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## Professional Interests

Race and empire in global politics; postcolonial and critical international relations theory; global historical sociology; settler colonial studies; connected histories of modernity; politics of decolonization; migration, citizenship, and borders; interpretive methods; sociology of knowledge.

## Education

**Northwestern University**, Evanston, Illinois, United States

Ph.D., Political Science, 2026 (expected)

Fields: International Relations (major), Political Theory (minor)

M.A., Political Science, 2023

Research Paper: "Empire, Race, and Connected Histories of Democratization"

Readers: Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, Loubna El Amine

**University of Oxford**, Oxford, United Kingdom

M.Phil., Politics (Comparative Government), 2019

Thesis: "Colonial Recognition and the Politics of Indigenous Child Welfare in Canada" (Distinction)

Advisor: Desmond King

**Queen's University**, Kingston, Ontario, Canada

B.A.H. (Distinction), Political Studies, 2017

Honours Thesis: "Agonistic Pluralism and the Politics of Reparation"

Advisor: Eleanor MacDonald

## Awards & Honours

Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2023–2026

Medal in Political Studies, Queen's University, 2017

Dean's Honour List with Distinction (top 3%), Queen's University, 2014–2017

Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master's, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2017 (*declined*)

Dean's Special Award, Queen's University, 2016  
Wallace Near Prize in Political Studies, Queen's University, 2015  
Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship, Queen's University, 2015  
Adam Shortt Prize in Political Studies, Queen's University, 2015  
Gordon and Myrtle Adams Scholarship, Queen's University, 2015  
Forsyth Prize in Political Studies, Queen's University, 2014  
William Mitchell Silliman Scholarship, Queen's University, 2014  
Wallace Near Prize in Spanish, Queen's University, 2014  
IMP Scholarship, IMP Group International Inc., 2014

## **Conference Participation**

"Empire, Race, and Connected Histories of Democratization" (upcoming), Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference, Montréal, Canada, Jun. 2024.  
"Empire, Race, and Connected Histories of Democratization" (upcoming), International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, United States, Apr. 2024.

## **Teaching Experience**

Teaching Assistant, Political Science 201: Introduction to Political Theory (instructor: Jacqueline Stevens), Northwestern University, Fall 2023.  
Teaching Assistant, Political Science 230: Introduction to Law in the Political Arena (instructor: Traci Burch), Northwestern University, Spring 2023.  
Teaching Assistant, Political Science 240: Introduction to International Relations (instructor: Ian Hurd), Northwestern University, Winter 2023.  
Teaching Assistant, Political Science 344: U.S. Foreign Policy (instructor: Daniel Krmaric), Northwestern University, Fall 2022.

## **Research Experience**

Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellow (supervisor: Rachael Johnstone), Bader International Study Centre at Queen's University, Hailsham, United Kingdom, May 2015 – Aug. 2015.

## **Other Work Experience**

Admissions Officer, Navitas, Oxford, United Kingdom, Oct. 2019 – Mar. 2020.

Program Editor (Society, Culture, and International Relations), NATO Association of Canada,  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada, May 2016 – Aug. 2016.

## **Extracurricular Activities**

Co-Chair, The Commune, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, Jun. 2023  
present.

First Year Ph.D. Mentor, The Commune, Department of Political Science, Northwestern  
University, Sep. 2022.

Tour Guide, Uncomfortable Oxford, Jul. 2019 – Mar. 2020.

Graduate Applicant Mentor, St Hugh's College Middle Common Room, Nov. 2018 – Dec.  
2018.

First Year M.Phil. Mentor, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of  
Oxford, Oct. 2018.

Socials Secretary, St Hugh's College Middle Common Room, Aug. 2018 – Jul. 2019.

Editor-in-Chief, Queen's International Observer, May 2014 – Apr. 2016.

## **Methods Training**

Linear Models, Northwestern University, Winter 2022

Political Ethnography, Northwestern University, Fall 2021

Probability and Statistics, Northwestern University Fall 2021

Case Study Research, University of Oxford, Spring 2018

Qualitative Methods, University of Oxford, Winter 2018

Applied Statistics, University of Oxford, Fall 2017

Research Design, University of Oxford, Fall 2017

## **Additional Training**

Summer School on "Perspectives on Cultural Pluralism: Canada and Beyond," University of  
Groningen, Netherlands, 28 Jun. 2015 – 3 Jul. 2015.

## **Languages**

French (advanced), Spanish (intermediate).