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AFFILIATIONS

2015- Founder and Member of the Courts & Politics Research Group

PAST AFFILIATIONS

2014-2016 Member of the Editorial Board and Fellow, Mowat Centre
School of Public Policy & Governance, University of Toronto

2011-2012 Senior Instructor, Department of Political Science
University of Victoria

2010-2011 Visiting Researcher, Harvard Law School
and SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard University

2009-2010 Associate, Canada Program
Weatherhead Center for International Affairs
and SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard University

EDUCATION

2010 Ph.D., Political Studies, Queen's University
Major fields of specialization: Canadian Politics, Comparative
Politics
Supervisor: Dr. Janet Hiebert
Dissertation Title: *The Supreme Court of Canada and the Judicial
Role: An Historical Institutionalist Approach*

2005 M.A., Political Studies, Queen's University
Supervisor: Dr. Kathy Brock
M.A. Thesis Title: *Reforming the Judicial Appointments Process to
the Supreme Court of Canada: A Comparative Approach*

- 2003 B.A. (Honors), Political Science and Media, Information and Technoculture, University of Western Ontario
* *Graduated with Distinction*
- 2003 Certificate in Writing, University of Western Ontario
* *Completed with Distinction*

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

2018. *Policy Change, Courts, and the Canadian Constitution*. University of Toronto Press. (edited)
2016. *Constitutional Amendment in Canada*. University of Toronto Press. (edited)
2013. *Governing from the Bench: The Judicial Role and the Supreme Court of Canada*. UBC Press.

Journal Articles:

2018. "Positive Rights and Section 15 of the Charter: Addressing a Dilemma." *National Journal of Constitutional Law*. 38(1): 147-168.
2018. "'You Can't Always Get What You Want': Regime Politics, the Supreme Court of Canada, and the Harper Government." *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. 51(1): 1-21. [Prepublished on September 11, 2017. DOI: 10.1017/S0008423917000981]
2018. "The Impact and Role of Officers of Parliament: Canada's Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner." *Canadian Public Administration*. 61(1): 5-25. (with Gwyneth Bergman).
2017. "Dialogue, Remedies, and Positive Rights: *Carter v. Canada* as Microcosm for Past and Future Issues under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms." *Ottawa Law Review*. 49(1): 107-29. [Note: this article was first published in March, 2018]
2016. "Constitutional Constraints on Electoral Reform in Canada: Why Parliament is (Mostly) Free to Implement a New Voting System." *Supreme Court Law Review*. 76(2d): 399-417.
2015. "Unsteady Architecture: Ambiguity, the Senate Reference, and the Future of Constitutional Amendment in Canada." *McGill Law Journal*. 60(4): 883-903.

2015. "Public Policy, Rights, and Abortion Access in Canada." *International Journal of Canadian Studies*. 51: 97-120. (with Rachael Johnstone)
2014. "The Dilemma of Positive Rights: Access to Health Care and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms." *Journal of Canadian Studies*. 48(2): 49-78. [Note: this article was first published in August, 2015].
2013. "Dialogue or Compliance? Measuring Legislatures' Policy Responses to Court Rulings on Rights." *International Political Science Review*. 34(1): 39-56. Prepublished on April 13, 2012. DOI: 10.1177/0192512111432565
2012. "Conceptual Precision and Parliamentary Systems of Rights: Disambiguating 'Dialogue'." *Review of Constitutional Studies*. 17(2): 73-100.
2012. "Failing to Walk the Rights Talk? Post-9/11 Security Policy and the Supreme Court of Canada." *Review of Constitutional Studies*. 16(2): 159-79.
2010. "Consensus and Unanimity at the Supreme Court of Canada." *Supreme Court Law Review*. 52: 379-410.
2009. "Administration at the Supreme Court of Canada: Challenges and Change in the Charter Era." *Canadian Public Administration*. 52(1): 1-21.
2008. "Terms of Entitlement: Is there a Distinctly Canadian 'Rights Talk'?" *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. 41(2): 303-28.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters:

