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Education

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, CANADA
Ph.D. Candidate (ABD) in Political Science (Expected May 2024)

Fields: Comparative Politics; Comparative Public Policy
Dissertation: "How the Ethical Positions of Voters and Politicians Matter in a Democracy"
Committee: Professors Peter Loewen (supervisor), Christopher Cochrane and André Blais (Université de Montréal, Canada)

HERTIE SCHOOL, THE UNIVERSITY OF GOVERNANCE IN BERLIN, GERMANY
Master of Public Policy (2014-2016)

Fields: Policy Analysis (Quantitative Methods)
Thesis: "Does Political Instability Induce Election Violence?" *First Class Honours with Distinction*
Committee: Professors Mark Andreas Kayser (supervisor) and Andrea Römmele

UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA, BANGLADESH
Master of Social Sciences in Political Science *(Top 2%)* (2011-2012)

UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA, BANGLADESH
Bachelor of Social Sciences in Political Science *(Top 2%)* (2007-2011)

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Google Scholar citations = **63**.

Donnelly, Michael J., **Md Mujahedul Islam**, and Justin Savoie. "The public face of interest group lobbying on immigration: Who responds to and who ignores what they say." *Journal of European Social Policy* (2020): 543-556. Link to download.

Allen Stevens, Benjamin , **Md Mujahedul Islam**, Roosmarijn de Geus, Jonah Goldberg, John R. McAndrews, Alex Mierke-Zatwarnicki, Peter John Loewen, and Daniel Rubenson. "Local Candidate Effects in Canadian Elections." *Canadian Journal of Political Science* (2019): 83-96. Link to download.

Papers Submitting/Under Review

"*Voters Punish Politicians Whose Ethical Views Do Not Match Their Society's Views*" (W/ Peter Loewen). Submitting to *Political Behaviour*. Draft is available upon request.

"*Does Democracy Work Better in Smaller Populations?*" (W/ Peter Loewen, Jonah Goldberg and John R. McAndrews). Under Review. Draft is available upon request.

"*Does Ethical Distance Diminish Democratic Attitudes? Observational Evidence from Two Countries*" Submitting to the *the American Journal of Political Science*. Draft is available upon request.

"*Ideological Heterogeneity and Voter Turnout.*" (W/ Peter Loewen, Daniel Rubenson, Roosmarijn de Geus and Benjamin Stevens). Submitting to the *Journal of Politics*. Draft is available upon request.

Additional Training

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, UK
Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods (2022)

Courses: Hierarchical Models (Andreas Murr); Analysing Twitter Data (Christopher Barrie)

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN–ANN ARBOR, US
ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods (2020-2022)

Courses: Modern Difference in Difference Designs (John Poe); Bayesian Analysis (Gustavo Sanchez); Multilevel & Mixed Models (Rose Medeiros); Meta-Analysis Techniques (Mariola Moeyaert); Data Visualization (Robert Cooper); Structural Equation Models with Latent Variables (Douglas Baer)

UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL, CANADA
The 4th Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections (2018)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, CANADA
Pedagogical Training for Course Instructors and Sessional Lecturers (2019-2022)

Workshops: Inclusive & Accessible Pedagogy (Ann Gagne); Indigenous Pedagogies & Decolonization (Sarena Johnson); Mental Health (Students & Instructors) (Chad Jankowski); Anti-Racist Pedagogy (Corrine Bent-Womack); Pedagogies of Care & Kindness (Dianne Ashbourne); TA Management (Ryan Hurl); Plagiarism & Academic Integrity (Kasha Visutsk); Universal Design for Learning (Ann Gagne); New Situation and Adjustments of Policies (Alana Boland); Online Teaching & Learning (Fiona Rawle)

Working Papers

"Does Presenting Attributes in a Fixed Versus a Randomized Order Affect the Relative Effect of Each Attribute?"

"Who Distances Most from Society's Ethical Core? Observational Evidence from Two Countries."

"Who Prioritizes Indigenous Peoples' Right to Self-Determination? Evidence from Textual Analysis"

"Social Spending, Clarity of Responsibility and Voter Choice." (W/ Jonah Goldberg).

