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Appointments

Associate Professor (2019 – present)

Department of Political Science

University of Toronto Scarborough | University of Toronto

- Assistant Professor (2013 – 2019)

Cross-Appointment: Associate Professor (2018 – present)

Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy

University of Toronto

Visiting Fellow (2019)

Migration Policy Centre | Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies

European University Institute

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: John Hutchinson (LSE) and Martin Loughlin (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: Politics of diversity; federalism and intergovernmental relations; institutions and ideas; representation; nationalism and ethnicity; indigenous politics and law; constitutional theory and law; judicial politics; conflict management; Canadian politics and public policy; comparative politics.

Books

1. Schertzer, R. *The Judicial Role in a Diverse Federation: Lessons from the Supreme Court of Canada* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press) (2016)

- Short-listed for the Donald Smiley Prize (Canadian Political Science Association prize for the best book in Canadian politics/public policy)
 - Named one of best books of 2016 by the *Hill Times*
 - Excerpts from selected reviews:
 - “This book engages creative analysis and synthesis to address important and enduring questions ... in an original and inventive manner ... Schertzer's imaginative bridging of federalism and judicial studies with political theory and comparative politics will ensure that questions of plurinationality continue to animate the study of Canadian political institutions.” (2017 Donald Smiley Prize committee report).
 - “...one of only a handful of studies to focus at length on the role of courts in nationally diverse federations... Schertzer’s book accomplishes one very important goal that should make it an enduring reference point: it advances a general theory and provides a novel framework for comparative research on courts in diverse federations. I suspect Schertzer will be an important voice in that research programme in the years to come.” (Schwartz, A. *Nations and Nationalism* 23, 2017).
 - “Robert Schertzer makes a significant contribution not only to the study of Canadian federalism and its apex court but to federalism scholarship more generally” (Crandall, E. *Publius* 48, 2018).
2. Woods, E., R. Schertzer and E. Kaufmann. *Nationalism and Conflict Management* (London: Routledge) (2013)
- Also published as special issue of *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics* 49(2) (2011)
 - Re-released in paperback in 2017

Peer-Reviewed Articles

1. Williams, M. and R. Schertzer. ‘Is Indigeneity like Ethnicity? Assessing Models of Indigenous Political Representation’ *Canadian Journal of Political Science* (online: August 27, 2019)
2. Schertzer, R. ‘Mapping institutional mechanisms of ethno-national representation: Towards a better measurement approach’ *Nations and Nationalism* 24(4) (2018)
3. Schertzer, R., A. McDougall and G. Skogstad. ‘Multilateral Collaboration in Canadian Intergovernmental Relations: The role of procedural and reciprocal norms’ *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 48(4) (2018)
4. Schertzer, R. ‘Federal Arbiters as Facilitators: Towards an integrated federal and judicial theory’ *International Journal of Constitutional Law* 15(1) (2017)
5. Schertzer, R. ‘Quebec Justices as Quebec Representatives: National minority representation and the Supreme Court of Canada’ *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 46(4) (2016)
6. Schertzer, R. ‘Intergovernmental Relations in Canada’s Immigration System: From bilateralism towards multilateral collaboration’ *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 48(2) (2015)

7. Schertzer, R. and E. Woods. 'Beyond Multinational Canada' *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics* 49(2) (2011) (with Eric Taylor Woods)
8. Woods, E., R. Schertzer and E. Kaufmann. 'Ethno-national Conflict and its Management' *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics* 49(2) (2011)
9. Schertzer, R. '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)
10. Schertzer, R. '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

Peer Reviewed Chapters and Policy Papers

11. Schertzer, R. 'Intergovernmental Relations in a Complex Federation' in Bakvis, H. and G. Skogstad (eds.) *Canadian Federalism* (3rd edition) (University of Toronto Press) (Forthcoming in 2019)
12. Crandall, E. and R. Schertzer. 'Competing Diversities: Representing "Canada" on the Supreme Court' in K. Hanniman and E. Goodyear-Grant (eds.) *State of the Federation 2017* (McGill Queen's University Press) (Forthcoming in 2019)
13. Schertzer, R. 'Collaborative Federalism and the Supreme Court of Canada' in Macfarlane, E. eds. *Policy Change, Courts and the Canadian Constitution* (University of Toronto Press) (2018)
14. Schertzer, R., A. McDougall and G. Skogstad. 'Collaboration and Unilateral Action: recent intergovernmental relations in Canada' *IRPP Study* No. 62 (2016)

Reviews

Review of Orgad, Liav, *The Cultural Defence of Nations*, in *Modern Law Review* (80)1 (2017)

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

Current Projects

Understanding the New Nationalism: the role of culture and social media in the rise of anti-immigrant politics (with Eric Woods)

- Book manuscript in preparation | expected completion January 2020

'#Nationalism: Ethno-nationalism and twitter in Donald Trump's 2016 presidential campaign' (with Eric Woods) (R&R)

Mechanisms of Ethnic and Indigenous Representation in Canada: Historical, Contemporary and Reconciliatory Perspectives | Special Issue of *Canadian Journal of Political Science*