2018. "Judicial Policy Impact in Canada," in Emmett Macfarlane, ed., *Policy Change, Courts, and the Canadian Constitution*. (University of Toronto Press).
2018. "Policy Influence and Its Limits: Assessing the Power of Courts and the Constitution," in Emmett Macfarlane, ed., *Policy Change, Courts, and the Canadian Constitution*. (University of Toronto Press).
2018. "The Future of Constitutional Change in Canada: Examining Our Legal, Political, and Jurisprudential Straitjacket." in Richard Albert, Paul Daly, and Vanessa MacDonnell eds., *The Canadian Constitution in Transition*. (University of Toronto Press).
2017. "Conservative with the Constitution? Moderation, Strategy, and Institutional Distrust." in J.P. Lewis and Joanna Everitt, eds., *The Blueprint: Conservative Parties and their Impact on Canadian Politics*. (University of Toronto Press).

2016. "Striking a Balance: The Players and Procedures of Canada's Constitutional Amending Formula," in Emmett Macfarlane, ed., *Constitutional Amendment in Canada*. (University of Toronto Press).

2016. "The Uncertain Future of Senate Reform," in Emmett Macfarlane, ed., *Constitutional Amendment in Canada*. (University of Toronto Press).

2016. "The Future of Canadian Constitutional Amendment," in Emmett Macfarlane, ed., *Constitutional Amendment in Canada*. (University of Toronto Press).

Other Book Chapters:

In press. "Reasonable Accommodation, Diversity, and the Supreme Court of Canada."

2017. "Electoral Reform is Not a Rights Issue," in Andrew Potter, Daniel Weinstock and Peter Loewen, eds., *Should We Change How We Vote? Evaluating Canada's Electoral System*. (McGill-Queen's University Press).

Other Articles:

2016. "Who Canadians actually elect." *Policy Options*. (September).

2015. "Much ado about little: Harper's judicial appointments." *Policy Options*. (October).

2015. "Senate Reform: The Good. The Bad, and the Constitutional." *Policy Options*. (September).

2014. "Is it Time for Environmental Rights? Parliament, not the courts, should decide." *Policy Options*. 35(2): 37-9.

2013. "Supreme Confusion." *Policy Options*. 34(3): 45-8.

2013. "Positive Rights." *CBA National Magazine*. 22(3): 42-5.

Policy Reports/Briefs:

2016. Submission to the House of Commons Electoral Reform Committee. 1-5.

Review Essay:

2007. "Attitudinal Decision Making in the Supreme Court of Canada." *Queen's Law Journal*. 33(1): 249-59.

Book Reviews:

2016. "Due South: Are Canada's constitutional values becoming more American?" *Literary Review of Canada*. (March) 24(2): 24-5.

2010. "Jeffrey Brand-Ballard, *Limits of Legality: The Ethics of Lawless Judging*. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2010)." *Law & Politics Book Review*. 20(11): 590-4.

Op-eds:

"The Supreme Court is being unjustifiably secretive about its internal deliberations." CBC. May 18, 2018. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/opinion/supreme-court-embargo-1.4667476>

"In its 'free-the-beer' ruling, the Supreme Court reveals its contradictions." *Maclean's*. April 19, 2018. <http://www.macleans.ca/opinion/in-its-free-the-beer-ruling-the-supreme-court-reveals-its-contradictions/>

"Richard Wagner is the right choice to be Supreme Court chief justice." *Maclean's*. December 13, 2017. <http://www.macleans.ca/opinion/richard-wagner-is-the-right-choice-to-be-supreme-court-chief-justice/>

"Laurier's apology to Lindsay Shepherd was hardly a victory for free speech." CBC. November 22, 2017. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/opinion/laurier-free-speech-1.4414696>

"Quebec law banning face coverings is neither neutral nor constitutional." CBC. October 19, 2017. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/opinion/quebec-neutrality-law-1.4360942>

