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Appointments

University of Toronto

Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science 2024–
Research Fellow, PEARL, the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy 2017–
Course Instructor, Department of Political Science Summers 2019-2022

Education

University of Toronto

Ph.D. in Political Science 2024

Fields: Comparative Politics; Comparative Public Policy

Dissertation: “How the Ethical Positions of Voters and Politicians Matter in a Democracy”

Committee: Professors Peter Loewen (supervisor), Christopher Cochrane, André Blais (Université de Montréal), Michael Donnelly and Timothy Ryan (UNC, Chapel Hill)

Hertie School, The University of Governance in Berlin, Germany

Master of Public Policy (MPP) 2014-2016

Fields: Policy Analysis (Quantitative Methods)

Thesis: “Does Political Instability Induce Election Violence?” *First Class Honours with Distinction*

Committee: Professors Mark Andreas Kayser (supervisor) and Andrea Römmele

University of Dhaka

M.S.S. in Political Science (*Top 2%*) 2011-2012

B.S.S. (Hons.) in Political Science (*Top 2%*) 2007-2011

Peer-Reviewed Publications

[Google Scholar citations = 70](#)

Donnelly, Michael J., **Md Mujahedul Islam**, and Justin Savoie. “The public face of interest group lobbying on immigration: Who responds to and who ignores what they say.” *Journal of European Social Policy* (2020): 543-556. [Link to download.](#)

Allen Stevens, Benjamin, **Md Mujahedul Islam**, Roosmarijn de Geus, Jonah Goldberg, John R. McAndrews, Alex Mierke-Zatwarnicki, Peter John Loewen, and Daniel Rubenson. “Local Candidate Effects in Canadian Elections.” *Canadian Journal of Political Science* (2019): 83-96. [Link to download.](#)

Papers Under Review/Submitted

[*Draft is available upon request]

“Ethical Distance Diminishes Democratic Attitudes in Advanced Democracies”.*

“Voters Punish Politicians Whose Ethical Views Do Not Match Their Society’s Views” (W/ Peter Loewen).*

“Who Distances Most from Society’s Ethical Core? Descriptive Evidence from the United States and Canada.”*

“Does Democratic Representation Work Better in Smaller Populations?” (W/ Peter Loewen, Jonah Goldberg and John R. McAndrews).*

“Ideological Heterogeneity and Voter Turnout.” (W/ Peter Loewen, Daniel Rubenson, Roosmarijn de Geus and Benjamin Stevens).*

Working Papers

“Does Presenting Attributes in a Fixed Versus a Randomized Order Affect the Relative Effect of Each Attribute?”	Polmeth 2024, APSA 2024
“Do Voters Disapprove of Politicians Who Take Erroneous Positions on Ethical Matters?” OSF Preregistration	MPSA 2023
“Artificial Influence’: Can AI Reduce Belief Certainty?” W/ Natasha Goel, Thomas Bergeron, Blake Lee-Whiting, Clareta Treger, Thomas Galipeau, Danielle Bohonos, Sarah Lachance, and Eric Merkley. OSF Preregistration	PEARL 2024
“The Role of Issue Partisanship and Party Cues in Voter Decision-Making” W/ Sarah Lachance, Clareta Treger, Peter Loewen, Thomas Bergeron, Thomas Galipeau, Semra Sevi, and Blake Lee-Whiting. OSF Preregistration	MPSA 2024
“External Sources of Opinion Formation and the Dynamics of Electoral Behavior: Evidence from Canadian Voters.” (W/ Muhibbur Rahman).	MPSA 2021

Awards, Grants and Fellowships

External

SSHRC Explore Grant (Co-PI, with Asadullah and Rahman): \$6,000.00 CAD	2023-2025
Canada Student Award: \$10,996.00 CAD	2022-2024
The 1st Annual Meeting of MENA & Asian Political Methodology Award: Approx. \$4,000 USD	2024
The 41st Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology Award: \$1,000 USD	2024
The 37th Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology Award: \$1,000.00 CAD	2020
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference Scholarship: £100	2020
University of Michigan ICPSR Quantitative Methods Summer Program Stipend: \$777.00 USD	2020

