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## Academic positions

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<b>Izaak Walton Killam Postdoctoral Fellow</b> University of Alberta, Department of Political Science	<b>2026-present</b>
<b>Sessional Lecturer</b> University of Toronto, Department of Political Science	<b>2025-2026</b>
<b>Postdoctoral Research Scholar</b> Columbia University, Center for Political Economy	<b>2024-2025</b>
<b>Visiting Research Fellow</b> Johns Hopkins University, American-German Institute	<b>2023</b>

## Education

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<b>Ph.D.</b> , Department of Political Science, University of Toronto <i>Committee</i> : Louis Pauly (chair); Alexander Reisenbichler; Phillip Lipsy <i>Fields</i> : International Relations; Public Policy	<b>2024</b>
<b>M.A.</b> , Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University	<b>2019</b>
<b>B.A.</b> , International Political Economy, Bishop’s University	<b>2016</b>

## Peer-reviewed publications

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<b>O’Connell, William D.</b> “Principals, agents, and the discipline of planning: Evidence from the failure of Credit Suisse”. <i>International Studies Quarterly</i> . 70(2): sqag042. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1093/isq/sqag042">https://doi.org/10.1093/isq/sqag042</a> .	<b>2026</b>
<b>O’Connell, William D.</b> and Christian Elliott. “States and new markets: The novelty problem in the IPE of finance”. <i>Review of International Political Economy</i> . 30(2): 403-420. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1080/09692290.2023.2165529">https://doi.org/10.1080/09692290.2023.2165529</a> .	<b>2023</b>
<b>O’Connell, William D.</b> “Silencing the crowd: China, the NBA, and leveraging market size to export censorship”. <i>Review of International Political Economy</i> . 29(4): 1112-1134. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1080/09692290.2021.1905683">https://doi.org/10.1080/09692290.2021.1905683</a> .	<b>2022</b>

## Chapters in edited volumes

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<b>O’Connell, William D.</b> and Louis W. Pauly. “International Political Economy in Canada” In Murphy, Michael P. A. (ed.) <i>International Relations in Canada: Understanding the Field</i> . Palgrave Macmillan.	<b>Forthcoming</b>
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## Works in progress

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The Politics of Moral Hazard in International Finance	<b>Book project</b>
“The political economy of liquidity triangulation” (with Katharina Pistor, Matthias Thiemann, and Dario Laudati)	<b>Revise and resubmit</b>
“Kindleberger’s revenge: Crisis management and the decline of American financial hegemony”	<b>Under review</b>
“Lost in translation: Resolving EU banks in a global financial system” (Part of a special issue on EU financial integration)	<b>In progress</b>
“Populism, central banking, and pension fund crises in the UK and Chile” (with Max Nagel)	<b>In progress</b>
“The politics of global financial stability” (invited textbook chapter in <i>Global Political Economy</i> , Oxford, 8 <sup>th</sup> edition, with Louis Pauly)	<b>In progress</b>

## Book reviews

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Kobrak, Christopher and Joe Martin. 2018. <i>From Wall Street to Bay Street: The Origins and Evolution of American and Canadian Finance</i> . University of Toronto Press. <i>Canadian Foreign Policy Journal</i> . 22(5): 222-223. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1080/11926422.2018.1553202">https://doi.org/10.1080/11926422.2018.1553202</a>	<b>2019</b>
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## Conference presentations

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American Political Science Association	<b>2025</b>
Canadian Political Science Association	<b>2023; 2024; 2025; 2026</b>
International Studies Association	<b>2022; 2023; 2024; 2025</b>
Northeast Political Science Association	<b>2018</b>
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics	<b>2025</b>

## Major grants and awards

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Izaak Walton Killam Postdoctoral Fellowship	<b>\$140 000; 2026</b>
Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined)	<b>€60 000; 2024</b>
SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship	<b>\$20 000; 2023</b>
Noah Blackstein Graduate Fellowship in Political Economy	<b>\$2 000; 2023</b>
Ontario Graduate Scholarship	<b>\$15 000; 2022</b>
Michael W. Donnelly Graduate Fellowship in Political Economy	<b>\$9 000; 2022</b>
DAAD/AICGS Research Fellowship	<b>€5 500; 2022</b>
JIGES Graduate Research Fellowship	<b>\$5 000; 2022</b>
School of Graduate Studies Research Travel Grant	<b>\$5 000; 2022</b>
C. B. Macpherson Dissertation Fellowship	<b>\$3 000; 2022</b>
Lorne Bozinoff Doctoral Fellowship in Political Analysis	<b>\$3 000; 2022</b>
Ontario Graduate Scholarship	<b>\$15 000; 2021</b>

## Teaching

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### *Instructor, University of Toronto*

POL 312: Canadian Foreign Policy	2025
POL 361: Global Political Economy I: History and Theory	2025
POL 380: The Politics of Global Finance	2023
POL 466: Theories of International Organization	2026

### *Teaching Assistant, University of Toronto*

POL 208: Introduction to International Relations	2021
POL 222: Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning I	2019; 2021
POL 361: Global Political Economy I: History and Theory	2020; 2022; 2023
POL 362: Global Political Economy II: Policy and Analysis	2022
POL C38: International Law (Scarborough campus)	2020
POL D28: Law and Global Business (Scarborough campus)	2020