"Proposing amendments isn't Senate activism. It's the Senate's job." *Maclean's*. June 19, 2017. <http://www.macleans.ca/opinion/proposing-amendments-isnt-senate-activism-its-the-senates-job/>

"McLachlin leaves behind a confident Supreme Court." *Ottawa Citizen*. June 12, 2017. <http://ottawacitizen.com/opinion/columnists/macfarlane-mclachlin-leaves-behind-a-confident-supreme-court>

"The chilling effect of a McGill University tweet on its scholars." *Maclean's*. March 22, 2017. <http://www.macleans.ca/news/canada/the-chilling-effect-of-a-mcgill-university-tweet-on-its-scholars/>

"How a new appointments process ushers in Supreme Court transparency." *Maclean's*. August 2, 2016. <http://www.macleans.ca/news/canada/how-a-new-appointment-process-ushers-in-supreme-court-transparency/>

- “Why a referendum on electoral reform? Because this isn’t ordinary legislation.” *Globe and Mail*. August 1, 2016. <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/why-a-referendum-on-electoral-reform-because-this-isnt-ordinary-legislation/article31205599/>
- “Here’s how Canada should vet its Supreme Court nominees.” *National Post*. April 4, 2016. <http://news.nationalpost.com/full-comment/emmett-macfarlane-heres-how-canada-should-vet-its-supreme-court-nominees>
- “Supreme Court fumbles again on assisted dying.” *Globe and Mail*. January 15, 2016. <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/globe-debate/supreme-court-fumbles-again-on-assisted-dying/article28228455/>
- “How to build a better Senate? Reform it from the inside.” *Maclean’s*. December 3, 2015. <http://www.macleans.ca/politics/ottawa/how-to-build-a-better-senate-reform-it-from-the-inside/>
- “Who’s the more progressive, the Liberals or the NDP?” *Ottawa Citizen*. August 14, 2015. <http://ottawacitizen.com/opinion/columnists/emmett-macfarlane-whos-more-progressive-the-liberals-or-the-ndp>
- “Denis Coderre vs. Ottawa on supervised injection sites.” *Maclean’s*. June 8, 2015. <http://www.macleans.ca/politics/ottawa/coderre-vs-ottawa-on-supervised-injection-sites/>
- “Harper’s needless niqab fight.” *National Post*. March 23, 2015. <http://news.nationalpost.com/2015/03/23/emmett-macfarlane-harpers-needless-niqab-fight/>
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- “On assisted suicide, the Supreme Court confronts Parliament’s cowardice.” *Maclean’s*. February 6, 2015. <http://www.macleans.ca/politics/on-assisted-suicide-the-supreme-court-confronts-parliaments-cowardice/>
- “A tough day at the Supreme Court for supporters of a ban on assisted suicide.” *Maclean’s*. October 16, 2014. <http://www.macleans.ca/politics/a-tough-day-at-the-supreme-court-for-supporters-of-a-ban-on-assisted-suicide/>
- “The Supreme Court confronts assisted suicide, again.” *Maclean’s*. October 14, 2014. <http://www.macleans.ca/politics/supreme-court-assisted-suicide/>
- “Why we can’t just ignore the Senate and hope it goes away.” *Maclean’s*. July 14, 2014. <http://www.macleans.ca/politics/why-we-cant-just-ignore-the-senate-and-hope-it-goes-away/>

