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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Violence in democracies; contentious politics; international security; intra-state conflict.

CURRENT POSITION

Editorial Assistant, *Perspectives on Politics*, International Relations/Comparative Politics 2026–

EDUCATION

PhD, Political Science (expected), Northwestern University 2028

Committee: Ana Arjona (chair), Danielle Gilbert, Mary McGrath

Dissertation: *Armed Proximity: Political Parties and Violent Organizations in Democracies*

M.A., Political Science, Université de Montréal 2022

Advisor: Lee JM Seymour

B.A., Political Science, with Distinction, Université Laval 2020

Exchange program: Mannheim University, Political Science (2018)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. Fortier, Jacob. 2025. "Unraveling the Radical Flank Effect: The Role of Moderate Organizations in the Face of Radical Flank Violence." *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 1–19. [doi:10.1080/09546553.2025.2486458](https://doi.org/10.1080/09546553.2025.2486458)
2. Papin, Marielle, and Jacob Fortier. 2024. "The Diverse Cities of Global Urban Climate Governance." *Global Policy* 15 (4): 631–643. [doi:10.1111/1758-5899.13382](https://doi.org/10.1111/1758-5899.13382)

Working Papers

1. Fortier, Jacob. "Do You Condemn the Violence? How Public Responses Affect the Political Effects of Violence." Two experiments (N = 3,000), IRB: STU00223508. Preparing for submission.
2. Fortier, Jacob, and André Fazi. "Coexisting with the Underground: Parties and Armed Groups in Corsican Nationalism." Fieldwork in Corsica, Winter 2026.
3. Fortier, Jacob. "Managing Armed Proximity: Party Strategies toward Violent Organizations in Democracies." Conference paper presented at APSA 2025; fieldwork, Basque Country (scheduled Winter 2027).

Peer-Reviewed Pre-PhD Publications

1. Fortier, Jacob. 2021. "When State Repression Makes Secession Easier: Evidence from East Timor (1975–2002)." *Conflict Studies Quarterly* 35 (1): 18–36. [doi:10.24193/csqs.35.2](https://doi.org/10.24193/csqs.35.2)
2. Collauti, Pierre, and Jacob Fortier. 2021. "Loyalty or Autonomy? Canadian and French Divergent Strategic Behaviors in Time of Power Transition." *Canadian Studies* 91 (1): 165–187. [doi:10.4000/eccs.5286](https://doi.org/10.4000/eccs.5286)

Book Reviews

1. Fortier, Jacob. 2023. "Undermining Human Rights through Foreign Aid." *International Studies Review* 25 (3): 198–199. [doi:10.1093/isr/viad024](https://doi.org/10.1093/isr/viad024)
2. Fortier, Jacob. 2021. "How Terror Evolves." *International Affairs* 97 (6): 2000–2001. [doi:10.1093/ia/iab130](https://doi.org/10.1093/ia/iab130)
3. Fortier, Jacob. 2020. "Quagmire in Civil War by Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl." *LSE Review of Books*. blogs.lse.ac.uk
4. Fortier, Jacob. 2020. "American Hegemony in the 21st Century: A Neo Neo-Gramscian Perspective." *International Affairs* 96 (4): 1120–1122. [doi:10.1093/ia/iiaa103](https://doi.org/10.1093/ia/iiaa103)
5. Fortier, Jacob. 2020. "Western Military Interventions after the Cold War." [In French.] *Études Internationales* 51 (1): 195–197. [doi:10.7202/1079418ar](https://doi.org/10.7202/1079418ar)

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

1. Fortier, Jacob. 2026. "[The Overlooked Role of Political Parties in Violent Conflict](#)." Civil War Paths, University of York Civil Conflict Research Center.
2. Fortier, Jacob, and Pierre Colautti. 2022. "[Les périls d’une négociation hâtive en Ukraine](#)." *La Presse*.
3. Fortier, Jacob. 2021. "[Naming and Shaming and Its Consequences on Civil Conflicts](#)." Network for Strategic Analysis, Policy Brief 16: 1–5.
4. Fortier, Jacob. 2021. "[Nonviolence as a Strategy of Resistance in Myanmar](#)." Network for Strategic Analysis.
5. Fortier, Jacob, and Elio Charbonnier. 2021. "[Le Myanmar, seul devant sa tragédie](#)." *Le Devoir*.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

All amounts in Canadian dollars (CAN\$) unless noted otherwise.

2025	University of York, Civil War Paths Fellow (non-residential)	—
2022	Doctoral Research Scholarship — The Québec Research Funds	100,000
2022	SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship — Government of Canada	120,000
2021	The Québec Research Funds — Government of Québec	35,000
2020	Mobilizing Insights in Defence and Security (MINDS) Scholarship — Dept. of National Defence	50,000
2020	Canada Graduate Scholarships–Master’s Program — Government of Canada	17,500
2016	Undergraduate Admission Excellence Scholarship — Université Laval	2,000

GRANTS AND AWARDS

All amounts in USD unless marked CAN\$.