"The Border Wall Favors Nationalist Parties in Political Competition." (W/ Muhibbur Rahman).

"Winning and Losing Power: an Analytical Narrative of the 2015 and 2019 Canadian Federal Elections." (W/ Peter Loewen, Daniel Rubenson and Roosmarijn de Geus).

"The Role of Issue Partisanship and Party Cues in Voter Decision-Making" W/ Sarah Lachance, Clareta Treger, Peter Loewen, Thomas Bergeron, Thomas Galipeau, Semra Sevi, and Blake Lee-Whiting

Research Grants

Asadullah, M., Islam, M., & Rahman, M. (2023-2025). Exploring the Perception of Justice among Immigrants in the US and Canada. SSHRC Explore Grant, (Md Mujahedul Islam, Co-PI), $6,000.00.

Fellowships and Awards

The Policy, Elections, and Representation Lab (PEARL) Fellowship (2017-2024).

University of Toronto Doctoral Completion Award (2022-2023).

University of Toronto (Faculty of Arts and Science) Fellowship (2017-2022).

Canada Student Award (2022-2024).

University of Toronto TA Buy-out Competition Award (2021-2022).

University of Toronto (Faculty of Arts and Science) Tuition Fellowship (2017-2022).

The PEARL Scholarship for Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods (2022).

Dept. of Political Science Grant for ICPSR Summer Program (2020-2022).

Dept. of Political Science Fund for Course Instructor (2021).

Dept. of Political Science Graduate Program Award (2020-2023).

Dept. of Political Science Graduate Program Travel and Conference Award (2021-2024).

University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) Graduate Expansion Funding (2020-2021).

UTM Dept. of Political Science Fund for Course Instructor (2021).

University of Toronto Faculty of Arts and Science Program-Level Fellowship (2018-2021).

Faculty of Arts & Science Graduate Student Bursary - Covid-19 (2020).

ICPSR Quantitative Methods Summer Program Stipend (2020).

Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth XXXVII) Stipend (2020).

Dept. of Political Science Grant for 6th Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections (2018).

The PEARL Scholarship for 6th Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections (2018).

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Travel (NY, US for Internship) Stipend (2015).

Hertie School, The University of Governance in Berlin Tuition Fellowship (2014-2016).

University of Dhaka Merit Scholarship for *Distinction* in Masters (2012).

University of Dhaka Merit Scholarship for Securing *First in First Position* in Honours (2011).

University of Dhaka Master Da Surja Sen Hal 'Best English and Bangla Debate Awards' (2008).

Teaching Experience

Instructor (Quantitative Methods Courses) (Eight Appointments)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MISSISSAUGA
Methods (Full-Year Required Quantitative Methods Course for Political Science Specialist)

Student population: Undergraduate
Delivery methods: Summers 2022 (In-person), 2021-2020 (Online) and 2019 (In-person)
Statistical software taught: R/RStudio

Course evaluation (Summer 2022): **4.3/5.0** (Dept. average: 4.1/5.0 & Division average: 4.2/5.0)
Course evaluation (Summer 2021): **4.5/5.0** (Dept. average: 4.3/5.0 & Division average: 4.1/5.0)
Course evaluation (Summer 2020): **4.4/5.0** (Dept. average: 4.2/5.0 & Division average: 3.9/5.0)
Course evaluation (Summer 2019): **4.7/5.0** (Dept. average: 4.5/5.0 & Division average: 4.0/5.0)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ST. GEORGE
Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning II (One Semester Course)

Student population: Undergraduate
Delivery methods: Summers 2021-2022 (Online)
Statistical software taught: R/RStudio
Document preparation software taught: LaTeX

Course evaluation (Summer 2022): **4.4/5.0** (Dept. average: 4.2/5.0 & Division average: 4.2/5.0)
Course evaluation (Summer 2021): **4.0/5.0** (Dept. average: 4.5/5.0 & Division average: 4.2/5.0)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MISSISSAUGA
Quantitative Research Design in the Social Sciences