University of Toronto

Policy, Elections, and Representation Lab (PEARL) Fellowship: \$111,500.00 CAD	2017-2024
Doctoral Completion Award: \$11,000.00 CAD	2022-2023
Faculty of Arts and Science Fellowship: \$45,544.49 CAD	2017-2022
Teaching Buy-out Completion Award: \$9,700.00 CAD	2021-2022
Faculty of Arts and Science Tuition Fellowship: \$57,853.00 CAD	2017-2022
PEARL Scholarship for Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods: £750.00	2022
Political Science Dept. Grant for ICPSR Summer Program: \$8,552.22 CAD	2020-2022
Graduate Program Award: \$15,058.30 CAD	2020-2023
Graduate Program Travel and Conference Award: \$5,284.91 CAD	2021-2024
Graduate Expansion Funding: \$900.00 CAD	2020-2021
Department of Political Science Course Instructor Fund: \$768.04 CAD	2021
Faculty of Arts and Science Program-Level Fellowship: \$4,623.50 CAD	2018-2021
Faculty of Arts & Science Graduate Student Bursary - Covid-19: \$1000.00 CAD	2020-2021
Political Science Dept. Grant, 6th Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections: \$1,000.00 CAD	2018
PEARL Scholarship, 6th Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections: \$1000.00 CAD	2018

Hertie School

Hertie School MPP Tuition Fellowship: €22, 125.00	2014-2016
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Stipend: €750.00	2015

University of Dhaka

Political Science Merit Scholarship for Top-Ranked Student in M.S.S.	2012
Political Science Merit Scholarship for Ranking 1 st in B.S.S. (Honours)	2011
University of Dhaka Master Da Surja Sen Hal ‘Best English and Bangla Debate Awards’	2008

Teaching Experience

[*Full-Year Required Research Methods Course

**Quantitative Methods Course within Methods Sequence

†Statistical software taught: R/Rstudio/Stata]

Course Instructor

Undergraduate-Quantitative Methods (University of Toronto)

Methods*†

Course Evaluation: 4.3/5.0	Summer 2022
Course Evaluation: 4.5/5.0	Summer 2021
Course Evaluation: 4.4/5.0	Summer 2020
Course Evaluation: 4.7/5.0	Summer 2019

Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning II**†

Course Evaluation: 4.4/5.0	Summer 2022
Course Evaluation: 4.0/5.0	Summer 2021

Undergraduate-Quantitative Methods (University of Toronto)

Research Methods for Political Science I	Fall 2024
Research Methods for Political Science II**†	Winter 2024
Political Analysis 1†	Summers 2023-2024
Applied Statistics for Politics and Public Policy†	Winter 2023
Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning II**†	Winters 2021-2024
Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning I	Falls 2021-2023
Topics in Methods: Using Data to Understand Politics and Society**	Fall 2021

Graduate-Quantitative Methods [UofT, Michigan & Hertie School]

Quantitative Methods for Policy Analysis (MPP students) [UofT]	Fall 2024
Statistics for Political Scientists†(Required for Political Science Ph.D) [UofT]	Falls 2018, 2021
Statistics and Data Analysis I†[ICPSR Program, University of Michigan]	Summer 2021
Statistics II: Time-Series and Panel Data**†(MPP students) [Hertie School]	Winter 2017
Statistics I: Descriptives, Inference and Regression†(MPP students) [Hertie School]	Fall 2016

Teaching Assistant

Undergraduate-Substantive (University of Toronto)

Current Topics in Politics	Summer 2024
Public Opinion and Voting	Winter 2023
Politics and Government in South Asia	Fall 2022
Public Policy Making	Fall 2018, Winter 2020
The Real World of Politics	Fall 2020
Politics in a Global World	Winter 2019
Democracy, Dictatorship, War, and Peace	Fall 2017, Winter 2018

Invited Talks

Harvard University, Department of Government	2024
Lakehead University, Department of Political Science	2024
New York University Abu Dhabi, Political Science	2023-2024
University of California Riverside, UCR School of Public Policy	2023
Wake Forest University, Department of Politics and International Affairs	2023
University of British Columbia, Department of Political Science	2022

Methodological Training

University of Oxford

Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods

2022

Courses: Hierarchical Models (Andreas Murr); Analysing Twitter Data (Christopher Barrie)

University of Michigan–Ann Arbor

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods

2020-2022

Courses: Modern Difference in Difference Designs (John Poe); Bayesian Analysis (Gustavo Sanchez); Multilevel & Mixed Models (Rose Medeiros); Meta-Analysis Techniques (Mariola Moeyaert); Data Visualization (Robert Cooper); Structural Equation Models with Latent Variables (Douglas Baer)

Université de Montréal

The 4th Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections

2018

University of Toronto

Graduate Courses: Computer-Assisted Textual Analysis (Ludovic Rheault); Statistics for Political Scientists (Michael Donnelly); Quantitative Methods & Data Analysis (Ludovic Rheault); Data Analysis of Social Networks (Deena Abul-Fottouh); Ethics & Data Science (Rohan Alexander)

