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Education

M.A. in Political Science, McGill University

2019-present

- Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship (\$17,500)
- Thesis: "Measuring Social Sorting and Its Association With Affective Polarization"

B.A. in Political Science, McGill University

2016-2018

- First Class Honours
- Thesis: "Protectionism as Vehicle for Anti-Foreigner Sentiment" (supervised by Prof. Krzysztof Pelc)

Professional experience

Research Associate, Dartmouth College

August 2022-current

- Work with Profs. Brendan Nyhan and John Carey
- Contributor Bright Line Watch
 - Contributed to October and November 2022 reports
 - Overseeing large-scale projects on: i) election fraud messaging by state legislators on social media ii) concessions by U.S. congressional candidates
- Work with Nyhan on projects on the effects of fact-checking, the effects of digital literacy interventions

Research Assistant

• For Profs. Dietlind Stolle and Elisabeth Gidengil

2019-current

- Elaboration of a research agenda on democratic attitudes in advanced democracies
- Design and implementation of multiple surveys in Canada and the United States
- Design and implementation of a conjoint experiment
- Extensive data analysis of surveys in R
- Co-wrote a paper on democratic attitudes presented at the 2019 Toronto Political Behavior Workshop
- Co-wrote papers forthcoming in the European Journal of Political Research and the Canadian Journal of Political Science
- For Prof. Krzysztof Pelc

2017-current

- Coding of a cumulative dataset of CCES respondents
- Construction of the first dataset geolocalizing demands for protectionism in the United States (article published in Comparative Political Studies)
- Coding of historical international treaties

Instructor

• POLI210 - Political Science Research Methods

- Undergraduate course on research methods in political science
- Covers the potential outcomes framework, experiments, sampling, linear regression, predictive modeling...
- I also introduce the students to programming in R.
- Cegep d'Alma The Political World

W2022

- "Cegep" is the intermediary step between high school and university in Québec
- I taught 4 groups of intro to politics/political science

Teaching Assistant

- POLI666 Causal Inference for Political Science, grad course W2021
 - Prepared and led weekly labs applying causal inference techniques in R using replication materials of political science articles and simulation approaches
 - Topics covered include: regression discontinuity, instrumental variables, difference-in-differences, directed acyclic graphs...
- POLI618 Quantitative Analysis, grad course

F2020

• POLI311 – Introduction to Quantitative Political Science

W2020

Presenter, CSDC Methods Winter School (McGill)

February 2021

- Prepared and led a 2-hour workshop on conjoint experiments
- Topics covered: statistical properties, estimation, implementation in Qualtrics, and analysis in R

Publications

- 1. "Expert Bias and Democratic Erosion: Assessing Expert Perceptiosn of Contemporary American Democracy." Forthcoming. With John Carey, Gretchen Helmke, and Eli Rau. *PS: Political Science and Politics*.
- 2. "The Partisan Nature of Support for Democratic Backsliding: A Comparative Perspective." 2022. With Dietlind Stolle and Elisabeth Gidengil. textitEuropean Journal of Political Research 61(2): 901-929.
- 3. "COVID-19, Existential Anxiety, and Democracy in Canada: Observational and Experimental Evidence." 2022. With Dietlind Stolle and Elisabeth Gidengil. Canadian Journal of Political Science 55(2): 342-372.
- 4. "Willful Blindness: Franco-American Relations and the Escalation of the Vietnam War." *McGill International Review* (Fall 2018).

Working papers

- "Does COVID-19 Trump Support for Democratic Norms? Evidence from the United States" With Dietlind Stolle and Elisabeth Gidengil.
- "Do Citizens Know What They Don't Know? A Study on Self-Assessments of Political Knowledge." With Philippe Chasse.

Academic activities

Participant, APSA Annual Meeting

September 2022

• Article: "Do Citizens Know What They Don't Know? A Study of Self-Assessments of Political Knowlege." With Philippe Chasse.

Participant, meeting of the Society for Political Methodology

July 2022

 Article: "Measuring Social Sorting and Its Association With Affective Polarization."

Participant, workshop on affective polarization (Paris)

May 2022

• Article: "Affective Polarization and Its Consequences for Democracy." With Dietlind Stolle and Elisabeth Gidengil.

Participant, Toronto Political Behavior Workshop

November 2019

Article: "How Strong is the Commitment to Democracy and When Does it Falter? A Conjoint Experiment on Democratic Backsliding in the US and Canada."
With Dietlind Stolle and Elisabeth Gidengil.

Participant, Quebec Undergraduate Security Conference

February 2018

- Organized by professors from McGill and Université de Montréal
- Article: "American Hegemony, Institutions, and the Accommodation of Rising Powers"
- Article selected as winner of \$200 award

Staff Writer, McGill Journal of Political Studies

W2018

• Biweekly articles on Canadian politics

Awards

${\bf Joseph-Armand~Bombardier~Graduate~Scholarship}~(\$17,\!500)$

2020-2021

• Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Research Grant (\$2,500)

W2022

- From the Center for the Study of Democratic Citizenship (McGill)
- Project: Do Citizens Know What They Don't Know? A Study of Self-Assessments of Political Knowlege

Methods Training Grant (\$2,500)

S2020

- From the Center for the Study of Democratic Citizenship (McGill)
- Used to attend ICPSR (Time Series Analysis and Rational Choice Theory)

Best research prize

W2018

• POLI311 – Introduction to Quantitative Political Science

Research interests

Public opinion and political behavior

Political economy

Causal inference

Skills

Technical: R, Stata, LATEX, Java (beginner)

Languages: French (native language), English (perfectly bilingual)