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ACADEMIC POSITION

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, McGill University, 2017-

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, University of Ottawa, Department of Political Studies, 2018

Dissertation: *Mobilizing Victimhood: Blaming and Claiming the Victim in Conservative Discourse in Canada*

- Awarded the 2019 Governor General Gold medal

Master of Arts, University of Ottawa, Political Studies and Feminist and Gender Studies, 2010

Bachelor of Arts, University of Calgary Political Science, 2007

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Paul Saurette and Kelly Gordon. 2016. *The Changing Voice of the Anti-Abortion Movement: The Rise of 'Pro-Woman' Rhetoric in Canada and the United States*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press

- Winner of the 2019 Seymour Lipset Best Book Award, American Political Science Association (APSA)
- Winner of the 2016 Donald Smiley Prize, Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA)

Refereed journals articles

Kelly Gordon. 2021. "Mobilizing Victimhood: Situating the victim in Canadian conservatism", *Canadian Journal of Political Science*

Paul Saurette and Kelly Gordon. 2013. "Arguing Abortion: The New Anti-Abortion Discourse in Canada", *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, 46(1), 157-185

- Winner of the 2014 John McMenemy Prize for best article published in the *Canadian Journal of Political Science*

Refereed book chapters

Kelly Gordon and Paul Saurette. 2021. "Representing the Cause: The Strategic Rebranding of the Anti-Abortion Movement in Canada", in *Representing Abortion* (ed. Rachel Hurst), Routledge.

Kelly Gordon and Paul Saurette. 2018. "The Future of Pro-Choice Discourse in Canada", in Shannon Stettner, Kristin Burnett, Travis Hay (eds) *Canadian Abortion Politics: History, Politics, and Reproductive Justice after Morgentaler*. Vancouver: UBC Press.

Book reviews

Kelly Gordon (2019), "After Morgentaler: The Politics of Abortion in Canada" by Rachael Johnstone, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*

Forthcoming/under review

Kelly Gordon (under review) "Coding Race: The Rise of Dog Whistle Politics in Conservative Party of Canada Crime Discourse," *Politics, Groups, and Identities*

Stéphanie Chouinard and Kelly Gordon (under review) “De l’hostilité ouverte au « gros bon sens » : Populisme de droite et anti-bilinguisme au Nouveau-Brunswick, 1980-2020” in *Les droites provinciales au Canada* (ed. Frédéric Boily), under contract with Presses de l’Université Laval

In preparation

Kelly Gordon, monograph, *The Rhizomatic Right: Mapping Conservatism in Canada*, under contract with University of Toronto Press

Kelly Gordon and Stéphanie Chouinard, “New Right, Old Francophobia? The Shifting Contours of Anti-Bilingual Populism in Canada,” to be submitted to *Journal of Canadian Studies*

Kelly Gordon and Paul Saurette, book chapter, “Anti-Abortion Politics in Comparison: A Movement in Flux”, in *Research Handbook on International Abortion Law* (ed. Mary Ziegler), under contract with Edwin Elgar Press.

Public Commentary (selected)

Kelly Gordon and Alanna Thain, “Reconsidering abortion 30 years after Morgentaler”, *Toronto Star*, October 9, 2018

Paul Saurette and Kelly Gordon, “Bring on Canada’s New Abortion Debate”, *Toronto Star*, May 20, 2014

Paul Saurette and Kelly Gordon, “Surely we can trust women with an ultrasound,” *Toronto Star*, May 14, 2013

Paul Saurette and Kelly Gordon, “The anti-abortion movement rebrands itself”, *Toronto Star*, January 12, 2012

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Awards

2019 Seymour Lipset Best Book Award to honor a significant contemporary contribution to the scholarship on Canadian politics

2019 Governor General’s Gold Medal of academic achievement

2019 CAGS/ProQuest-UMI Distinguished Dissertation Awards, short list

2019 Award for best honour seminar in Political Science, McGill Political Science Student Association

2018 Award for most accessible professor, McGill Political Science Student Association

2016 Donald Smiley Prize for the best book published in French or English field relating to the study of government or politics in Canada, Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA)

