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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor Department of Political Science University of Toronto	July 2021-present
Director Policy, Elections, and Representation Lab (PEARL)	July 2024-present
SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow Department of Political Science University of Toronto	July 2020-June 2021
Research Lead Media Ecosystem Observatory	April 2020-June 2021
Postdoctoral Fellow Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy University of Toronto	July 2019-June 2021
Lead Survey Analyst Digital Democracy Project	July 2019-May 2020

EDUCATION

PhD	University of British Columbia, Political Science Dissertation: "When Experts Talk, Does Anyone Listen? Essays on the Limits of Expert Influence on Public Opinion" Committee: Paul Quirk (chair), Richard Johnston, Fred Cutler	2019
MA	McGill University, Political Science and Social Statistics	2013
BA	Wilfrid Laurier University, Political Science and History	2011

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Research: Public opinion; Political and science communication; Media and politics; American and Canadian politics; Experiments; Survey research; Text-as-data; Time series analysis

Teaching: Public opinion and political behaviour; Media and politics; American government; Canadian government; Research methods

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. Merkley, Eric. In Press. *Polarization, Eh? The Causes and Consequences of Affective Polarization in Canada*. University of Toronto Press.

Refereed Journal Articles

2. Merkley, Eric, and Peter Loewen. 2026. "Economic Shock and the Erosion of COVID-19 Precautionary Behavior in Canada During the Early Pandemic." *Plos One* 21(2). <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0340685>.
3. Merkley, Eric, and Melissa Baker. 2025. "Big-5 Personality Traits and their Dynamic and Conditional Effects on COVID-19 Attitudes and Behaviours." *Politics and Life Sciences* 44(2): 205-231. <https://doi.org/10.1017/pls.2025.10003>.
4. Merkley, Eric. 2025. "Evaluating the Partisan Media Echo Chamber Hypothesis in Canada." *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 58(3): 699-715 <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0008423925000198>.
5. Goel, Natasha, and Eric Merkley. 2024. "The Nature of Online Talk: Incivility of Opposing Views and Affective Polarization." *Political Behavior* 47: 1483–1500. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-024-09998-8>
6. Baker, Melissa, and Eric Merkley. 2023. "Dynamic Role of Personality in Explaining COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy and Refusal." *Frontiers in Political Science* 14. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2023.1163570>
7. Merkley, Eric. 2022. "Polarization Eh? Ideological Divergence and Partisan Sorting in the Canadian Mass Public." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 86(4): 932-943. <https://doi.org/10.1093/poq/nfac047>.
8. Brankston, Gabrielle, Eric Merkley, Peter John Loewen, Brent P. Avery, Carolee A. Carson, Brendan P. Dougherty, David N. Fisman, Ashleigh R. Tuite, Zvonimir Poljak, Amy L. Greer. 2022. "Pandemic Fatigue or Enduring Precautionary Behaviours? Canadians' Long-term Response to COVID-19 Public Health Measures." *Preventative Medicine Reports*, 30. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pmedr.2022.101993>
9. Carey, John M., Tracy Keirns, Peter John Loewen, Eric Merkley, Brendan Nyhan, Joseph B. Phillips, Judy R. Rees, and Jason Reifler. 2022. "Minimal Effects from

Injunctive Norm and Contentiousness Treatments on COVID-19 Vaccine Intentions: Evidence from Three Countries.” *PNAS Nexus* 1(2).
<https://doi.org/10.1093/pnasnexus/pgac031>.