Fall 2020 (Parts 1 and 2: Research Training Program for University of Toronto Mississauga Students)
Student population: Undergraduate
Delivery methods: Online (Course Evaluation Was Not Conducted)

Select Teaching Assistant (Methods Courses) (Eleven Appointments)

ICPSR SUMMER PROGRAM IN QUANTITATIVE METHODS, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN–ANN ARBOR
Statistics and Data Analysis I: Introduction

Student population: Undergraduate, Graduate, Teachers and Professionals
Delivery methods and course teacher: Online - synchronous , Summer 2021 (Professor Pamphilis)
Statistical software taught: Stata (also helped with R/RStudio and SPSS)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ST. GEORGE
Statistics for Political Scientists, (Required Course for Political Science Ph.D. Students)

Student population: Graduate (mainly Ph.D. students)
Delivery methods: In-person, Fall 2018 (Professor Donnelly) and Online, Fall 2021 (Professor Chyzh)
Statistical software taught: R/RStudio

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCARBOROUGH
Applied Statistics for Politics and Public Policy

Student population: Undergraduate
Delivery methods and course instructor: In-person, Winter 2023 (Professor Levine)
Statistical software helped with: R/RStudio

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCARBOROUGH
Political Analysis I

Student population: Undergraduate
Delivery methods and course instructor: Online, Fall 2020 (Professor Levine)
Statistical software helped with: R/RStudio/Stata

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ST. GEORGE
Introduction to the Quantitative Reasoning I

Student population: Undergraduate
Delivery methods and course instructor: In-person, Falls 2017, 2019 and 2023 (Professor Ariga)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ST. GEORGE
Introduction to the Quantitative Reasoning II

Student population: Undergraduate
Delivery methods and course instructor: In-person, Winter 2018 (Professor Ariga)
Statistical software taught: R/RStudio

THE HERTIE SCHOOL IN BERLIN
Statistics II: Time-Series, Panel Data & Maximum Likelihood

Student population: Graduate (Elective Course for Master of Public Policy (MPP) Students)
Delivery methods and course instructor: In-person, Winter 2017 (Professor Kayser)
Statistical software taught: R/RStudio and Stata

THE HERTIE SCHOOL IN BERLIN
Statistics I: Descriptives, Inference and Regression

Student population: Graduate (Required Course for MPP and Master of International Affairs Students)
Delivery methods and course instructor: In-person, Fall 2016 (Professor Kayser)
Statistical software taught: Stata

Select Teaching Assistant (Substantive Courses) (Seven Appointments)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ST. GEORGE
Public Opinion and Voting

Student population: Undergraduate
Delivery methods and course instructor: In-person, Winter 2023 (Professor Merkley)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MISSISSAUGA
Evidence and Argument in the Study of Politics

Student population: Undergraduate
Delivery methods and course instructor: In-person, Winter 2023 (Professor Dancy)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ST. GEORGE
Politics and Government in South Asia

Student population: Undergraduate
Delivery methods and course instructor: In-person, Fall 2022 (Professor Murali)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ST. GEORGE
The Real World of Politics

Student population: Undergraduate
Delivery methods and course instructor: Online, Fall 2020 (Professor Jung)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCARBOROUGH
Public Policy Making

Student population: Undergraduate
Delivery methods: In-person, Fall 2018 (Professor Beange) and Online, Winter 2020 (Dr. Wilder)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ST. GEORGE
Democracy, Dictatorship, War, and Peace

Delivery methods and instructor: In-person (undergraduate class), Fall 2017 (Professor Hoffmann)

Research Experience

Research Fellow - PEARL, **University of Toronto, Canada** (Sept. 2017-present)

Research Assistant to Randy Besco - **University of Toronto, Canada** (Jan. 2020-Aug. 2020)

Research Associate to Mark Kayser - **Hertie School, Berlin, Germany** (Dec. 2014-July 2017)

Research Internship - **The United Nations Secretariat, New York, USA** (Jun.-Aug. 2015)

Research Assistant - **BIGD, BRAC University, Dhaka, Bangladesh** (May-Aug. 2014)

Research Officer - **Centre for Governance Studies, Dhaka, Bangladesh** (Jan. 2013-Apr. 2014)

Conference Presentations

2024. *"Does Presenting Attributes in a Fixed Versus a Randomized Order Affect the Relative Effect of Each Attribute?"* Poster accepted for presentation with **full funding** at **the Annual MENA and Asian Political Methodology Conference**. New York University Abu Dhabi, UAE.