2014 John McMenemy Prize, awarded for the best article published in the *Canadian Journal of Political Science*

Grants

2021-2022 SSRC Internal Award, McGill University (\$7,000)

2018-2020 FRQSC Soutien aux équipes, co-investigateur (\$367,404)

2017-2018 SSHRC Connections grant, co-applicant, 2017-2018 (\$37,600)

2017 SSHRC Post-Doctoral Fellowship, 2017 (\$81,000) (declined for tenure track position)

2015 The SSHRC Award to Scholarly Publication Program (\$8,000)

2015 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15,000)

2013-2015 SSHRC Doctoral (\$40,000)

2011-2016 PhD Excellence Scholarship, University of Ottawa (\$19,000/year)

PRESENTATIONS (selected)

- 2021 (forthcoming, June): “Feeling Blue, Seeing Red: Mapping Affect and Emotion Across the Partisan Divide in Canada” (with Michael Orsini), Canadian Political Science Association Conference, online due to COVID.
- 2021 (forthcoming, June): “Gender and Conservatism in an Era of Trudeau Feminism,” Canadian Political Science Association Conference, online due to COVID.
- 2021 (forthcoming, May): “Representing the Cause: The Strategic Rebranding of the Anti-Abortion Movement in Canada” (with Paul Saurette), Women’s and Gender Studies et Recherches Féministes, online due to COVID.
- 2020 (accepted, cancelled due to COVID): “New Right, Old Francophobia? The changing face of right-wing anti-bilingualism in New Brunswick”, International Political Science Association Conference, Lisbon, Portugal.
- 2020 (accepted, Cancelled due to COVID): “Coding Race: The Rise of Penal Populism in Canadian Conservative Party Politics”, Canadian Political Science Association Conference, London, ON.
- 2019 (June): “New Right, Old Francophobia: The changing face of right-wing anti-bilingualism in New Brunswick” (with Stephanie Chouinard), Canadian Political Science Association Conference, Vancouver, BC
- 2019 (June): “The dog that didn’t bark: Comparing dog whistle politics in Canada and the United States” (with Debra Thompson), Canadian Political Science Association Conference, Vancouver, BC
- 2018 (September): “The Politics of Victimhood: Gender, Political Persuasion, and Discourses of Victimization in the Framing of Bill c-36”, Prairie Political Science Association Conference, Banff, AB
- 2018 (May): “Gendering Political Persuasion: Sex Work, Bill c-36, and Discourse of Victimization in Canadian Conservatism” Canadian Political Science Association Conference, Regina, SK
- 2018 (April): “Victimology 101: Discourses of Victimization in the Conservative Movement in Canada, International Feminist Journal of Politics Conference, San Francisco , CA
- 2017 (September): “Gendering Political Persuasion: Gender, the Politics of Victimhood, and Canadian Conservatism”, Canadian Prairie Political Science Association Conference, Banff Centre, Banff, AB
- 2016 (June): “Sex Work, Bill C-36 and Conservative Ideology in Canada”, Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA)’s Annual Conference, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB.
- 2016 (May): “The Changing Voice of the Anti-Abortion Movement”, CIHR Training Program in Health Law, Ethics and Policy Conference, McGill and University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON.
- 2015 (August): “Un débat en transformation: le nouveau discours du mouvement contre l’avortement au Canada”, Congrès international des recherches féministes dans la francophonie, L’Université du Québec à Montréal.
- 2015 (June): “Think About the Men!?: The Men’s Rights Movement in Canada”, Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA)’s Annual Conference, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON.
- 2015 (September): “Gender and Ideology: Masculinity and Conservatism in Canada”, Prairie Political Science Association (PPSA)’s Annual Conference, Banff, AB.
- 2015 (August): “Men, Masculinity, and Anti-Abortion Discourse in Canada”, Abortion: The

Unfinished Revolution's Annual Conference, University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, PEI.

