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Education

Ph.D., Department of Political Science, University of Toronto, 2019-Present

Fields: International Relations; Public Policy

Committee: Dr. Louis Pauly (chair); Dr. Alexander Reisenbichler; Dr. Phillip Lipsy

M.A., Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University, 2017-2019

B.A., Honours, International Political Economy, Bishop's University, 2012-2016

Academic research positions

Visiting Research Fellow

American Institute for Contemporary German Studies

School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University

Washington, D.C., 2023

Peer-reviewed publications

O'Connell, William D. and Christian Elliott. (2023). "States and new markets: The novelty problem in the IPE of finance". *Review of International Political Economy*. 30(2): 403-420. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09692290.2023.2165529>

O'Connell, William D. (2022). "Silencing the crowd: China, the NBA, and leveraging market size to export censorship". *Review of International Political Economy*. 29(4): 1112-1134. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09692290.2021.1905683>

Work in progress

"Bailing-in or -out? The politics of moral hazard in international finance" (*dissertation project*)

"This-time-is-different at the Financial Stability Board: Risk, resilience, and the reconstruction of shadow banking" (*preparing for submission*)

Conference presentations

"Crisis prevention or crisis management? Path dependence and the regulation and resolution of global banks". *Canadian Political Science Association*. Toronto, ON. May 2023.

“Crisis prevention or crisis management? Path dependence and the regulation and resolution of global banks”. *International Studies Association*. Montréal, QC. March 2023.

“Risky or resilient? Epistemic authority and the Financial Stability Board’s reconstruction of shadow banking”. *International Studies Association*. Nashville, TN. March 2022.

“The cost of sovereignty: An evaluation of German preferences towards the EU Banking Union”. *Faculty of Public Affairs Graduate Conference*. Ottawa, ON. March 2019

“The great Canadian oligopoly: A comparative approach to controlling the shadow banking industry”. *Northeast Political Science Association*. Montréal, QC. November 2018.

*nominated for best graduate student paper

Book reviews

Kobrak, Christopher and Joe Martin. (2018). *From Wall Street to Bay Street: The Origins and Evolution of American and Canadian Finance*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press. In *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal*. (2019). 22(5): 222-223.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/11926422.2018.1553202>

Media

“Think government is inefficient? That is exactly why we need to pay civil servants more”. *The Globe and Mail*. Online April 24, 2023 (print edition April 25, 2023).
<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/commentary/article-pay-civil-servants-more/>

“Banks do need to be taxed more – the budget’s new dividend tax was justified”. *The Globe and Mail*. Online March 30, 2023 (print edition March 31, 2023).
<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/commentary/article-federal-budget-dividend-bank-tax/>

Interview on *The Sam Laprade Show* regarding the SVB and Credit Suisse crises. CityNews Ottawa. March 17, 2023. <https://ottawa.citynews.ca/all-audio/the-sam-laprade-show/podcast-the-sam-laprade-show-for-march-17th-2023-6717438>

“Was the SVB crash a one-off, or a warning sign?” Interview on *The Big Story Podcast*. March 16, 2023. <https://thebigstorypodcast.ca/2023/03/16/was-the-svb-crash-a-one-off-or-a-warning-sign/>

“Scam of the century? Cryptocurrency and the collapse of FTX”. Panelist on *The Debate with Francois Picard*, France 24, Paris, November 21, 2022.

<https://www.france24.com/en/tv-shows/the-debate/20221121-scam-of-the-century-cryptocurrency-and-the-collapse-of-ftx>

“A cryptocurrency primer – banks or exchanges? which are they?”. Interview on *Weekend Mornings with Stirling Faux*, CKNW-980 Vancouver, August 13, 2022. <https://open.spotify.com/episode/3BGHbpZpMtMbY2xDmsIzB3>

“Crypto platforms say they’re exchanges, but they’re more like banks”. *The Conversation*. August 11, 2022. <https://theconversation.com/crypto-platforms-say-theyre-exchanges-but-theyre-more-like-banks-188339>

Major Grants and Awards

School of Graduate Studies Research Travel Grant 2022-2023 (\$5 000)
DAAD/AICGS Research Fellowship 2023 (€5 500)
Michael W. Donnelly Graduate Fellowship in Political Economy 2022-2023 (\$9 000)
C. B. Macpherson Dissertation Fellowship 2022-2023 (\$3 000)
Lorne Bozinoff Doctoral Fellowship in Political Analysis 2022-2023 (\$3 000)
JIGES Graduate Research Fellowship 2022-2023 (\$5 000)
Ontario Graduate Scholarship 2022-2023 (\$15 000)
Ontario Graduate Scholarship 2021-2022 (\$15 000)

Research experience

Research assistantships

- Dr. Stefan Renckens, University of Toronto, standard setting in sustainable finance
- Dr. Louis Pauly, University of Toronto, various projects
- Dr. Dane Rowlands, Carleton University, Canada-EU economic cooperation
- Dr. Heather McKeen-Edwards, Bishop’s University, consumer protection in Canadian securities markets

Teaching

Instructor of record, University of Toronto

Topics in International Politics: The Politics of Global Finance, Summer 2023

Teaching assistant, University of Toronto

Global Political Economy II: Policy and Analysis, Winter 2022 (Dr. Mark Nieman)
Intro to International Relations, Winter 2021 (Dr. Louis Pauly)
Global Political Economy I: History and Theory, Fall 2020; Fall 2022 (Dr. Louis Pauly)
Law and Global Business, Fall 2020 (Dr. Elizabeth Acorn)
Intro to Quantitative Reasoning I, Fall 2019; Fall 2021 (Dr. Kenichi Ariga)

Teaching assistant, Carleton University

Research Methods for International Affairs, Winter 2019 (Dr. Inger Weibust)

- M.A.-level course
Intro to Statistics for International Affairs, Fall 2018 (Dr. Yanling Wang)
- M.A.-level course
Statistical Methods for Economics and Business I, Winter 2018 (Dr. Valerie Rochester)
- Intro to Microeconomics, Fall 2017 (Dr. P. Nicholas Rowe)

Invited talks and guest lectures

“Global finance: From Bretton Woods to the Global Financial Crisis”. *Glendon College, York University*. Toronto, ON. September 2022.

Membership and service

Co-chair, Graduate Association of Students in Political Science, University of Toronto, 2021-2022

Treasurer, Graduate Association of Students in Political Science, University of Toronto, 2022-2023

Area representative for Public Policy, Graduate Association of Students in Political Science, University of Toronto, 2020-2021; 2021-2022

Convener and founder, International Political Economy Working Group, University of Toronto, 2021-2022; 2022-2023

Reviewer: *Journal of Sport and Social Issues*

Member: International Studies Association; Canadian Political Science Association

Government policy experience

Research assistant, Financial Consumer Agency of Canada, 2019

- Developed sampling plan and questionnaire for a bank mystery shopping project
- Recommended best practices to create a whistleblower framework for Canadian bank employees

Junior data analyst, Employment and Social Development Canada, 2018

- Developed content for various federal government social surveys, including the *Employment Insurance Coverage Survey* and the *General Social Survey*
- Designed a module to educate policy analysts on survey methodology

Senior interviewer, Statistics Canada, 2016-2017

- Supervised data collection on various social and financial surveys, including the *General Social Survey* and the *Quarterly Survey of Financial Statements*
- Trained interviewers in advanced interviewing techniques

Research interests

Politics of global finance

Political economy of multinational corporations
Global governance and international institutions
European economic integration
Regulation of cryptocurrency