10. Merkley, Eric, and Peter John Loewen. 2022. “The Correlates and Dynamics of COVID-19 Vaccine-specific Hesitancy.” *Vaccine* 40(13): 2020-7.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.vaccine.2022.02.033>.
11. Carey, John M., Andrew M. Guess, Peter John Loewen, Eric Merkley, Brendan Nyhan, Joseph B. Phillips, and Jason Reifler. 2022. “The Ephemeral Effects of Fact-checks on COVID-19 Misperceptions in the United States, Great Britain, and Canada.” *Nature Human Behaviour* 6: 236-43. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-021-01278-3>.
12. Merkley, Eric, Thomas Bergeron, Peter John Loewen, Angelo Elias, and Miriam Lapp. 2022. “Communicating safety precautions can help maintain in-person voter turnout during a pandemic.” *Electoral Studies* 75: 102421.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2021.102421>.
13. Matejova, Miriam, and Eric Merkley. 2022. “Protest under Uncertainty: Evidence from a Survey Experiment.” *Environmental Communication* 16(2): 163-78.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/17524032.2021.1974068>.
14. Amsalem, Eran, Eric Merkley, and Peter John Loewen. 2022. “Does Talking to the Other Side Reduce Inter-Party Hostility? Evidence from Three Studies.” *Political Communication* 39(1): 61-78. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10584609.2021.1955056>.
15. Brankston, Gabrielle, Eric Merkley, David N. Fisman, Ashleigh R. Tuite, Zvonimir Poljak, Peter John Loewen, and Amy Greer. 2021. “Quantifying Contact Patterns in Response to COVID-19 Public Health Measures in Canada.” *BMC Public Health* 21.
<https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-021-12080-1>.
16. Merkley, Eric, and Peter John Loewen. 2021. “Assessment of Communication Strategies for Mitigating COVID-19 Vaccine-Specific Hesitancy in Canada.” *JAMA Network Open* 4(9). <https://doi.org/10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2021.26635>.
17. Rivard, Alex B., and Eric Merkley. 2021. “What Moves Opinion? Examining the Correlates and Dynamics of Mass Support for Supply Management.” *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 54(3): 674–95.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0008423921000366>.
18. Merkley, Eric. 2021. “Ideological and Partisan Bias in the Canadian Public.” *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 54(2): 267-91.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0008423921000147>.
19. Merkley, Eric, and Peter John Loewen. 2021. “Anti-intellectualism and the Mass Public’s Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Nature Human Behaviour* 5: 706–15.
<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-021-01112-w>.

20. Jacobs, Alan, J. Scott Matthews, Timothy Hicks, and Eric Merkley. 2021. "Whose News? Class-Biased Economic Reporting in the United States." *American Political Science Review* 115(3): 1016-33. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0003055421000137>.
21. Bridgman, Aengus, Eric Merkley, Peter John Loewen, Taylor Owen, and Derek Ruths. 2021. "All in this Together? Preregistered Report on Evaluations of Deservingness of Government Aid during the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Journal of Experimental Political Science*. Online Access. <https://doi.org/10.1017/XPS.2021.10>.
22. Bridgman, Aengus, Eric Merkley, Peter John Loewen, Taylor Owen, Derek Ruths, and Oleg Zhilin. 2021. "Infodemic Pathways: Evaluating the Role that Traditional and Social Media Play in Cross-National Information Transfer." *Frontiers in Political Science* 3. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpos.2021.648646>.
23. Brankston, Gabrielle, Eric Merkley, David N. Fisman, Ashleigh R. Tuite, Zvonimir Poljak, Peter John Loewen, and Amy Greer. 2021. "Sociodemographic Disparities in Knowledge, Practices, and Ability to Comply with COVID-19 Public Health Measures in Canada." *Canadian Journal of Public Health* 112: 363-75. <https://doi.org/10.17269/s41997-021-00501-y>.
24. Merkley, Eric, and Dominik A. Stecula. 2021. "Party Cues in the News: Democratic Elites, Republican Backlash, and the Dynamics of Climate Skepticism." *British Journal of Political Science* 51(4): 1439-56. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0007123420000113>.
25. Merkley, Eric, Aengus Bridgman, Peter John Loewen, Taylor Owen, Derek Ruths, and Oleg Zhilin. 2020. "A Rare Moment of Cross-Partisan Consensus: Elite and Public Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic in Canada." *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 53(2): 311-8. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0008423920000311>.
26. Merkley, Eric. 2020. "Are Experts (News)Worthy? Balance, Conflict, and Mass Media Coverage of Expert Consensus." *Political Communication* 37(4): 530-49. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10584609.2020.1713269>.