- 2014 (July): "Gender and Ideology: Masculinity and Conservatism in Canada", International Political Science Association (IPSA)'s Annual Conference, Montreal, QC.
- 2013 (June): "Who speaks for women?: An analysis of the abortion debate in Canada" (panel organizer), Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA)'s Annual Conference, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC.
- 2013 (June): "We are all progressives now!: Rebranding and the Anti-Abortion Movement in Canada" (with Paul Saurette), Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA)'s Annual Conference, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC.
- 2012 (June): "From Jezebels to Snow White: The Shifting Representations of Women in Canadian Anti-Abortion discourse" (with Paul Saurette and Kathryn Trevenen), Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA)'s Annual Conference, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB.
- 2011 (April): "Chantal Mouffe et le féminisme", Conférence Chantal Mouffe, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON.
- 2009 (May): "Anti-Abortion Discourse in Canada", Gender(ed) Politics Symposium, McGill University, Montreal, QC.

Invited presentations (selected)

- 2020 (January): "Women in the House", Women in the House Orientation, McGill University, Montreal, QC
- 2019 (November): "The State of Contemporary Populism in Canada", Parkland Institute Conference, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB
- 2019 (November): "Populism in Canada", Political Science Student Association Brunch, McGill University, Montreal, QC
- 2018 (October): "Mobilizing Victimhood: Blaming and claiming the victim in conservative discourse in Canada", Equisse Speaker series, McGill University, Montreal
- 2018 (January): "The Abortion Debate and Law in Canada," McGill University, Department of Law
- 2016 (October): "Violence sexuelle et culture du viol sur les campus: l'état de la situation", University of Ottawa, FemAvi Conference, Ottawa, ON.
- 2016 (April): "The Rise of 'Pro-Woman' Anti-abortion Rhetoric in Canada and the US", National Abortion Federation (NAF)'s Annual Meeting, Austin, TX.
- 2016 (March): "Access is Equality: Reconceiving Reproductive Justice", LEAF Ottawa Silent Auction and Open Panel Discussion (Moderator), University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON.
- 2016 (March): "QDA Miner and Critical Discourse Analysis", Graduate workshop, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON
- 2015 (September): "Teaching Assistant Training: Dealing with Harassment at the University of Ottawa"/ "Formation pour les assistants d'enseignement : Comment faire face au harcèlement", University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON.
- 2014 (October): "Le débat canadien sur l'avortement," Centre de santé des femmes de Montréal, Montréal, QC.
- 2014 (October): "Le débat canadien sur l'avortement," Comité de vigilance, Montréal, QC.
- 2014 (April): "The Abortion Debate in Canada", National Abortion Federation's Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Delivered inaugural Dr. Gary Romalis Lecture.

2013 (May): “Abortion Rights and the Labour Movement in Canada”, Canadian Labour Congress Women’s Caucus, Annual Meeting, Ottawa, ON.

2013 (April): “The Changing Face of Canada’s Anti-Abortion Movement”, National Abortion Federation’s Annual Meeting, New York, Keynote for NAF Canada meeting.

Roundtables, and respondent or discussant presentation

2021 (April): Research Group on Constitutional Studies Conference, “Challenges and Prospects in Canadian Constitutionalism,” McGill University (roundtable participant)

2019 (June): Canadian Political Science Conference, “Not Just Because it’s 2019: Intersectional Politics in the New Trudeau Era”, University of British Columbia (panel discussant)

2019 (June) Canadian Political Science Conference, “Canadian Public Policy”, University of British Columbia (panel discussant)

2018 (November): Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, “US Politics: The view from Canada”, Montreal QC (roundtable participant)

2018 (May): Yan Centre Conference, “Political Science as/and/in Political Theory Conference”, McGill University (panel discussant)

2018 (May) Canadian Political Science Association Conference, “The slow movement”, (roundtable discussant)

2018 (March) Institute for the Study of International Development’s Annual conference, “Unpacking women’s empowerment”, (panel chair)

2018 (February) Research Group on Constitutional Studies (RGCS), “Victimology 101: Blaming, Making, and Protecting the Victim” (paper workshop)

2018 (February) Research Week in Social Sciences, “Collaborative research”, University of Ottawa (panel participant)

2018 (April) JUST Review, “Gender equity in literature and academia” McGill University (panel participant)

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

Teaching

POLI 222: Introduction to Canadian Politics (forthcoming in Fall 2021)

