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EDUCATION

McGill University

M.A. in Political Science

Advisor: Aaron Erlich

Thesis: “The Impact of Political Violence on Levels of Polarization: Evidence from a Natural Experiment”

Montréal, QC

2023 – 2025

University of Michigan

ICPSR Summer Program

Courses: Panel Data and Longitudinal Analysis; Text Analysis and Data Science

Lectures: Matrix Algebra, Calculus, and Probability; Introduction to Python

Ann Arbor, MI

Jul. 2024 – Aug. 2024

Wilfrid Laurier University

B.A. in Political Science *with high distinction*; GPA: 3.9/4.0 - Alumni Gold Medal

Minor in History

Undergraduate MRP: “The Puzzle of Centrist Populism: An analysis of Nayib Bukele in El Salvador”

Waterloo, ON

2019 – 2023

PUBLICATIONS

In Progress

- [1] “War Fatigue” with Aaron Erlich
- [2] “Researching Post-Industrial Political Behaviour With The National Occupation Classification In The 2019 and 2021 Canada Election Studies” with Simon Kiss (Submitted to the Canadian Journal of Political Science)
- [3] “Civic Engagement in Rebuilding Ukraine: Observational and Experimental Evidence” with Aaron Erlich & Dietlind Stolle

Forthcoming

- [1] “Housing, Healthcare, and More: Decoding the 2022 Ontario General Election” Forthcoming in *The Canadian Political Science Review*, with Andrea Perrella & Simon Kiss.

Reports & Non-Peer Reviewed Publications

- [2] **Campos-Gottardo, R.** (2022). Populism, inequality, and Lëvizja Vetëvendosje in Kosovo: Shaping society through populist discourses. *Undergraduate Journal of Politics, Policy, and Society (University of Ottawa)*, 5(1), 56-90.
- [1] **Campos-Gottardo, R.** & Tenaglia, D. (2021). Forms of corruption within the Canadian judicial branch. *The Lawyer-Ed Law Review*, 1(1), 16-21.

SOFTWARE

- [1] **Campos-Gottardo, R.** & Kiss, S. (2025). *Occupations Qualtrics Module for Canadian Political Science Surveys*. GitHub repository: <https://github.com/RafaelGottardo/occupations-qualtrics>.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

* Indicates presenting author

- [9] Lehecka, N.,* Thomson, B., **Campos-Gottardo, R.**,* & Kiss, S.* (2025, June). Did The Ford Government Suffer Any Electoral Backlash From the Laurentian University Bankruptcy? **Poster presentation:** Canadian Political Science Association, Toronto, ON.
- [8] **Campos-Gottardo, R.**,* Arp, M., Gravelle, T., Kiss, S.,* Piscitelli, A., & Spicer, Z. (authors in alphabetical order) (2025, June). Do appeals to benefits overcome NIMBY-ISM?. **Paper presentation:** Canadian Political Science Association, Toronto, ON.

- [7] Erlich, A.,* Stolle, D., & **Campos-Gottardo, R.** (2024, June). Civic Engagement in Rebuilding Ukraine: Observational and Experimental Evidence. **Paper presentation:** Canadian Political Science Association, Montréal, QC.
- [6] Erlich, A.,* Stolle, D., & **Campos-Gottardo, R.** (2024, June). Civic Engagement in Rebuilding Ukraine: Observational and Experimental Evidence. **Paper presentation:** Canadian Political Science Association, Montréal, QC.
- [5] **Campos-Gottardo, R.**,* & Kiss, S.* (2024, June). Social Media Use and Polarization in Ontario: 2018 Case Study. **Paper presentation:** Canadian Political Science Association, Montréal, QC.
- [4] **Campos-Gottardo, R.*** (2024, January). Correlates of Populist Attitudes in Canada: Evidence from the CES. **Paper presentation:** Bell Chair Graduate Student Conference, Ottawa, ON.
- [3] **Campos-Gottardo, R.*** & Perrella, A. (2023, May). The Role of Populist Attitudes on Support for Centrist Populist Candidates: Evidence From El Salvador. **Poster presentation:** Canadian Political Science Association, Toronto, ON.
- [2] **Campos-Gottardo, R.*** (2022, August). Populism and authoritarianism during the COVID-19 pandemic: The case of Nayib Bukele in El Salvador. **Paper presentation:** Congress of the Canadian Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Toronto, ON.
- [1] **Campos-Gottardo, R.***, Jasemi, A., & Gottardo, A. (2022, June). Parenting beliefs about the importance of politics and child qualities: Similarities and differences across borders. **Poster presentation:** Development 2022, Calgary, AB.

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

CSDC - Summer Methods Grant, 2024 (\$3,000)
FRQ-SC Master's Scholarship, 2024 (\$26,667)
Stolle Graduate Award, 2024 (\$2,500)
SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master's, 2023 (\$17,500)
Library Research Award – First Prize, Senior Division, 2023 (\$350)
Harry and Lillian Kay Scholarship, 2022 (\$1,000)
Menich Family Co-op Award, 2022 (\$6,300)

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship

Dietlind Stolle	2024 – present
Aaron Erlich	2023 – present

Laurier Institute for the Study of Public Opinion and Policy

Simon Kiss	2022 – present
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TEACHING & TEACHING ASSISTANCE

McGill University

POLI311 - Introduction to Quantitative Methods	Winter 2024 & (Head TA) 2025
POLI210 - Political Science Research Methods	Fall 2024
CDSI/CSDC - R Summer Camp	August 2024 & 2025

Wilfrid Laurier University

PO479 - Seminar on Research Design - Guest Lecture on Quantitative Causal Inference	February 2025
PO218 - Answering Questions in Political Science	Winter 2023
PO217 - Asking Questions in Political Science	Fall 2022

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Fundraising Coordinator , Canadian Landmine Foundation	May – August, 2022
Policy Analyst, Industrial Benefits , FedDev Canada	May – August, 2021
Student Outreach Officer (Citizen Services Branch) , Service Canada	June – December, 2020

SKILLS

Technical: R, L^AT_EX, Python
Languages: English (Native), French (Professional)