2024. *"Despite Popular Policies, Voters Punish Unethical Politicians."* Paper accepted for presentation at **the 81st Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference**. Chicago, IL, USA.

2024. *"Harmony or Security? Variation in Immigrants' Perception of Justice in Canada and the United States."* (W/ Muhibbur Rahman and Assadullah). Paper accepted for presentation at **the 81st Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference**. Chicago, IL, USA.

2023. *"Do Voters Disapprove of Politicians Who Take Erroneous Positions on Ethical Matters?"* **Paper presented at the 80th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference**. Chicago, IL, USA.

2023. *"The Role of Issue Partisanship and Party Cues in Voter Decision-Making"* (W/ Sarah Lachance, Clareta Treger, Peter Loewen, Thomas Bergeron, Thomas Galipeau, Semra Sevi, and Blake Lee-Whiting). Paper presented by co-author, Thomas Bergeron, at the **American Political Science Association Conference**. Los Angeles, California, USA.

2022. *"The Political Consequences of Ethical Distance: Evidence from Observational Survey Data and Conjoint Experiments"*. **Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Conference**.

2022. *"Voters Punish Politicians Whose Ethical Vews Mismatch Their Voters."* (W/ Peter Loewen). **Paper presented at the 79th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference**.

2021. *"Does the Border Wall Favor Nationalist Parties in Political Competition?"* (W/ Muhibbur Rahman). Paper presented jointly at the **American Political Science Association Conference**. Seattle, Washington, USA.

2021. *"External Sources of Opinion Formation and the Dynamics of Electoral Behavior: Evidence from Canadian Voters."* (W/ Muhibbur Rahman). Paper presented at the **78th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference**.

2021. *"Winning and Losing Power: an Analytical Narrative of the 2015 and 2019 Canadian Federal Elections."* (W/ Peter John Loewen , Daniel Rubenson and Roosmarijn de Geus). **The Canadian Political Science Association Conference.** Paper presented by co-author Peter Loewen.

2021. *"Does Ideological Homogeneity Increase Satisfaction with Democracy?"* (W/ Jonah Goldberg). **The 5th International Conference on Public Policy**. Canceled b/c of COVID.

2021. *"Social Spending, Clarity of Responsibility and Voter Choice."* (W/ Jonah Goldberg). Paper presented at **the 11th Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association**.

2020. *"Does Ethical Distance Affect Attitudes Toward Democracy?"* Paper presented at the **American Political Science Association Conference**. San Francisco, CA, USA.

2020. *"Globalization, Democratic Institutions and the Fairness of Elections."* Paper presented at the **European Consortium for Political Research Conference**. The University of Innsbruck, Austria.

2020. *"Does Democracy Work Better in Smaller Populations?"* (W/ Jonah Goldberg, Peter Loewen and John R. McAndrews). Paper accepted for presentation at the **Canadian Political Science Association Conference**. London, Ontario, Canada. Cancelled b/c of COVID. June 2-4.

2020. *"What Do Immigrants Know About Politics, and When Do They Learn It?"* (W/ Randy Besco). Paper accepted for presentation at the **Canadian Political Science Association Conference**. London, Ontario, Canada. Cancelled b/c of COVID.

2019. *"The Public Face of Interest Group Lobbying on Immigration: Who Responds to and Who Ignores What They Say."* (W/ Michael J. Donnelly and Justin Savoie). Paper presented by co-author Michael J. Donnelly at the **International Workshop on Immigration and the Welfare State**. University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

2017. *"The Effects of Social Capital on Individuals' Party Positioning."* Paper presented at the **Public Issues and Public Reason Conference**, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada.

