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Academic research positions

<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 Lipsky	
<i>Fields:</i> International relations; Public policy	
M.A., Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University	2019
B.A., Honours, International Political Economy, Bishop’s University	2016

Peer-reviewed publications

- O’Connell, William D. and Christian Elliott. (2023). “States and new markets: The novelty problem in the IPE of finance”. *Review of International Political Economy*. 30(2): 403-420. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09692290.2023.2165529>
- O’Connell, William D. (2022). “Silencing the crowd: China, the NBA, and leveraging market size to export censorship”. *Review of International Political Economy*. 29(4): 1112-1134. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09692290.2021.1905683>

Chapters in edited volumes

- O’Connell, William D. and Louis W. Pauly. (Forthcoming, 2025). “International Political Economy in Canada” in Murphy, Michael P. A. (ed.) *International Relations in Canada: Understanding the Field*. Palgrave Macmillan

Works in progress

- The Politics of Moral Hazard in International Finance (*book project*)
- “Principals, agents, and the discipline of planning: Evidence from the failure of Credit Suisse” (*under review*)

“EU integration as international relations: The Banking Union in a global perspective”
(*preparing for submission*)

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

“The three pillars of liquidity provision: Understanding the political economy of money and finance” (with Katharina Pistor, Matthias Thiemann, and Dario Laudati; *preparing as the introduction to a special issue*)

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*. (2019). 22(5): 222-223.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/11926422.2018.1553202>

Media and other writing

“Why weakening U.S. bank regulators could repeat the mistakes of the 2008 financial crisis”. *The Conversation*. April 14, 2025. <https://theconversation.com/why-weakening-u-s-bank-regulators-could-repeat-the-mistakes-of-the-2008-financial-crisis-254365>

“The budget’s tax changes on corporations and the wealthy are long overdue”. *The Globe and Mail*. 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/>

“Quebec’s out-of-province tuition hike is a major loss for the province and country”. *The Globe and Mail*. 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/>

“Translating politics into technocracy in the European Banking Union”. *American-German Institute*. August 22, 2023. <https://americangerman.institute/publication/translating-politics-into-technocracy-in-the-european-banking-union/>

“Think government is inefficient? That is exactly why we need to pay civil servants more”. *The Globe and Mail*. Online April 24, 2023 (print edition April 25, 2023).
<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/commentary/article-pay-civil-servants-more/>

“Banks do need to be taxed more – the budget’s new dividend tax was justified”. *The Globe and Mail*. Online March 30, 2023 (print edition March 31, 2023).
<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/commentary/article-federal-budget-dividend-bank-tax/>

Interview on *The Sam Laprade Show* 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>

“Was the SVB crash a one-off, or a warning sign?” Interview on *The Big Story Podcast*. March 16, 2023. <https://thebigstorypodcast.ca/2023/03/16/was-the-svb-crash-a-one-off-or-a-warning-sign/>

“Scam of the century? Cryptocurrency and the collapse of FTX”. Panelist on *The Debate with Francois Picard*, 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>

“A cryptocurrency primer – banks or exchanges? which are they?”. Interview on *Weekend Mornings with Stirling Faux*, CKNW-980 Vancouver, August 13, 2022. <https://open.spotify.com/episode/3BGHbpZpMtMbY2xDmsIzB3>

“Crypto platforms say they’re exchanges, but they’re more like banks”. *The Conversation*. August 11, 2022. <https://theconversation.com/crypto-platforms-say-theyre-exchanges-but-theyre-more-like-banks-188339>

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 (€60 000; declined)	2024
SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship (\$20 000)	2023
Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15 000)	2022
Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15 000)	2021
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
Noah Blackstein Graduate Fellowship in Political Economy (\$2 000)	2023

Teaching

<i>Instructor of record, University of Toronto</i>	
Topics in International Politics: The Politics of Global Finance	2023
<i>Teaching Assistant, University of Toronto</i>	
Global Political Economy I: History and Theory	2020; 2022; 2023
Global Political Economy II: Policy and Analysis	2022

International Law	2020
Introduction to International Relations	2021
Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning I	2019; 2021
Law and Global Business	2020
<i>Teaching Assistant, Carleton University</i>	
Introduction to Microeconomics	2017
Introduction to Statistics for Economics and Business	2018
Introduction to Statistics for International Affairs	2018
Research Methods for International Affairs	2019

Invited talks and guest lectures

“The systemic context of IPE”. Department of Political Science, *University of Toronto*. Toronto, ON. September 2023.

“Translating politics into technocracy: The European Banking Union in a global perspective”. American-German Institute, *Johns Hopkins University*. Washington, D.C. June 2023.

“Global finance: From Bretton Woods to the Global Financial Crisis”. Glendon College, *York University*. Toronto, ON. September 2022.

Membership and service

Co-chair, Graduate Association of Students in Political Science, University of Toronto, 2021-2022

Treasurer, Graduate Association of Students in Political Science, University of Toronto, 2022-2023

Area representative for Public Policy, Graduate Association of Students in Political Science, University of Toronto, 2020-2021; 2021-2022

Convener and founder, International Political Economy Working Group, University of Toronto, 2021-2022; 2022-2023

Peer-reviewer: *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*; *Journal of Sport and Social Issues*; *The Pacific Review*; *Review of International Political Economy*

Member: International Studies Association; Canadian Political Science Association

Research interests

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

Languages

English (native); French (fluent)

References

Louis Pauly

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