Winner: Paul A. Sabatier Award for best paper on science, technology, and environmental politics presented at the 2019 meeting of the American Political Science Association.

27. Merkley, Eric. 2020. "Anti-intellectualism, Populism, and Motivated Resistance to Expert Consensus." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 84(1): 24-48. <https://doi.org/10.1093/poq/nfz053>.
28. Bridgman, Aengus, Eric Merkley, Peter John Loewen, Taylor Owen, Derek Ruths, Lisa Teichmann, and Oleg Zhilin. 2020. "The Causes and Consequences of COVID-19 Misperceptions: Understanding the Role of News and Social Media." *The Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) Misinformation Review*. <https://doi.org/10.37016/mr-2020-028>.

29. Merkley, Eric, and Andrew Owen. 2020. "Back to the Future: Democratic Responsiveness and the Estimation of Future Public Opinion." *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* 32(2): 203-22. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ijpor/edz023>.
30. Merkley, Eric. 2020. "Learning from Divided Parties? Legislator Dissent as a Cue for Opinion Formation." *Parliamentary Affairs* 73(2): 342-62. <https://doi.org/10.1093/pa/gsy051>.
31. Merkley, Eric, Fred Cutler, Paul J. Quirk, and Benjamin Nyblade. 2019. "Having their Say: Authority, Voice, and Satisfaction with Democracy." *Journal of Politics* 81(3): 848-61. <https://doi.org/10.1086/702947>.
32. Merkley, Eric. 2019. "Partisan Bias in Economic News Content: New Evidence." *American Politics Research* 47(6): 1303-23. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1532673X18821954>.
33. Stecula, Dominik A., and Eric Merkley. 2019. "Framing Climate Change: Economics, Ideology, and Uncertainty in American News Media Content from 1988 to 2014." *Frontiers in Communication*. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fcomm.2019.00006>.
34. Merkley, Eric, and Dominik A. Stecula. 2018. "Party Elites or Manufactured Doubt? The Informational Context of Climate Change Polarization." *Science Communication* 40(2): 258-74. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1075547018760334>.

Book Reviews

35. Merkley, Eric. 2021. "Lost on Division: Party Unity in the Canadian Parliament by Jean-François Godbout." *Perspectives on Politics* 19(3): 1021-2. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1537592721001560>.

Revise and Resubmit

"Housing for Me, but not for Thee: Values-Based Motivations of Opposition to Local Housing" with Alex Rivard and Dominik Stecula. *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*.

Works in Progress

"Artificial Influence: Comparing the Effects of AI and Human Source Cues in Reducing Certainty in False Beliefs" with Natasha Goel, Thomas Bergeron, Blake Lee-Whiting, Thomas Galipeau, Danielle Bohonos, Md Mujahedul Islam, Sarah Lachance, Sonja Savolainen, Clareta Treger. *Under Review*.

"The Relationship Between Polarization Misperceptions and Partisan Hostility is Reciprocal," with Natasha Goel. *Under Review*.

“Anti-Indigenous Resentment and Opposition Towards Housing,” with Alex Rivard and Edana Beauvais. *Under Review*

“Bricks, Mortar, and Opinions: Housing Preferences in Canada and the United States,” with Alex Rivard and Dominik Stecula. *Under Review*.

“Politicians’ Partisan Hostility and its Consequences,” with Benjamin Ferland. *Under Review*

“Abstaining for Democracy: Role of Norms and Partisanship in Vote Choice,” with Thomas Galipeau.

“Electoral Sources of Partisan Motivated Reasoning,” with Scott Matthews.