- “Was this the most offensive question ever asked by an MP?” *Globe and Mail*. July 8, 2014. <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/globe-debate/was-this-the-most-offensive-question-ever-asked-by-an-mp/article19503193>
- “Did the Supreme Court just kill Senate reform?” *Maclean's*. April 25, 2014. <http://www.macleans.ca/politics/did-the-supreme-court-just-kill-senate-reform/>
- “The Supreme Court’s remarkable rejection of Marc Nadon.” *Maclean's*. March 21, 2014. <http://www.macleans.ca/politics/the-supreme-courts-remarkable-rejection-of-marc-nadon/>
- “Flaherty’s fatal flaw: an opaque approach to policy.” *Globe and Mail*. March 19, 2014. <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/globe-debate/opaque-omnibus-budgets-aside-flahertys-policies-were-well-grounded/article17562312/>
- “The risks of real-world consulting.” *University Affairs*. March 12, 2014. <http://www.universityaffairs.ca/the-risks-of-real-world-consulting.aspx>
- “The Supreme Court Act reference.” *CBA National Magazine*. February 5, 2014. <http://nationalmagazine.ca/Articles/February-2014-WEB/The-Supreme-Court-Act-reference.aspx>
- “A fundamental question about Justin Trudeau’s Senate move.” *Macleans.ca*. January 29, 2014. <http://www2.macleans.ca/2014/01/29/a-fundamental-question-about-justin-trudeaus-senate-move/>
- “The fear of offending is sapping universities of common sense.” *Globe and Mail*. January 10, 2014. <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/globe-debate/the-fear-of-offending-is-sapping-universities-of-common-sense/article16277915/>
- “Prostitution laws: Over to you, Parliament.” *Macleans.ca*. December 20, 2013. <http://www2.macleans.ca/2013/12/20/prostitution-laws-over-to-you-parliament/>
- “A guide to the Supreme Court’s Senate reference.” *Maclean's.ca*. November 11, 2013. <http://www2.macleans.ca/2013/11/11/a-guide-to-the-supreme-courts-senate-reference/>
- “Rob Ford reveals deep flaws in our democracy: we need an impeachment power.” *Globe and Mail*. November 4, 2013. <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/globe-debate/rob-ford-reveals-deep-flaws-in-our-democracy-we-need-an-impeachment-power/article15245795/>
- “A dangerous Supreme Court controversy.” *Ottawa Citizen*. October 18, 2013. <http://www.ottawacitizen.com/opinion/op-ed/dangerous+Supreme+Court+controversy/9053562/story.html>

- “Secular charter case shows Supreme Court judges can be ideological – and wrong.” *Globe and Mail*. October 1, 2013. <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/commentary/secular-charter-case-shows-supreme-court-judges-can-be-ideological-and-wrong/article14622511/>
- “Quebec’s secular charter is clearly unconstitutional, but could still become law.” *Globe and Mail*. September 11, 2013. <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/commentary/quebecs-secular-charter-is-clearly-unconstitutional-it-could-still-become-law/article14241046/>
- “The Harper government’s galling argument in the Senate reference.” *Macleans.ca*. August 1, 2013. <http://www2.macleans.ca/2013/08/01/the-harper-governments-galling-argument-in-the-senate-reference/>
- “What do we really want to do with the Senate?” *Macleans.ca*. July 22, 2013. <http://www2.macleans.ca/2013/07/22/what-do-we-really-want-to-do-with-the-senate/>
- “During an ugly partisan session, rays of hope for our Parliament.” *Globe and Mail*. June 19, 2013. <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/commentary/during-an-ugly-partisan-session-rays-of-hope-for-our-parliament/article12681850/>
- “Why Harper’s meddling with Canadian history might not be all bad.” *Globe and Mail*. May 6, 2013. <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/commentary/why-harpers-meddling-with-canadian-history-might-not-be-all-bad/article11730437/>
- “How the Supreme Court and Tom Mulcair made something out of not much.” *Macleans.ca* April 27, 2013. <http://www2.macleans.ca/2013/04/27/how-the-supreme-court-and-tom-mulcair-made-something-out-of-not-much/>
- “Universities need to innovate, but put down the sledgehammer.” *The Agenda Blog*. April 15, 2013. <http://theagenda.tv.org/blog/agenda-blogs/guest-post-universities-need-innovate-put-down-sledgehammer>
- “Steubenville’s rape outrage shines a light on our sex consent laws.” *Globe and Mail*. March 18, 2013. <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/commentary/steubenvilles-rape-outrage-shines-a-light-on-our-sex-consent-laws/article9869958/>
- “Canada’s equality was built on free ideas.” *Globe and Mail*. March 4, 2013. <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/commentary/canadas-equality-was-built-on-free-ideas-not-the-supreme-courts-censorship/article9256271/>
- “The Whatcott Case: Drawing a Line Between Free Speech and Hate.” *Macleans.ca* February 27, 2013. <http://www2.macleans.ca/2013/02/27/the-whatcott-case-drawing-a-line-between-free-speech-and-hate/>
- “Parsing the Unity Bill.” *Macleans.ca* January 30, 2013. <http://www2.macleans.ca/2013/01/30/the-ndp-is-wrong-on-secession-the-clarity-act-and-the-supreme-court/>

