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Current Appointment

Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) (2013 – present)
Department of Political Science
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Education

Ph.D. in Government (2012)
London School of Economics

- Thesis: *Judging the Nation: The Supreme Court of Canada, federalism and managing diversity* (awarded with no revisions)
- Supervisors: Martin Loughlin (LSE) and John Hutchinson (LSE)
- External Examiners: Stephen Tierney (Edinburgh) and Stefan Wolff (Birmingham)

MSc. Comparative Politics (2006)
London School of Economics

B.A. (Honours) in Political Science (2004)
Carleton University

Research

Focus

Federalism and institutional approaches to accommodate diversity; representation; nationalism and ethnicity; conflict management; migration; constitutional theory and law; judicial politics; Canadian politics; comparative politics

Books

The Judicial Role in a Diverse Federation: Lessons from the Supreme Court of Canada (Toronto: University of Toronto Press) (2016)

Nationalism and Conflict Management (London: Routledge) (2012) (editor, with Eric Taylor Woods and Eric Kaufmann)

- Also published as special issue of *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics* 49(2) (2011)

Peer-Reviewed Publications

'Quebec Justices as Quebec Representatives: National minority representation and the Supreme Court of Canada' *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* (Accepted & Forthcoming)

'Federal Arbiters as Facilitators: Towards an integrated federal and judicial theory' *International Journal of Constitutional Law* (Accepted & Forthcoming)

'Intergovernmental Relations in Canada's Immigration System: From bilateralism towards multilateral collaboration' *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 48(2) (2015)

'Beyond Multinational Canada' *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics* 49(2) (2011) (with Eric Taylor Woods)

'Ethno-national Conflict and its Management' *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics* 49(2) (2011) (with Eric Taylor Woods and Eric Kaufmann)

'The "Problem" of National Minorities' *Politicheskaja Nauka* (journal of the Russian Academy of Science and the Russian Political Science Association – article translated into Russian) 2011:1 (2011)

'Recognition or Imposition? Federalism, national minorities and the Supreme Court of Canada' *Nations and Nationalism* 14(1) (2008)

- Awarded the *Nations and Nationalism* Article Prize

Reviews

Review of Lecours, A & Nootens, G. (eds.) *Dominant Nationalism, Dominant Ethnicity: Identity, Federalism and Democracy*, in *Nations and Nationalism* 17(2) (2011)

Current Projects

'Is Counting Enough? Considering the theory and practice of ethno-national representation' (under review)

'Collaboration and Unilateralism: Explaining recent dynamics of intergovernmental relations in Canada' (with Grace Skogstad and Andrew McDougall) (under contract with IRPP)

'Questioning the Courts as the Vanguard of Religious Accommodation in Canada' (in preparation)

Select Conference Papers & Invited Lectures

'Collaboration and Unilateralism: Explaining recent dynamics of intergovernmental relations in Canada' (with Grace Skogstad and Andrew McDougall) at Canadian Political Science Association Conference (Calgary, June 2016)

'Rethinking the Representation of Ethno-National Diversity' at Cultural Diversity and Liberal Democracy: Models, Policies and Practices (Glendon College, Toronto, April 2016)

'Do Quebec Justices Represent Quebec? Investigating the theory and effect of minority representation in federal institutions' at Canadian Political Science Association Conference (Ottawa, June 2015)

'Is Counting Enough? Considering the theory and practice of ethno-national representation' at the 25th Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (London School of Economics, London, UK, April 2015)

'Canada: Imagined Community?' Lecture and Panel Discussion as part of University of Toronto Art Centre's series *A Story of Canadian Art: As told through the Hart House Collection* (Toronto, February 2015)

'Intergovernmental Relations in Immigration: Towards multilateralism and a reassertion of the federal role' at the 2014 Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference (Brock University, St. Catharines, May 2014).

'Beyond Canada: rethinking multinational federalism' (with Eric Woods). Discussant: Eric Kaufmann. Invited lecture for the ASEN Seminar Series, LSE (London, February 2010)

'Deciding the Nation: accounting for the judiciary in a plurinational federation' at *Tenth Essex Conference in Critical Political Theory* (Essex, June 2010)

'The "Problem" of National Minorities' at the *Ethno-cultural Diversity and the Problem of Tolerance in the Globalizing World* conference of the International Political Science Association Research Committee 14 (Politics and Ethnicity) (St. Petersburg, June 2010)

'Federation as Process' at *Democracy as a work in progress: the intellectual and cultural dynamics of the Canadian idea* conference of the British Association for Canadian Studies (Cambridge, April 2010).