Conference Papers

American Political Science Association: 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2023, 2025

Canadian Political Science Association: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023, 2024, 2025

Midwest Political Science Association: 2024, 2025

International Society of Political Psychology: 2023, 2025

International Communication Association: 2021

APSA Political Communication Pre-Conference: 2019, 2025

Western Political Science Association: 2019

Pacific Northwest Political Science Association: 2016

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Canadian Heritage Digital Citizen Initiative – <i>Canadian Digital Media Research Network</i> . PI: Taylor Owen; CI: Eric Merkley (\$329,783)	2025
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SSHRC Insight Grant – <i>The Canadian Polarization Project</i> . PI: Eric Merkley; CI: Allison Harell. (\$336,800)	2025
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CIHR Planning & Dissemination Fund – <i>Understanding Yukoners' Attitudes Towards Vaccines: Knowledge Mobilization</i> . PI: Ruth Nielsen; Collaborator: Eric Merkley (\$40,000)	2024
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Canadian Heritage Digital Citizen Initiative – <i>Canadian Digital Media Research Network</i> . PI: Taylor Owen; CI: Eric Merkley, Peter Loewen (\$375,443)	2023
SSHRC Insight Development Grant (\$71,864. Rank 1/44)	2023
SSHRC Institutional Development Grant (\$1,180)	2023
CIHR College and Community Social Innovation Fund – <i>The Yukon Attitudes Towards Vaccine Project</i> . PI: Liris Smith; Collaborator: Eric Merkley (\$360,000)	2022
SSHRC Institutional Development Grant (\$3,600)	2022
Connaught New Researcher Award (\$20,000)	2022
PCH-SSHRC Initiative for Digital Citizen Research Award (\$10,000)	2020
SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$90,000; Rank: 1/93)	2020
Joseph Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship (\$105,000)	2015
Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship – University Nominee (\$150,000)	2015

HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

Paul A. Sabatier Best Conference Paper Award – APSA STEP Section	2020
C-Dem’s Canadian Election Study Researcher Award – Faculty/Researcher Stream	2020
CAGS Distinguished Dissertation Award – Department Nominee	2020
Dissertation Research Award	2018
Faculty of Arts Graduate Award	2017
Sandra Rotman Prize for Excellence in Public Policy Innovation	2013

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Media & Politics (POL470/2370, University of Toronto)	2026
Thinking Through Research Design (POL2503, University of Toronto)	2025
Public Opinion and Voting (POL314, University of Toronto)	2025

Canadian Political Parties and Elections (POL356, University of Toronto)	2022
Canadian Government (POL214, University of Toronto)	2023
Government and Politics of the United States of America (POLI 320A, UBC)	2019
Introduction to Scientific Political Analysis (POLI 110, UBC)	2018

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis University of Essex, Colchester, United Kingdom Course: Quantitative Text Analysis Instructor: Nicole Baerg	2018
Simon Fraser University , Vancouver, Canada Course: Introduction to Time Series Analysis Instructor: Mark Pickup	2015
European Consortium for Political Science Research Summer School University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia Course: Game Theory Instructor: David Hugh-Jones	2013

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

- “Bridging Divides: Countering Polarization to Strengthen Democracy.” Toronto Democracy Forum. Toronto, ON. November 2025.
- “Polarization, Eh? The Causes and Consequences of Affective Polarization in Canada.” University of Calgary. Calgary, AB. November 2025.
- “Polarization, Eh? The Causes and Consequences of Affective Polarization in Canada.” Wilfrid Laurier University. Waterloo, ON. November 2025.
- “Polarization in Canada: Why Should We Care? What Can Be Done About It.” Humber College. Toronto, ON. October 2025.
- “Polarization, Eh? The Causes and Consequences of Affective Polarization in Canada.” Simon Fraser University. Vancouver, BC. October 2025.
- “Polarization, Eh? The Causes and Consequences of Affective Polarization in Canada.” University of British Columbia. Vancouver, BC. October 2025.

“Polarization, Eh? The Causes and Consequences of Affective Polarization in Canada.” Memorial University. St. John’s, NL. September 2025.

“The Canadian News Media Ecosystem.” The Bank of Canada. Ottawa, ON. September 2025.