- "On the Power of the Governor General." *Macleans.ca* January 11, 2013. <http://www2.macleans.ca/2013/01/11/on-idle-no-more-the-governor-general-should-remain-idle/>
- "Supreme Court Splits in Messy Decision on Face Veils." *Macleans.ca* December 20, 2012. <http://www2.macleans.ca/2012/12/20/supreme-court-splits-in-messy-decision-on-face-veils/>
- "The Prudent Court: Anti-Terrorism, Charter Rights and Judicial Caution." *Macleans.ca* December 17, 2012. <http://www2.macleans.ca/2012/12/17/the-prudent-court-anti-terrorism-charter-rights-and-judicial-caution/>
- "Booting Toronto's Mayor wasn't 'Judicial Activism.' Letting Him Stay would have been." *Globe and Mail*. November 27, 2012. <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/commentary/booting-torontos-mayor-wasnt-judicial-activism-letting-him-stay-would-have-been/article5718418/>
- "Supreme Court makes the Right Call on Election – But Only Just." *Macleans.ca* October 26, 2012. <http://www2.macleans.ca/2012/10/26/supreme-court-makes-the-right-call-on-election-but-only-just/>
- "Wente's University Prescription is Misguided." *Macleans.ca* October 22, 2012. <http://oncampus.macleans.ca/education/2012/10/22/wentes-university-prescription-is-misguided/>
- "The Supreme Court is Culpable in the Omar Khadr Case." *Macleans.ca* July 31, 2012. <http://www2.macleans.ca/2012/07/31/the-supreme-court-is-culpable-in-the-omar-khadr-case/>
- "Wrongs and Rights: How did Quebec's Student Standoff come to this?" *Macleans.ca* Wednesday May 23, 2012. <http://www2.macleans.ca/2012/05/23/wrongs-and-rights-how-did-quebecs-student-standoff-come-to-this/>
- "Quebec's Protest Crackdown: It's not just Rights that make it Wrong." *Macleans.ca* Saturday May 19, 2012. <http://www2.macleans.ca/2012/05/19/quebecs-protest-crackdown-its-not-just-rights-that-make-it-wrong/>
- "Are Some Marriages more Equal than Others?" *Macleans.ca* Thursday January 12, 2012. <http://www2.macleans.ca/2012/01/12/are-some-marriages-are-more-equal-than-others/>
- "The National Securities Regulator and Judicial Stockholm Syndrome: Why the Court's Adherence to a 19th-Century Precedent is too Rigid and Cautious." *Macleans.ca*. Thursday December 22, 2011. <http://www2.macleans.ca/2011/12/22/the-national-securities-regulator-falls-victim-to-judicial-stockholm-syndrome/>

- “A Confused Judicial Treatise on Polygamy.” *Macleans.ca*. Wednesday November 23, 2011. <http://www2.macleans.ca/2011/11/23/a-confused-judicial-treatise-on-polygamy/>
- “Why Public Hearings with Supreme Court Nominees Should Mean Something.” *Macleans.ca*. Thursday, October 20, 2011. <http://www2.macleans.ca/2011/10/20/why-public-hearings-with-supreme-court-nominees-should-mean-something/>
- “Bold and Cautious? Dissecting the Supreme Court’s Insite Ruling.” *Macleans.ca*. Friday, September 30, 2011 <http://www2.macleans.ca/2011/09/30/bold-and-cautious-dissecting-the-supreme-court%E2%80%99s-insite-ruling/>