Workshops: Survey Methods and Use (Michael Donnelly); Research Ethics in the Social Sciences & Humanities (Dean Sharpe and Edward Schatz); Web-Based Data Collection and Management (Olga Chyzh); Political Science Statistical Computing Bootcamp (Greg Distelhorst)

Hertie School, The University of Governance in Berlin

2014-2016

Graduate Courses: Applied Logistic Regression (Michaela Kreyenfeld); Event History and Applied Longitudinal Data Analysis (Michaela Kreyenfeld); Behavioural Economics and Experimental Policy Analysis (Christian Traxler); Collaborative Social Science Data Analysis (Christopher Gandrud)

Skills

Statistical Software: R/RStudio; Stata; Python; SPSS

Online Survey Software: Qualtrics (survey & experimental design)

Teaching Management Platforms: Quercus, Moodle & Blackboard

Online Teaching Tools: Zoom; Blackboard Collaborate; Microsoft Teams & Gotomeeting

Document Markup Language: L^AT_EX & R Markdown

Bibliography Management: BibT_EX, Citavi & EndNote

Pair programming: Git/GitHub

Languages: English (fluent), Bangla (fluent), Arabic (basic), and German (basic)

Conference Presentations

[*Presented by co-author

†Cancelled]

The 41st Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (UC Riverside) 2024

The Annual MENA and Asian Political Methodology Conference (NYU Abu Dhabi) 2024

The Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago) 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021

The Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association 2024 [scheduled], 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020

The Annual Meeting of Canadian Political Science Association 2021* 2020†

The 5th International Conference on Public Policy 2021†

The 11th Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association 2021

The Annual Meeting European Consortium for Political Research 2020

International Workshop on Immigration and the Welfare State (University of Lausanne) 2021*

Public Issues and Public Reason Conference, Carleton University 2017

The Annual Meeting of Global Public Policy Network 2014 (Brazil), 2015 (Germany)

Service and Leadership Experience

<i>Co-organizer</i> - Political Behavior Group, University of Toronto (U of T).	2020-present
<i>Co-founder & Convenor</i> - Quantitative Methods Cluster, Dept. of Political Science, U of T.	2020-2023
<i>Comparative Politics Field Representative</i> -Dept. of Political Science, U of T	2020-2023
<i>Book Reviewer</i> - An R Companion to Political Analysis . SAGE Publishing.	2021
<i>Graduate Student Representative</i> - Faculty Search Committee, University of Toronto	2021
<i>Conference service & Co-host</i> - Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology	2020
<i>Editor</i> - Comparative Politics & Methods Sections, The U of T Journal of Political Science	2018-19
<i>Editor</i> - The Governance Post, Hertie School in Berlin	2014-2016

Pedagogical Training

University of Toronto

<i>Workshops for Course Instructors and Sessional Lecturers</i>	2019-2022
Inclusive & Accessible Pedagogy (Ann Gagne); Indigenous Pedagogies & Decolonization (Sarena Johnson); Mental Health (Students & Instructors) (Chad Jankowski); Pedagogies of Care & Kindness (D. Ashbourne); TA Management (Ryan Hurl); New Situation & Adjustments of Policies (Alana Boland)	

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association	2018-present
Midwest Political Science Association	2019-present
Canadian Political Science Association	2021-present
The Society for Political Methodology	2024, 2022, 2021, 2020
International Public Policy Association	2023, 2022, 2021, 2020

Research Experience

<i>Research Assistant to Peter Loewen</i> - University of Toronto	Sept. 2017-Aug. 2024
<i>Research Assistant to Randy Besco</i> - University of Toronto	Jan. 2020-Aug. 2020
<i>Research Associate to Mark Kayser</i> - Hertie School in Berlin	Dec. 2014-July 2017
<i>Research Internship</i> - The United Nations Secretariat, USA	Jun.-Aug. 2015
<i>Research Assistant</i> -BIGD, BRAC University, Bangladesh	May-Aug. 2014
<i>Research Officer</i> - Centre for Governance Studies, Bangladesh	Jan. 2013-Apr. 2014
<i>Research Internship</i> - Democracy International, Bangladesh	Jan. 2012-July 2012

Original Datasets

Ethical Principles in Media News: Impact on Democracy	2024
Disagreement over Ethical versus Policy Issues and Candidate Evaluation	2023
Ethical Disagreement, Candidate Support and Support for Democracy	2021, 2020

Citizenship

Canadian, Bangladeshi

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