual conference of the International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM) in Hong Kong on April 14th, 2016.

## Kudos

Daniel Douek, who has won a **President's Excellence in Teaching Award** in the Excellence in Teaching Part-Time Category.

Mireille Paquet who is now a **University Research Fellow** in Category A (Assistant Professor) in the Strategic Research Cluster "The Person and Society".

Antoine Bilodeau who is now a **University Research Fellow** in Category B (Associate Professor) in the Strategic Research Cluster "The Person and Society".

Mireille Paquet had a book launch at Taverne Midway on April 28 for her new book "La Fédéralisation de l'immigration au Canada" (Les Presses de l'Université de Montréal).

## **Recent Grants**

Csaba Nikolenyi is the PI on a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Insight Research Grant for his project entitled “Party Switching in Parliamentary Democracies”

Stephanie Paterson and Francesca Scala were awarded a SSHRC Insight Grant for their project, “The Politics of ‘Doing’: Gender and Intersectionality-Based Analysis in Canada”

Stephanie Paterson is a successful co-applicant on a SSHRC Insight Grant, with Shannon Hebblethwaite (Applied Human Sciences, Concordia University) and Dawn Trussell (Recreation and Leisure Studies, Brock University), for their project, “Playing with Motherhood: A Longitudinal Analysis of the Politics of Leisure in the Transition to Motherhood”

Congrats on Awards for Seed Grants from the VPRGS to:

- Jean Mayer: “Combating Visibility: Violence and Domestic Labor in Developing Countries”
- Michael Lipson: “Cheap Talk or Strong Words: Rhetorical Entrapment in International Politics.”

Keroles Riad, Peter Stoett and Gabrielle Caron won an \$35,000 grant for their proposal, “Waste Not, Want Not: A Complete Composting Cycle for the Concordia University Community,” as part of the Concordia Council on Student Life (CCSL) Big Hairy Ideas Competition.

Gabrielle Bouchard, Lucy Anacleto and Mireille Paquet won a \$42,056 grant for their proposal “Hairy Like a Unicorn: A genders, sexualities and learning diversity audit,” as part of the Concordia Council on Student Life (CCSL) Big Hairy Ideas Competition.

Stephanie Paterson, Brandiff Caron (Center for Engineering and Society), and Ketra Schmit (Centre for Engineering and Society) won a \$5000 Grant for the Curriculum Innovation Fund for their proposal “Technology and Public Policy.”

## **Media Appearances**

Brooke Jeffrey spoke about the NDP leadership convention and the party's future prospects on CBC's "The Current", on Friday April 8th.

Graham Dodds has frequently spoken with journalists about the U.S. presidential primary elections over the past two months, including 6 interviews on local television and 3 on local radio programs.

Guy Lachapelle was a Newsmaker of the Week (April 11-15).



## **Theses and Internship Defenses**

Congratulation to Julie Kourakos, who defended her Internship Report entitled: “The Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012: Understanding Policy Change Using The Advocacy Coalition Framework” on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 under the Supervision of Dr. Michael Lipson, second reader Dr. Peter Stoett and Chaired by Dr. Stephanie Paterson. Good luck to Julie in all her future endeavors.

Congratulations to Qiang Xu, who defended his Internship Report entitled: “From Knowledge to Actions: Gap Between Social Science Research and Knowledge Utilization in Public Policy” under the Supervision of Dr. Norrin Ripsman, second reader Dr. Julian Schofield and Chaired by Dr. Stephanie Paterson. Good luck to Qiang in all his future endeavors.

Congratulations to Maria Allaham, who defended her Internship Report entitled “Capacity Building in Afghanistan: A Multiple Streams Approach” on December 7, 2015 under the Supervision of Dr. Travis Smith, second reader Dr. Ceren Belge and Chaired by Dr. Amy Poteete. Good luck to Maria in all her future endeavors.

Congratulations to Sarah Smith who defended her undergraduate honours thesis entitled “Opportunities for Change in Reproductive Rights: Feminist State Engagement in Australia and Canada” on May 3 under the supervision of Dr. Mireille Paquet, second reader Dr. Francesca Scala and Chaired by Marlene Sokolon. Good luck to Sarah in all her future endeavours.

## **Welcome to the Department!**



Congratulations to Ceren Belge and Michael Lipson on the birth of their son Jonah Deniz Belge-Lipson!