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- “Protecting Privacy? The Policy Impact of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada.” Canadian Political Science Association. Regina, SK, May 30, 2018.
- “Religious Accommodation, Diversity and Rights.” Canada’s Policy Transformation. School of Public Policy & Governance, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON. November 17, 2017.
- “The Twin Afflictions of Canada’s Amending Formula: A Prescription.” Rewriting the Canadian Constitution. Boston College Law School, Boston, MA, October 20, 2017.
- “Examining the Federal Privacy Commissioner.” Prairies Political Science Association. Banff, AB, September 16, 2017.
- “Investigating Officers of Parliament: A Case Study of the Federal Privacy Commissioner.” Canadian Political Science Association. Toronto, ON, May 30, 2017.
- “Institutional Reform in the Age of Architecture: Avoiding Constitutional Amendment, Altering Conventions?” Constitution 150 – Confederation – Patriation – Reconciliation. Universite de Montreal, Montreal, QC, May 18, 2017.
- “Dialogue, Remedies, and Positive Rights: *Carter v. Canada* as Microcosm for Past and Future Issues under the Charter.” Constitution 150 – The Charter and Emerging Issues in Constitutional Rights and Freedoms: From 1982 to 2032. Ottawa, ON, March 9, 2017.
- “Electoral Reform is Not a Rights Issue.” Electoral Reform Symposium, McGill Institute for the Study of Canada. Ottawa, ON, October 28, 2016.
- “Policy Framing, Federalism, and Assisted Reproductive Technologies.” Canadian Political Science Association, Calgary, AB, June 2, 2016.
- “The Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner: A Case Study in Rising Political Elites.” Canadian Political Science Association, Calgary, AB, May 31, 2016.

“The Charter Revolution and the Harper Government.” Workshop Honouring Rainer Knopff. University of Calgary, Calgary, AB. May 30, 2016.

“Positive Rights and Section 15: Addressing a Dilemma.” Section 15 of the Charter: Where have we come from, where are we now, and where are we going? York Centre for Public Policy and Law, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, ON, May 13, 2016.

“Positive Rights and Section 15: Addressing a Dilemma.” Courts & Politics Research Group workshop. University of Guelph, Guelph, ON, May 5, 2016.

“Constitutional Constraints on Electoral Reform in Canada: Why Parliament is (Mostly) Free to Implement a New Voting System.” 19th Annual Constitutional Cases Conference, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, ON, April 8, 2016.

“The Future of Constitutional Amendment in Canada: Examining Our Legal, Political, and Jurisprudential Straitjacket.” Canada at 150: New Frontiers of Constitutional Law. Yale University, New Haven, Ct, December 15, 2015.

“Examining the Role of Officers of Parliament.” Canadian Political Science Association, Ottawa, ON, June 2, 2015.

“Unsteady Architecture: Ambiguity, the Senate Reference, and the Future of Constitutional Amendment in Canada.” Democracy, Federalism and the Rule of Law: The Implications of the Senate Reference, McGill Law Symposium, Montreal QC, January 30, 2015.

“Electoral Politics and the Supreme Court of Canada.” European Consortium for Political Research. General Conference. Glasgow, Scotland, September 6, 2014.

“Regulatory Bodies: The Assisted Human Reproduction Act and the Future of Abortion Access in Canada.” Abortion: The Unfinished Revolution conference, Charlottetown, PE, August 8, 2014. (With Rachael Johnstone).

“Regulatory Bodies: Abortion and Canada’s Assisted Human Reproduction Act.” International Political Science Association, Montreal, QC, July 24, 2014. (With Rachael Johnstone).

“The Politics of Constitutional Amendment in Canada.” International Political Science Association, Montreal, QC, July 20, 2014.

“Insurmountable Barrier? Constitutional Politics and the Amending Formulae in Canada,” Canadian Political Science Association, St. Catharines, ON, May 27, 2014.

“Drug Policy, Positive Rights, and Inter-Institutional Battles under the Charter,” Canadian Political Science Association, St. Catharines, ON, May 27, 2014. (With Minh Do).