2026	Buffett Institute International Dissertation Research Award	9,000
2026	Marvin and Carol Soroos Graduate Research and Travel Award	6,000
2026	International Studies Association Conference Travel Grant	600
2026	Political Communication Section of APSA Graduate Support Grant	600
2026	Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (HS021058)	1,500
2025	Institute for Humane Studies Research Grant (IHS019793)	3,000
2025	Northwestern Graduate School Conference Travel Grant	800 (x2)
2025	Buffett Institute International Pre-Dissertation Research Grant	6,000
2025	Minar Memorial Award — Northwestern Dept. of Political Science	2,000
2025	Canadian Political Science Association Travel Award	390 CAN\$
2021	Network for Strategic Analysis — Best publication by emerging scholar	300 CAN\$
2019	Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD)	1,000 CAN\$
2018	International Mobility Scholarship — Université Laval	2,000 CAN\$

ANNUAL CONFERENCES

1. **Fortier, Jacob.** “Do You Condemn the Violence? How Public Responses Affect the Political Effects of Violence.” Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference, Chicago, November 2026. (*Scheduled*)
2. **Fortier, Jacob.** “Condemning Violence: Public Responses and the Political Effects of Political Violence.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, September 2026.
3. **Fortier, Jacob.** “Condemning Political Violence: How Public Reactions Shape Its Political Effects.” Conflict Research Society Annual Conference, Glasgow, Scotland, September 2026.
4. **Fortier, Jacob.** “Public Reactions to Political Violence and Their Political Consequences.” Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference, Ottawa, June 2026.
5. **Fortier, Jacob.** “How Publics Respond to Political Violence: Experimental Evidence.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, April 2026.
6. **Fortier, Jacob.** “Public Positioning After Political Violence.” International Studies Association Annual Convention, Columbus, Ohio, March 2026.
7. **Fortier, Jacob.** “Taking Sides After Violence: Public Positioning in the Aftermath.” Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference, Chicago, November 2025.
8. **Fortier, Jacob.** “From Support to Opposition: A Typology of Political Parties’ Engagements with Violent Organizations.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, September 2025.
9. **Fortier, Jacob.** “Supporting or Opposing Violence? A Typology of Party Engagement with Violent Organizations.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, April 2025.
10. **Fortier, Jacob.** “Unraveling the Radical Flank Effect: The Role of Moderate Organizations in the Face of Radical Flank Violence.” International Studies Association Annual Convention, Chicago, March

2025.

11. **Fortier, Jacob.** "Radical Flank Effects and the Role of Moderate Organizations." Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference, Toronto, June 2025.
12. **Fortier, Jacob.** "Moderates Under Pressure: Radical Flanks and the Politics of Restraint." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, April 2024.
13. **Fortier, Jacob.** "Naming and Shaming and Its Consequences on Civil Conflicts." Canadian Network for Strategic Analysis Annual Conference, Ottawa, December 2021.

PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS, AND GUEST LECTURES

1. Fortier, Jacob. *'Parties' Relationships with Nonstate Armed Actors.'* Criminal Politics Workshop, University of Illinois Chicago (UIC), May 2026.
2. Fortier, Jacob. Discussant, International Relations Workshop, Northwestern University, 2025–2026.
3. Fortier, Jacob. *'Failed military interventions: quagmires and escalating conflict'* [in French]. Guest lecture — Foreign Interventions (graduate seminar), Department of Political Science, Université Laval, December 2022.
4. Fortier, Jacob. *'Social constructivism and international relations'* [in French]. Guest lecture — Introduction to International Relations, Department of Political Science, Université de Montréal, March 2022.
5. Fortier, Jacob & Colautti, Pierre. *'Loyalty or autonomy? Canadian and French divergent strategic behaviors in time of power transition.'* Université de Paris, November 2021.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Appointments

Northwestern University

Lab Manager, Political Science Experimental Research Laboratory

2024–2026

Supervisor: Mary McGrath

Université de Montréal

Research Assistant, Canada Research Chair in the Politics of Violence

Fall 2021

Supervisor: Lee J. M. Seymour

Research Assistant, Jean Monnet Centre Montréal

Feb.–Aug. 2020

Supervisor: Laurie Beaudonnet

Université Laval

Research Assistant, Department of Political Science

Sept. 2019–Jan. 2020

Supervisor: Jonathan Paquin

Research Assistant, Canada Research Chair in International Political Economy

Jan.–July 2019

Supervisors: Marielle Papin (Jean-Frédéric Morin)

Government

Information Officer, Ministry of Executive Council (Québec)
Media monitoring research for the Prime Minister's Office.

Oct. 2015–Oct. 2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Northwestern University

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to International Relations
2 discussion sections

Spring 2026

Université de Montréal

Head Teaching Assistant, Introduction to International Relations
6 discussion sections total

W2021, S2021, W2022

Teaching Assistant, Security in East Asia

W2020

Université Laval

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Globalization and International Relations

F2017, W2018

SELECTED METHODS TRAINING

Quantitative and Experimental Methods: Statistics and Probability (J. Seawright); Linear Models (M. McGrath); Experiments (M. McGrath); Quantitative Methods (V. Arel-Bundock); Machine Learning (S. Bouchat).

Qualitative Methods: Small-N Methods (J. Mahoney).

Research Ethics: CITI Program Human Subjects Research Certification (2024)

FIELD RESEARCH

Corsica and Paris, France

2026

Elite interviews and archival research on political parties' relationships with armed organizations.

Québec, Canada

2021–22

Interviews with former political elites and archival research on the FLQ and the responses of the RIN and Parti Québécois to political violence.

SERVICE

- Co-organized Chicagoland Graduate Workshop on Conflict Studies, "Fieldwork and traveling with conflict data across borders," University of Chicago, Spring 2025.
- Northwestern Political Science Graduate Commune (2024–2025).
- Université de Montréal Passerelle program, foreign students' integration (2021).
- Université Laval Espace interculturel, foreign students' integration (2018).

REFereeING

Le Rubicon; Regards Politiques

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

French (native), English (professional fluency), German (intermediate, B1)
R, Qualtrics, NVivo

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Emerging Scholar, Network for Strategic Analysis (NSA); Junior Affiliate, Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security and Society (TSAS, 2020); Center for International Peace and Security Studies (CIPSS, EPICC program, 2021); Graduate Student, Canada Research Chair in the Politics of Violence (2021–2022); American Political Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association; International Studies Association; Canadian Political Science Association; Civil War Paths Fellow Program (2026).

REFERENCES

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