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Appointments

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, CANADA

Research Fellow, PEARL, the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy (Sept 2017-present)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, CANADA

Course Instructor, Department of Political Science (Summers 2019-2022)

Education

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, CANADA

Ph.D. in Political Science (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 = **68**

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 Under Review/Submitting

“*Ethical Distance Diminishes Democratic Attitudes in Advanced Democracies*”. Under Review. [Draft is available upon request.](#)

“*Voters Punish Politicians Whose Ethical Views Do Not Match Their Society’s Views*” (W/ Peter Loewen). Under Review. [Draft is available upon request.](#)

“*Who Distances Most from Society’s Ethical Core? Descriptive Evidence from the United States and Canada.*” Under Review. [Draft is available upon request.](#)

“*Does Democratic Representation Work Better in Smaller Populations?*” (W/ Peter Loewen, Jonah Goldberg and John R. McAndrews). Submitting to *Political Studies*. [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.](#)

Working Papers

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

“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).

External Sources of Opinion Formation and the Dynamics of Electoral Behaviour in Established Democracies. (W/ Muhibbur Rahman).

“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

Fellowships, Awards and Grants

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

University of Toronto Doctoral Completion Award (2022-2023)

SSHRC Explore Grant (2023-2025). Co-PI, with Asadullah and Rahman

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)

The 1st Annual Meeting of MENA & Asian Political Methodology Award (2024) by NYU AD

The 41st Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology Award (2024) by UCR

The 37th Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology Award (2020)

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)

University of Toronto Political Science Departmental Grant for ICPSR Summer Program (2020)

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference Scholarship (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 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

Course 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 and Delivery methods: Undergraduate and Online

Statistical software taught: R/RStudio

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)

Select Teaching Assistant (Substantive Undergraduate Courses)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ST. GEORGE

Public Opinion and Voting — Winter 2023 (Professor Merkley)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MISSISSAUGA

Evidence and Argument in the Study of Politics — Winter 2023 (Professor Dancy)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ST. GEORGE

Politics and Government in South Asia — Fall 2022 (Professor Murali)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ST. GEORGE

The Real World of Politics — Fall 2020 (Professor Jung)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCARBOROUGH

Public Policy Making — Fall 2018 (Professor Beange) and Winter 2020 (Dr. Wilder)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MISSISSAUGA

Politics in the Global World — Winter 2019 (Professor Cavoukian)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ST. GEORGE

Democracy, Dictatorship, War, and Peace — Fall 2017 (Professor Hoffmann)

Select Teaching Assistant (Quantitative Methods Courses)

ICPSR SUMMER PROGRAM IN QUANTITATIVE METHODS, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN–ANN ARBOR
Statistics and Data Analysis I: Introduction — Online, Summer 2021 (Professor Pamphilis)

Student population: Undergraduate, Graduate, Teachers and Professionals

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)

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 — Winter 2023 (Professor Levine)

THE HERTIE SCHOOL IN BERLIN

Statistics II: Time-Series and Panel Data — Winter 2017 (Professor Kayser)

Student population: Graduate (Elective Course for Master of Public Policy (MPP) Students)

Statistical software taught: R/RStudio and Stata

THE HERTIE SCHOOL IN BERLIN

Statistics I: Descriptives, Inference and Regression — Fall 2016 (Professor Kayser)

Student population: Graduate (Required Course for MPP and Master of International Affairs Students)

Statistical software taught: Stata

Research Experience

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 presented at **the 41st Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology**. University of California, Riverside, USA.

2024. “Does Presenting Attributes in a Fixed Versus a Randomized Order Affect the Relative Effect of Each Attribute?” Poster presented 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.

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

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

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

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 Roomsarijn de Geus). **The Canadian Political Science Association Conference**. Paper presented by co-author Peter Loewen.

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.

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](#). SAGE Publishing.
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)

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association; Canadian Political Science Association; The Society for Political Methodology; International Public Policy Association

Methodological 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

Graduate Courses (2017-2022)

Courses: Computer-Assisted Textual Analysis (Ludovic Rheault); Statistics for Political Scientists (Michael Donnelly); Quantitative Methods & Data Analysis (Ludovic Rheault); Data Analysis of Social Networks (Deena Abul-Fottouh); Ethics & Data Science (Rohan Alexander) [Faculty of Information]

HERTIE SCHOOL, THE UNIVERSITY OF GOVERNANCE IN BERLIN, GERMANY

Graduate Courses (2014-2016)

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)

Skills

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

Online Survey Software: Qualtrics (survey & experimental design)

Teaching Management Platforms: Quercus, Moodle & Blackboard

Document Markup Language: L^AT_EX & R Markdown

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

Citizenship

Canadian, Bangladeshi