“Conservative with the Constitution: Between Antipathy and Tolerance in the Charter Era,” Atlantic Provinces Political Science Association, Charlottetown, PE, October 5, 2013.

“Supreme Inconsistency: Social Policy and Positive Rights under the Charter,” Canadian Political Science Association, Victoria, BC, June 4, 2013.

“Bills of Rights as Policy: Evaluating the ‘Political Success’ of Australia’s Sub-National Bills of Rights,” Canadian Political Science Association, Edmonton, AB, June 15, 2012.

“Measuring the Political Success of a Bill of Rights: Australia’s Sub-National Bills of Rights in Comparative Perspective,” Western Political Science Association, Portland, OR, March 23, 2012.

“Social Policy, Federalism Disputes and the Courts: Vancouver’s Safe Injection Site as a Case Study in Canadian Multilevel Governance,” Comparing Modes of Governance in Canada and the European Union: Social Policy Engagement across Complex Multilevel Systems, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, October 14-15, 2011.

“Measuring the Policy Impact of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms,” Canadian Political Science Association, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, ON, May 16, 2011.

“Comparative Conceptions of Dialogue: Parliamentary Systems and Institutional Relationships Surrounding Rights,” Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, MA, November 13, 2010.

“Judicial Conceptions and Legislative Capitulations: Another Foray into the Charter ‘Dialogue’ Debate,” Canadian Political Science Association, Concordia University, Montreal, QC, June 2, 2010.

“The Supreme Court as a Black Box? Why ‘Models’ of Decision-Making Aren’t Enough,” Canadian Political Science Association, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, June 4, 2008.

“Inside the Supreme Court of Canada: Judicial Role Perceptions and Institutional Policy-Making,” Association for Canadian Studies in the United States, Toronto, ON, November 17, 2007.

“‘Rights Talk’ and Reality in Canada: Does News Media Coverage Impoverish Political Discourse Regarding the Charter of Rights?” Canadian Political Science Association, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK, May 30, 2007.

“Filling the Bench by ‘Benching’ the Prime Minister: Real Reform of the Supreme Court of Canada Appointments Process,” Atlantic Provinces’ Political Science Association, Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, NS, September 16, 2006.

INVITED TALKS

Roundtable: Public Engagement in Political Science. Canadian Political Science Association. Regina, SK, May 30, 2018.

“Free Expression on Canadian University Campuses.” University of Northern British Columbia. Prince George, BC. March 22, 2018.

“Ontario Politics and the Leadership Race.” Political Science Students Association, Department of Political Science, University of Waterloo. Waterloo, ON. March 8, 2018.

An Independent Senate: A new challenge to politics and policy in Canada? The Churchill Society For the Advancement of Parliamentary Democracy. Massey College, Toronto, ON, February 22, 2018.

Donald Trump roundtable. PSSA. University of Waterloo. Waterloo, ON. November 8, 2017.

“The Harper Government and the Supreme Court of Canada: An Unusually Fractious Relationship?” Department of Political Science, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, October 16, 2017.

“Modern Challenges in Constitutional Change.” Constitutional Amendment seminar, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, September 20, 2017.

Roundtable: Teaching on the Tenure-Track. Prairies Political Science Association. Banff, AB, September 16, 2017.

Roundtable: Public Engagement in Political Science. Prairies Political Science Association. Banff, AB, September 15, 2017.

Roundtable: Courts and Politics Research: The State of the Field. 2nd Annual Workshop of the Courts & Politics Research Group, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON, May 5, 2017.

“A New Study on Supreme Court Decision-Making.” Canadian Constitution Foundation Law & Freedom Conference. Toronto, ON. January 8, 2017.

“Environmental Rights, Courts, and Public Policy.” PLAN 340. November 3, 2016.

House of Commons Special Committee on Electoral Reform. Ottawa, ON. August 23, 2016.