Opinion and Editorial

'Here's what the Supreme Court's Métis ruling means' *Ottawa Citizen*. April 20, 2016.

'Harper risks blowback in attack on premiers' *Globe and Mail*. August 11, 2015.

'The Nadon decision is a victory for federalism' *Ottawa Citizen*. March 21, 2014.

Teaching

University of Toronto

POLC54: Intergovernmental Relations in Canada

- Upper-year undergraduate course (60 students) (2013 – 2016)

POLC58: Politics of National Identity and Diversity

- Upper-year undergraduate course (40 students) (2014 – 2016)

POL 428 / 2128: Federalism and Diversity in Canada (and Beyond)

- Graduate / upper-year undergraduate split seminar (20 students) (2014 – 2016)

Awards and Grants

- Connaught New Researcher Award, Connaught Fund (2016 – 2018) (\$10,000)
- SSHRC Institutional Grant Award (2015) (\$1000)
- Sponsorship Support for Colloquium, UTSC Offices of the Vice Principal Research and Dean (2015) (\$3000) [not taken up]
- Research Impact Fund, UTSC Office of the Vice Principal (2015) (\$500)
- Doctoral Fellowship, Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (2009-2012) (\$80,000 over four years)
- LSE PhD Scholarship, London School of Economics (2008-2011) (\$150,000 over three years)
- Departmental Teaching Prize, London School of Economics (2010)
- LSE Small Conference / Seminar Support Fund (secondary investigator) (\$4000) (2010)
- British Academy Conference Support Fund (secondary investigator) (\$4000) (2010)
- *Nations and Nationalism* Article Prize for 'Recognition or Imposition? Federalism, national minorities and Supreme Court of Canada' ASEN/*Nations and Nationalism* (2007)
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship, Government of Ontario (2004) [not taken up]
- William Beckel Scholarship, Carleton University (2003)

Professional Service and Affiliations

Founding Co-Editor – *State of Nationalism: The international review of nationalism studies* (an open-source portal for review articles) (2015 –)

Departmental and University Committees

Member: Progression Through the Ranks Committee (UTSC Political Science) (2015-16)

Member: Departmental Speaker Series Organizing Committee (Canadian/Policy) (2016)

Member: C. David Naylor Fellowship Committee (UofT) (2015)

Member: Search Committee (CLTA, Public Law) (UTSC Political Science) (2014)

Advisor – Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism, LSE (2011 –)

Associate Member – NISE: National Movements and Intermediary Structures in Europe (2015 –)

Manuscript Reviewer – *Nations and Nationalism; Canadian Journal of Political Science; Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism; Regional and Federal Studies*

Chair – Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism, LSE (2009 – 2010)

Editorial Team – *Nations and Nationalism* (2009 – 2010)

Editorial Team – *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism* (2009 – 2010)

Current Affiliations / Memberships:

- Canadian Political Science Association
- International Political Science Association
- Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism

Public Policy Experience

Senior Policy Advisor - International and Intergovernmental Affairs & Strategic Policy, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Government of Canada (2008 – 2013)

- Provided strategic advice and policy recommendations on fundamental reforms to the economic immigration program and federal-provincial relations

Analyst - Exclusive Analysis (2007- 2010)

- Provided analysis and forecasts on the political, regulatory and security environment in Canada

Policy Analyst - Canada Pension Plan Disability Policy, Human Resources and Social Development Canada, Government of Canada (2005-2007)

- Provided policy analysis and recommendations related to the program and social and economic issues related to persons with disabilities

Program Coordinator - Operations, Service Canada, Government of Canada (2004-2005)

- Designed and led multiple projects seeking to simplify and improve service to Canadians with disabilities through the Canada Pension Plan Disability program

Junior Analyst - Comptrollership Modernization Directorate, Treasury Board Secretariat, Government of Canada (2003)

- Conducted consultations with senior management across government to prepare the final report on a government-wide management improvement initiative