### *Teaching Assistant, Carleton University*

ECON 1001: Introduction to Microeconomics	2017
ECON 2210: Introduction to Statistics for Economics	2018
INAF 5013: Research Methods for International Affairs	2019
INAF 5014: Introduction to Statistics for International Affairs	2018

## Policy writing, op-eds, and media appearances

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“Why weakening U.S. bank regulators could repeat the mistakes of the 2008 financial crisis”. <i>The Conversation</i> . April 14, 2025. <a href="https://theconversation.com/why-weakening-u-s-bank-regulators-could-repeat-the-mistakes-of-the-2008-financial-crisis-254365">https://theconversation.com/why-weakening-u-s-bank-regulators-could-repeat-the-mistakes-of-the-2008-financial-crisis-254365</a>	2025
“The budget’s tax changes on corporations and the wealthy are long overdue”. <i>The Globe and Mail</i> . Online April 16, 2024 (print edition April 17, 2024). <a href="https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/commentary/article-the-budgets-tax-changes-on-corporations-and-the-wealthy-are-long/">https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/commentary/article-the-budgets-tax-changes-on-corporations-and-the-wealthy-are-long/</a>	2024
“Quebec’s out-of-province tuition hike is a major loss for the province and the country”. <i>The Globe and Mail</i> . Online October 17, 2023 (print edition October 18, 2023). <a href="https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/commentary/article-quebecs-out-of-province-tuition-hike-is-a-major-loss-for-the-province/">https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/commentary/article-quebecs-out-of-province-tuition-hike-is-a-major-loss-for-the-province/</a>	2023
“Translating politics into technocracy in the European Banking Union”. <i>American-German Institute</i> . August 22, 2023. <a href="https://americangerman.institute/publication/translating-politics-into-technocracy-in-the-european-banking-union/">https://americangerman.institute/publication/translating-politics-into-technocracy-in-the-european-banking-union/</a>	2023
“Banks do need to be taxed more – the budget’s new dividend tax was justified”. <i>The Globe and Mail</i> . Online March 30, 2023 (print edition March 31, 2023). <a href="https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/commentary/article-federal-budget-dividend-bank-tax/">https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/commentary/article-federal-budget-dividend-bank-tax/</a>	2023

- Interview on *the Sam Laprade Show* regarding the SVB and Credit Suisse crises. **2023**  
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*. **2023**  
March 16, 2023. <https://open.spotify.com/episode/0BqpByKkfxUcSOvIEyBew7>
- “Scam of the century? Cryptocurrency and the collapse of FTX”. Panelist on *The Debate with François Picard*. France 24, Paris, November 21, 2022. **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 **2022**  
*Weekend Mornings with Stirling Faux*. CKNW-980 Vancouver, August 12, 2022.  
<https://open.spotify.com/episode/3BGHbpZpMtMbY2xDmsIzB3>
- “Crypto platforms say they’re exchanges, but they’re more like banks”. *The Conversation*. **2022**  
August 11, 2022. <https://theconversation.com/crypto-platforms-say-theyre-exchanges-but-theyre-more-like-banks-188339>

### **Invited talks, workshops, guest lectures**

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- “Lost in translation: Resolving EU banks in a global financial system”. **March 2026**  
Department of Social Sciences, *University of Luxembourg*. Luxembourg, LX.
- “The triangulation of liquidity through history”. Centre for European Studies **January 2026**  
and Comparative Politics, *Sciences Po Paris*. Paris, FR.
- “The 2022 UK gilt crisis: A dress rehearsal?”. Center for Political Economy, **May 2025**  
*Columbia University*. New York, NY.
- “The systemic context of IPE”. Department of Political Science, *University* **September 2023**  
*of Toronto*. Toronto, ON.
- “Translating politics into technocracy: The European Banking Union in a **June 2023**  
global perspective”. American-German Institute, *Johns Hopkins University*.  
Washington, D.C.
- “Global finance: From Bretton Woods to the Global Financial Crisis”. **September 2022**  
Glendon College, *York University*. Toronto, ON.

### **Membership and service**

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- Committee member, Best Graduate Student Paper Award **2025-2027**  
ISA-Canada regional caucus
- Committee member, Distinguished Scholar Award **2025-2026**  
ISA-Canada regional caucus

Convener and founder, International Political Economy Working Group University of Toronto.	<b>2021-2023</b>
Treasurer, Graduate Association of Students in Political Science University of Toronto.	<b>2022-2023</b>
Co-chair, Graduate Association of Students in Political Science University of Toronto.	<b>2021-2022</b>
Member, search committee for an assistant professor of international relations University of Toronto	<b>2021-2022</b>
Area representative for Public Policy, Graduate Association of Students in Political Science University of Toronto	<b>2020-2022</b>
Peer-review: <i>British Journal of Politics and International Relations</i> ; <i>Journal of Contemporary China</i> ; <i>Journal of Sport and Social Issues</i> ; <i>The Pacific Review</i> ; <i>Review of International Political Economy</i>	
Member: American Political Science Association; Canadian Political Science Association; International Studies Association; Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics	

## **Research interests**

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Global governance and international institutions  
Politics of global finance  
Political economy of multinational corporations  
Canadian foreign policy  
European integration  
China and international affairs

## **Languages**

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English (native); French (fluent)

## References

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