Author Meets Critics roundtable: Robert Leckey’s *Bills of Rights in Common Law*, Canadian Political Science Association, Calgary, AB. June 2, 2016.

Roundtable: The Role of Judges. “Judging Judges: Debating the Role of Canada’s Judiciary.” Massey College. University of Toronto, Toronto, ON. February 23, 2016.

“Is the Canadian Constitution Frozen? Examining Canada’s Amendment Straitjacket.” Department of Political Science, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON. January 27, 2016.

“Religious Freedom, Reasonable Accommodation, and Their Limits.” Dr. Laird Christie Annual Lecture in Anthropology, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, ON. November 20, 2015.

“What Happens Now Canada?” Post-election panel. Political Science Students’ Association, University of Waterloo. Waterloo, ON. October 26, 2015.

Post-election panel Q&A. Canadian Politics subgroup on *Reddit*. https://www.reddit.com/r/CanadaPolitics/comments/3pxrf0/were_a_group_of_experts_on_canadian_politics_and/ October 23, 2015.

“The Trouble with Changing the Canadian Constitution.” University of Toronto. Toronto, ON. October 16, 2015.

Independent officers of Parliament conference (roundtable format). University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON. September 24-25, 2015.

The Role of the Judiciary in Canadian Governance. The Institute of Public Administration of Canada-Northwest Territories Group and the Canadian Bar Association Public Sector Lawyers. Yellowknife, NWT (via teleconference). April 24, 2015.

Assisted Dying: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Doctor-Assisted Suicide. University of Waterloo, Waterloo ON, March 18, 2015.

McGill Law Journal podcast, on big cases the Supreme Court will hear during its fall term. October 14, 2014. <http://directory.libsyn.com/episode/index/id/3119256>

“Roundtable: Supreme Court Reference re Senate Reform,” Canadian Political Science Association, St. Catharines, ON, May 29, 2014.

Q&A, “Governing from the Bench,” Politics 3278: Courts and Legislatures, University of New Brunswick Saint John (via Skype). April 14, 2014.

“How to Talk to the Media.” Presentation and panel discussion, University of Waterloo, March 17, 2014.

“Cases and Controversies at the Supreme Court of Canada.” Talk given to the University of Waterloo Debate Club. March 13, 2013.

“Inside the Supreme Court of Canada: What Factors Influence Judicial Decision-Making?”
Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa. February 7,
2013.

Q&A, “Ask Me Anything.” Canada Politics Sub-Group on *Reddit*, December 11, 2012.
http://www.reddit.com/r/CanadaPolitics/comments/14o1xc/i_am_emmett_macfarlane_poli_sci_prof_uwaterloo/

Workshop, “Canadian Priorities Agenda.” Institute for Research on Public Policy, Toronto,
ON, November 13, 2012.

Canadian Politics and Social Media Panel Discussion, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC,
October 6, 2011.

“Conceptual Chaos: The Rights ‘Dialogue’ in Parliamentary Systems of Judicial Review,”
Visiting Scholar and Visiting Researcher Colloquium, Harvard Law School, Cambridge,
MA, December 1, 2010.

AWARDS

Aid to Scholarly Publishing Award (*Policy Change, Courts, and the Canadian
Constitution*), Canadian Federation for Humanities and Social Sciences
2018, \$8,000

Aid to Scholarly Publishing Award (*Constitutional Amendment in Canada*), Canadian
Federation for Humanities and Social Sciences
2016, \$8,000

SSHRC Insight Development Grant
Project Title: “The Role and Policy Impact of Officers of Parliament”
2014-2016, \$42,116

University of Waterloo/SSHRC 4A Award
2014-2015, \$8,000

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2013-2014, \$8,000

Aid to Scholarly Publishing Award (*Governing from the Bench*), Canadian Federation for
Humanities and Social Sciences
2013, \$8,000

Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship [declined]

Project Title: “Public Policy, Federalism and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms: Assessing the Impact of Rights on Gender, Diversity and Multiculturalism across Canada.”
2012-2014, \$140,000.

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

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2009-2011, \$81,000.

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