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Academic positions

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

Education

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

Peer-reviewed publications

O'Connell, William D. 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. https://doi.org/10.1080/09692290.2023.2165529 .	2023
O'Connell, William D. "Silencing the crowd: China, the NBA, and leveraging market size to export censorship". <i>Review of International Political Economy</i> . 29(4): 1112-1134. https://doi.org/10.1080/09692290.2021.1905683 .	2022

Chapters in edited volumes

O'Connell, William D. 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.	Forthcoming
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Works in progress

The Politics of Moral Hazard in International Finance (<i>book project</i>)	
"Principals, agents, and the discipline of planning: Evidence from the failure of Credit Suisse" (<i>revise and resubmit</i>)	

“The political economy of liquidity triangulation” (with Katharina Pistor, Matthias Thiemann, and Dario Laudati; *under review*)

“Lost in translation: Resolving EU banks in a global financial system” (*preparing as part of a special issue*)

“Kindleberger’s revenge: Crisis management and the decline of American financial hegemony” (*preparing for submission*)

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

“Varieties of moral hazard in the pension sector: Evidence from the UK and Chile” (with Max Nagel; *preparing for submission*)

Book reviews

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

Conference presentations

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

Major grants and awards

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

Teaching

<i>Instructor, University of Toronto</i>	
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

Media and other writing

“Why weakening U.S. bank regulators could repeat the mistakes of the 2008 financial crisis”. <i>The Conversation</i> . April 14, 2025. https://theconversation.com/why-weakening-u-s-bank-regulators-could-repeat-the-mistakes-of-the-2008-financial-crisis-254365	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). https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/commentary/article-the-budgets-tax-changes-on-corporations-and-the-wealthy-are-long/	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). https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/commentary/article-quebecs-out-of-province-tuition-hike-is-a-major-loss-for-the-province/	2023
“Translating politics into technocracy in the European Banking Union”. <i>American-German Institute</i> . August 22, 2023. https://americangerman.institute/publication/translating-politics-into-technocracy-in-the-european-banking-union/	2023
“Think government is inefficient? That is exactly why we need to pay civil servants More”. <i>The Globe and Mail</i> . Online April 24, 2023 (print edition April 25, 2023). https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/commentary/article-pay-civil-servants-more/	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). https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/commentary/article-federal-budget-dividend-bank-tax/	2023

Interview on <i>the Sam Laprade Show</i> 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	2023
“Was the SVB crash a one-off, or a warning sign?”. Interview on <i>The Big Story Podcast</i> . March 16, 2023. https://thebigstorypodcast.ca/2023/03/16/was-the-svb-crash-a-one-off-or-a-warning-sign/	2023
“Scam of the century? Cryptocurrency and the collapse of FTX”. Panelist on <i>The Debate with François Picard</i> . 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	2022
“A cryptocurrency primer – banks or exchanges? Which are they?”. Interview on <i>Weekend Mornings with Stirling Faux</i> . CKNW-980 Vancouver, August 12, 2022. https://open.spotify.com/episode/3BGHbpZpMtMbY2xDmsIzB3	2022
“Crypto platforms say they’re exchanges, but they’re more like banks”. <i>The Conversation</i> . August 11, 2022. https://theconversation.com/crypto-platforms-say-theyre-exchanges-but-theyre-more-like-banks-188339	2022

Invited talks, workshops, guest lectures

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

Membership and service

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

Convener and founder, International Political Economy Working Group University of Toronto.	2021-2023
Treasurer, Graduate Association of Students in Political Science University of Toronto.	2022-2023
Co-chair, Graduate Association of Students in Political Science University of Toronto.	2021-2022
Member, search committee for an assistant professor of international relations University of Toronto	2021-2022
Area representative for Public Policy, Graduate Association of Students in Political Science University of Toronto	2020-2022
Peer-review: <i>British Journal of Politics and International Relations</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

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

Languages

English (native); French (fluent)

References

Louis Pauly

J. Stefan Dupré Distinguished Professor of Political Economy
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