POLI 379: Gender and Canadian Politics

POLI 410: Canadian political parties

POLI 521: Undergraduate honour seminar: Challenges to the Canadian state

POLI 616: Graduate seminar: Feminist theories

Guest lectures (selected)

SOCI 225 (Gender and the State): “Abortion and the State”

POLI 200 (Introduction to Politics): “Introduction to Feminism”; “Introduction to Political Parties”

POLI 222 (Political Process and Behaviour in Canada): “Introduction to Feminism”

POLI 210 (Political Science Research Methods): “Introduction to Discourse Analysis”

WMST 270 (Feminism and Sexualities) : “The Politics of Reproduction”

SOCI 6000 (Qualitative Methodologies): “Introduction to Discourse Analysis”

Student supervision and advising

PhD supervision/advising:

Supervisor:

Tyler Loohuizen (McGill, Political Science), incoming Fall 2021

Advising committee:

Chris Erl (McGill, Geography)

Michael Fournier-Simard (McGill, Political Science)

Gunnar Sigvaldason (University of Iceland, Political Science)

External examiner:

Skye Miner (McGill, Biomedical Ethics) (2018)

Kathryn LaRoche (University of Ottawa, Health Sciences) (2020)

PhD comprehensive exam committee (Political Science):

oral and written: Aengus Bridgman; Rose Chabot; Priyanka Banerjee; Mathieu Lavigne

written: Michael Fournier-Simard

MA supervision/advising:

Supervision:

graduated: Tyler Loohuizen (Political Science); Stephanie Bourassa (Political Science); Alexandra Sakellariou (Political Science and IGSF)

in progress: Sasha Masabanda (Political Science and Development Studies); Majka Hahn (Political Science); Cecile Weber (Political Science); Tayana Simpson (Political Science and IGSF)

Second reader:

Cate Duin; Aidan Gilchrist-Blackwood; Victoria Coates; Laurence LeBlanc; Merium Mezdour; Shelby Johnson

Undergraduate supervision/advising:

Honours thesis: Elizabeth Winton; Kyle Stewart; Kate Marr-Laing; Francis Lee; Wynn Rederberg

Internship supervision: Lucas Brown; Charles Choi; Shira Garbis

Independent study: Catharina O'Donnell; Steven Stechly; Alex Yiannoutsos; Theadora Brock

SERVICE

Jury member for Canadian Political Science Association's Donald Smiley Book prize (2021)

Committee for the selection of a new departmental chair, Representative for the rank of Assistant Professor (2021)

Jury member for American Political Science Association's Seymour Lipset Book prize (2020)

Canadian politics subfield coordinator, Department of Political Science, McGill University, 2019-

Equity Advisor, Department of Political Science, McGill University, 2018-

Undergraduate majors and minors' advisor, Department of Political Science, McGill University, 2018-2019

Committee on Norm and Practices, Department of Political Science, McGill University, 2018.

Arts Scholarship Committee, Faculty of Arts, McGill University, 2018-2020.

Co-organizer of "Abortion Beyond Bounds" Conference and Symposium, McGill University, October

2018.

Action Team on Sexual Violence, University of Ottawa, 2014-2016.

Subcommittee for Preventing Sexual Violence in Sport, University of Ottawa, 2014-2016

Subcommittee for the Development of a Stand-Alone Sexual Violence Policy, University of Ottawa, 2015-2016 (new policy was passed in June 2016)

Task Force on Equality and Respect, task force member, University of Ottawa, 2014-2015 (final report tabled in February 2015)

Peer reviewer, *University of Toronto Press; Canadian Journal of Political Studies; Social Movement Studies; Critical Discourse Studies; Political Psychology; Public Administration; Journal of Public Administration; Journal of Social Psychology; Politics and Gender*

Media commentary and interviews, *Vice News Tonight; Radio Canada; Macleans; Toronto Star, CBC radio and news, CBC's The Current; CTV; Vice News, The Washington Times, Globe and Mail, National Post, The Mark, Reginal Leader Post, Toronto Now; Chatelaine; Vice News Canada; CBC's Homerun*