- Co-editor (with Karen Bird)
- Proposal accepted by *CJPS* editorial board | submissions completed and going out for review in August 2019

‘Quebec’s Judges? Assessing representative outcomes on the Supreme Court of Canada’

‘Courting Diversity: Balancing independence and representation on federal high courts’ (in preparation)

The Complex Politics and Policy of Managing Asylum Seekers in Canada (with Mireille Paquet) (in preparation)

‘Constitutional Reengineering in Diverse Federations: the challenges of a divided staatsvolk’ (with Faisal Kamal) (in preparation)

Select Conference Papers & Invited Lectures

‘Immigration and Refugees’ Plenary Panel at 24th MISC Annual Conference: Federalism and Canada’s Shifting Political Landscape (McGill Institute for Study of Canada, March 2019)

‘Quebec’s Judges? Assessing representative outcomes on the Supreme Court of Canada’ at Beyond Numbers: Comparing Mechanisms of Substantive Representation of Ethnic Minorities and Indigenous Peoples (McMaster, December 2018)

‘Balancing Representation and Independence on Federal High Courts’ at Federalism, Democracy and National Diversity in the 21st Century (Centre d’analyse politique, Montreal, October 2018)

‘Courting Diversity: exploring the contradictions of representation on the Supreme Court of Canada’ invited lecture as Bell Chair guest (Carleton, September 2018)

‘Are Indigenous Groups Like Ethnic Groups? Modeling Indigenous Political Representation’ (with Meaghan Williams) at Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference (URegina, June 2018)

‘Understanding the New Nationalism: an ethno-symbolic account of the rise of Donald Trump’ (with Eric Woods) at Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism Annual Conference | Understanding the New Nationalism (LSE, March 2018)

‘Competing Diversities: Representing “Canada” on the Supreme Court in 2016’ (with Erin Crandall) at Canadian Political Science Association Conference (Ryerson, May 2017)

- Also presented at IIGR State of the Federation 2017 (Queen’s, June 2017)

‘Ethno-symbolism, Diversity and Institutional Design’ at Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism Annual Conference | Anthony D. Smith and the Future of Nationalism: Ethnicity, Religion and Culture (LSE, March 2017)

'Collaborative Federalism and the Role of the Supreme Court of Canada' at Courts and Politics Research Group Fall Conference | Courts and the Constitution: Policy Impact (UWaterloo, October 2016).

'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).

Policy Papers and Opinion/Editorials

'[A lot is riding on how we manage asylum seekers](#)' (with Mireille Paquet) *Policy Options* (IRPP) February 21, 2019.

'[The New Nationalism](#)' *UofT Magazine*. January 30, 2019.

'The promise and perils of collaborative federalism' *Policy Options* (IRPP). December 15, 2016.

'Why regional representation on the Supreme Court does (and doesn't) matter' *Policy Options* (IRPP). August 17, 2016.

'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 – present)

POLC58: Politics of National Identity and Diversity

- Upper-year undergraduate course (60 students) (2014 – present)

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

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

POL2100: Canadian Politics and Government – PhD Core Course

- Graduate seminar (6 students) (2017 - present)

Awards and Grants

- SSHRC Insight Development Grant for 'Understanding the New Nationalism and Anti-Immigrant Politics' (2019-21) (\$63,000)
- *State of Nationalism* Operating Grant, National Movements and Intermediary Structures in Europe (2017 to 2022) (\$78,000) (with Eric Woods)
- Short-listed for Donald Smiley Prize (CPSA best book in Canadian politics) (2016)
- SSHRC Insight Development Grant for 'Representation Index: Mapping mechanisms of representing diversity across the globe' (2016 – 18) (\$46,000)
- Connaught New Researcher Award for 'Politics of National Identity and Diversity,' Connaught Fund (2016 –18) (\$10,000)
- SSHRC Institutional Grant Award (2015) (\$900)
- 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 (2009-12) (\$80,000 over four years)
- LSE PhD Scholarship, London School of Economics (2008-11) (\$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: an international review* (an open-source portal for review articles) (2015 –)

Departmental and University Committees

- Search Committee (multiple tenure stream positions, Public Law) (UTSC/UofT Political Science) (2016, 2017, 2018)
- Search Committee (tenure stream position, Indigenous Politics) (UTSC/UofT) (2018)
- Student Experience/Advancement Committee (UTSC Political Science) (2016-18)
- Progression Through the Ranks Committee (UTSC Political Science) (2015-16)
- Departmental Speaker Series Organizing Committee (Canadian/Policy) (2015-17)
- C. David Naylor Fellowship Committee (UofT) (2015)
- 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*; *Publius*; *Palgrave Macmillan*, University of Toronto Press

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

Editorial Board Membership:

- *Nations and Nationalism* (2009 – 2010) | International Advisory Board (2016 -)
- *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism* (2009 – 2010)

Current Affiliations / Memberships:

- Canadian Political Science Association
- International Political Science Association (RC14 – Politics and Ethnicity)
- 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

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