2015. *"How Does Dynastic Politics Affect Democratic Institutions in South Asia?"* Paper presented at the **Global Public Policy Network (GPPN) Conference**. Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV), São Paulo, Brazil.

2014. *"Political Instability and Elections Violence."* Paper presented at the **Global Public Policy Network Conference**. Hertie School in Berlin, Germany.

Service and Leadership Experience

Co-organizer - Political Behavior Group, University of Toronto (U of T). (2020-present)

Convenor - Quantitative Methods Research Cluster, Dept. of Political Science, U of T. (2020-2023)

Comparative Politics Field Representative -Dept. of Political Science, U of T (2020-2023)

Book Reviewer - An R Companion to Political Analysis by Philip H. Pollock III and Barry C. Edwards. The Third Edition of the Text. SAGE Publishing. Link to acknowledgement.

Discussant - Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. (2021)

Graduate Student Representative - Faculty Search Committee, University of Toronto. (2021)

Panel Discussant - Incoming Graduate Student Orientation. Dept. of Political Science, U of T. (2020)

Co-host - Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth XXXVII). (2020)

Conference service - Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology. (2020)

Editor - Comparative Politics & Methods Sections, The U of T Journal of Political Science (2018-19)

Conference service - Fifth Annual Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop. (2017)

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association (2019-present)

Midwest Political Science Association (2019-present)

Canadian Political Science Association (2019-present)

The Society for Political Methodology (2020-present)

European Political Science Association (2020)

International Public Policy Association (2020-present)

Other Methodological Training

PhD Courses: Computer-Assisted Textual Analysis (Ludovic Rheault); Statistics for Political Scientists (Michael Donnelly); Quantitative Methods and Data Analysis (Ludovic Rheault)

Master of Public Policy Courses: Applied Logistic Regression (Michaela Kreyenfeld); Event History and Applied Longitudinal Data Analysis (Michaela Kreyenfeld); Behavioural Economics and Experimental Policy Analysis (Christian Traxler); Collaborative Social Science Data Analysis (Christopher Gandrud)

Methodological Workshops/Courses at University of Toronto: Survey Methods and Use (Michael Donnelly) [Dept. of Political Science]; Web-Based Data Collection and Management (Olga Chyzh) [Dept. of Political Science]; Research Ethics in the Social Sciences & Humanities (Dean Sharpe and Edward Schatz) [Dept. of Political Science]; Political Science Statistical Computing Bootcamp (Greg Distelhorst) [Rotman School of Management]; Data Analysis of Social Networks (Deena Abul-Fottouh) [Faculty of Information]; Ethics and Data Science (Rohan Alexander) [Faculty of Information]

Skills

Statistical Software: R/RStudio; Stata; Python; SPSS

Online Survey Software: Qualtrics (survey & experimental design)

Teaching Management Platforms: Quercus, Moodle & Blackboard

Online Teaching Tools: Zoom; Blackboard Collaborate; Microsoft Teams & Gotomeeting

Document Markup Language: LaTeX & R Markdown

Bibliography Management: BibTeX, Citavi & EndNote

Languages: Bangla (native), English (fluent), and German (basic)

References

Dr. Peter Loewen, Director of the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, Robert Vipond Distinguished Professor in Democracy and Professor of Political Science, University of Toronto, Canada. ✉ *peter.loewen@utoronto.ca*. Relation: Ph.D. Supervisor.

Dr. André Blais, Professor of Political Science, Université de Montréal, Canada.
✉ *andre.blais@umontreal.ca*. Relation: Dissertation Committee Member.

Dr. Mark Kayser, Professor of Applied Methods and Comparative Politics, The Hertie School in Berlin, Germany. ✉ *kayser@hertie-school.org*. Relation: Master of Public Policy Thesis Supervisor.

Dr. Christopher Cochrane, Chair and Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Toronto Scarborough, Canada ✉ *christopher.cochrane@utoronto.ca*. Relation: Dissertation Committee member.

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