“Political Polarization in Canada.” Institute on Governance Executive Leadership Program, Toronto, ON, April 2025.

“Understanding Public Adherence to Public Health Recommendations – Lessons from COVID-19.” Dalla Lana School of Public Health, Toronto, ON, January 2024.

“Housing for Me, but not for Thee: Value-based Motivations of NIMBYism.” LISPOP Forum on Public Opinion and Housing Policy, Waterloo, ON, October 2023.

“The State of Political Polarization in Canada.” Future of Democracy Series, Canadian School of Public Service, November 2022.

“Journalistic Norms and the News Media’s Coverage of Experts.” Dartmouth College, October 2022.

“Media Bias in the United States.” Department of Political Science, Colorado State University, April 2022.

“American Polarization in a Comparative Perspective.” Department of Political Science, Colorado State University, March 2022.

“Polarization Eh? Measuring Mass Polarization in Canada.” Department of Political Science, University of Toronto, February 2022.

“Polarization Eh? Measuring Mass Polarization in Canada.” Universität Hamburg, January 2022.

“Anti-intellectualism in Canadian Life.” Spring 2021 Association of Research Libraries Meeting, April 2021.

“Understanding Political Polarization.” Institute for Liberal Studies, November 2020.

“Experts in the News: The Challenges of Communicating Consensus in the Mass Media.” POL 380 Media & Politics at Colorado State University, November 2020.

“Experts and the Public.” COMM 7260 Science and Risk Communication at the University of Utah, September 2020.

“When Experts Talk, Does Anyone Listen? The Limits of Expert Influence on Public Opinion.” UBC School of Public Policy and Global Affairs, April 2019.

“Party Cues in the News: Elite Opinion Leadership and American Attitudes towards Climate Change,” with Dominik Stecula. Michigan Symposium Series on Media & Politics, Environmental Advocacy in Polarized World, Ann Arbor, MI, March 2019.

“Turning of the Tide: The 2018 American Midterm Elections and Beyond.” UBC Continuing Studies, November and December 2018.

“Overcoming Political Bias.” *TEDxECUAD*, Emily Carr University, March 2017.

“Coming to Grips with Political Bias.” BC Humanist Association, September 2017.

“What about Canada? Canadian Media and Politics: Theory and Applications.” POLI 333B, University of British Columbia, June 2017.

“Anatomy of a Dumpster Fire: The 2016 American Election and Beyond.” UBC Continuing Studies, November 2016.

“The Dynamics of Polarization. How the Media and Party Elites Facilitated the Growth of Climate Skepticism,” with Dominik Stecula. *UBC Journal of Politics*, April 2016.

SELECTED NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

“Combat NIMBYism with Transparency to Help Resolve Canada’s Housing Crisis.” *Policy Options*, March 2024 (with Alex Rivard and Dominik Stecula). [Link](#).

“Mass Polarization in Canada: What’s Causing It? Why Should We Care?” *Public Policy Forum*. [Link](#).

“The Paranoid Style in Canadian Politics.” *Foreign Affairs*, February 2022. [Link](#).

“Science and Health Misinformation in the Digital Age: How Does It Spread? Who is Vulnerable? How Do We Fight It?” *Public Policy Forum*, July 2021 (with Peter John Loewen). [Link](#).

“Canadian attitudes towards voting during the COVID-19 pandemic – Wave 5.” *Elections Canada*, May 2021 (with Peter John Loewen). [Link](#).

“Anti-intellectualism and the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Nature Portfolio, Behavioural and Social Sciences. Behind the Paper*, April 2021. [Link](#).

“Unbalanced: How Liberal Elites Have Cued Climate Polarization.” *Breakthrough Institute*, March 2021 (with Dominik Stecula). [Link](#).

“Canadian attitudes towards voting during the COVID-19 pandemic – Wave 4.” *Elections Canada*, January 2021 (with Peter John Loewen). [Link](#).

“Understanding Vaccine Hesitancy in Canada: Attitudes, Beliefs, and the Information Ecosystem.” *Media Ecosystem Observatory Research Report*, December 2020 (with Taylor Owen).

Peter John Loewen, Derek Ruths, Aengus Bridgman, Haji Mohammad Saleem, and Oleg Zhilin). [Link](#).

“Canadian attitudes towards voting during the COVID-19 pandemic – Wave 3.” *Elections Canada*, October 2020 (with Peter John Loewen). [Link](#).

“Canadian attitudes towards voting during the COVID-19 pandemic – Wave 2.” *Elections Canada*, August 2020 (with Peter John Loewen). [Link](#).

“Canadian attitudes towards voting during the COVID-19 pandemic – Wave 1.” *Elections Canada*, June 2020 (with Peter John Loewen). [Link](#).

“Lessons in Resilience: Canada’s Digital Media Ecosystem and the 2019 Election.” *Digital Democracy Project Research Report*, May 2020 (with Taylor Owen, Peter John Loewen, Derek Ruths, Aengus Bridgman, Robert Gorwa, Stephanie MacLellan, Oleg Zhilin). [Link](#).

“On the Issue of Trust, One Size Does Not Fit All.” Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy Essays, April 2020. [Link](#).

“Many Americans Deeply Distrust Experts. So Will They Ignore Warnings about the Coronavirus?” *Washington Post: The Monkey Cage*, March 2020. [Link](#).

“The Partisan Playground.” *Digital Democracy Project Research Memo #7*, October 2019 (with Taylor Owen, Peter John Loewen, Derek Ruths, Aengus Bridgman, Robert Gorwa, Meghan Keenan, Stephanie MacLellan, Andrew Potter, Beata Skazinetsky, Oleg Zhilin). [Link](#).

“Political Advertising on Facebook.” *Digital Democracy Project Research Memo #6*, October 2019 (with Taylor Owen, Peter John Loewen, Derek Ruths, Aengus Bridgman, Robert Gorwa, Meghan Keenan, Stephanie MacLellan, Andrew Potter, Beata Skazinetsky, Oleg Zhilin). [Link](#).

“Fact-Checking, Blackface, and the Media.” *Digital Democracy Project Research Memo #5*, October 2019 (with Taylor Owen, Peter John Loewen, Derek Ruths, Aengus Bridgman, Robert Gorwa, Meghan Keenan, Stephanie MacLellan, Andrew Potter, Beata Skazinetsky, Oleg Zhilin). [Link](#).

“Talking Past Each Other on Immigration.” *Digital Democracy Project Research Memo #4*, September 2019 (with Taylor Owen, Peter John Loewen, Derek Ruths, Aengus Bridgman, Robert Gorwa, Meghan Keenan, Stephanie MacLellan, Andrew Potter, Beata Skazinetsky, Oleg Zhilin). [Link](#).

“Polarization and its Discontents.” *Digital Democracy Project Research Memo #3*, September 2019 (with Taylor Owen, Peter John Loewen, Derek Ruths, Aengus Bridgman, Robert Gorwa, Meghan Keenan, Stephanie MacLellan, Andrew Potter, Beata Skazinetsky, Oleg Zhilin). [Link](#).

“The Climate Change Conundrum.” *Digital Democracy Project Research Memo #2*, August 2019 (with Taylor Owen, Peter John Loewen, Derek Ruths, Aengus Bridgman, Robert Gorwa, Meghan Keenan, Stephanie MacLellan, Andrew Potter, Beata Skazinetsky, Oleg Zhilin). [Link](#).

“Media, Knowledge, and Misinformation.” *Digital Democracy Project Research Memo #1*, August 2019 (with Taylor Owen, Peter John Loewen, Derek Ruths, Aengus Bridgman, Robert Gorwa, Meghan Keenan, Stephanie MacLellan, Andrew Potter, Beata Skazinetsky, Oleg Zhilin). [Link](#).

“The American Mainstream News Media May Be More Biased Than We Think.” *London School of Economics’ USAPP – American Politics and Policy Blog*, February 2019. [Link](#).

“Are There Any Benefits to Divided Parliamentary Parties?” *Democratic Audit*, February 2019. [Link](#).

“An Inconvenient Truth about ‘An Inconvenient Truth.’” *The Conversation*. Reprinted in *Newsweek*, *RealClearScience*, *Salon.com*, *Newsweek*, and the *National Post*, August 2017 (with Dominik Stecula). [Link](#).

“Here’s How Canadian News Media Created a ‘Trump of the North.’” *Washington Post: The Monkey Cage*, December 2016. [Link](#).

“You can Blame CNN (and the News Media) If Childhood Vaccinations Go Down.” *Washington Post: Monkey Cage*, September 2015 (with Dominik Stecula). [Link](#).

SUPERVISION

Doctoral co-supervisor:

- Thomas Bergeron, “The Minds of Humans Are Mirrors to One Another: Essays on the Place of Empathy in Individual Decision-Making and Opinion Formation” (2024-2025, defended)
- Natasha Goel, “Thinking About Thinking: Considering the Processing of Incongruent Information” (2023-)
- Thomas Galipeau, “Negative Partisanship” (2023-)
- Danielle Bohonos (2025-)

Doctoral committee member:

- Catherine Ouellet (2021-23)
- Marc-Antoine Rancourt (2024)
- Garima Talwar Kapoor (Dalla Lana School of Public Health, 2023-)

Postdoctoral Fellows:

- Junyan Zhu, Canadian Digital Media Research Network (2024-)

Journal Reviewer: American Journal of Political Science; American Journal of Preventative Medicine; American Political Science Review; BMC Global and Public Health; British Journal of Political Science; Canadian Journal of Political Science; Climate Policy; Contemporary Politics; Electoral Studies; Environmental Politics; European Journal of Political Research; European Societies; Frontiers in Public Health; Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review; Health Reports; International Journal of Press/Politics; International Journal of Public Opinion Research; International Studies Quarterly; Italian Political Science Review; JAMA Network Open; Journal of Comparative Politics; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Policy; Journal of Experimental Political Science; Journal of Infection and Public Health; Journal of Law and Courts; Journal of Politics; Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media; Journalism; Journalism Studies; Mass Communication and Society; Nature Human Behaviour; Nature: Scientific Reports; Perspectives on Politics; PLOS One; Policy & Politics; Political Behavior; Political Communication; Political Research Exchange; Political Research Quarterly; Preventative Medicine Reports; Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences; Psychology of Popular Media; Public Opinion Quarterly; Public Understanding of Science; Representation; SAGE Open; Science Communication; Scientific Reports; Social Forces; Social Media and Society; Social Science Quarterly; Sociological Perspectives; Socius; Territory, Politics, Governance; Testing, Psychometrics, Methodology in Applied Psychology; Vaccine; Vaccine: X; Science Advances

Book Reviewer: University of Toronto Press

Grant Reviewer: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC); National Science Foundation; Time Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS)

Guest Associate Editor: *Frontiers in Political Science*. Special volume on “Political Misinformation in the Digital Age during a Pandemic: Partisanship, Propaganda, and Democratic Decision-making.” 2023 (with Andrea De Angelis, Dominik Stecula, and Christina Farhart).

Editorial Board: Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media

External Committees: Paul A. Sabatier Award Committee APSA STEP Section (2021), COVID-19 Snapshot Monitoring Study, Privy Council Office (2021-2023), Political Polarization in Canada Advisory Committee, Public Policy Forum (2023-2024)

Departmental Committees: Methods School Funding Committee (2022, 2023); SSHRC Adjudication Committee (2021, 2022, 2023); Canadian Politics Hiring Committee (2024, 2025)

University Committees: Hiring Committee for Bissell-Heyd Chair in American Studies, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy (2023)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Canadian Political Science Association; American Political Science Association; International Society of Political Psychology; Midwest Political Science Association