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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Political Science, University of Toronto** 2020-present
Dissertation: “The minds of humans are mirrors to one another: Essays on the place of empathy in politics”
Committee: Eric Merkley, Christopher Cochrane and Amanda Friesen
Research Fellow at [PEARL](#)
Research Fellow at the [CDMRN](#) at the [Media Ecosystem Observatory](#)
- M.Sc., Political Science, Université de Montréal** 2018-2020
Student at [Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship](#)
Visiting student and intern at [MILA - Montreal Institute for Learning Algorithms](#)
- BA., École de politique appliquée, Université de Sherbrooke** 2015-2018

PUBLICATIONS

5. Bergeron, Thomas., Eran Amsalem, Jeroen Joly, Lior Scheffer, and Peter John Loewen. 2025. “What Personality Traits Do Citizens Want Politicians to Have? Descriptive and Experimental Evidence from Three Countries,” (Forthcoming at *Political Psychology*).
4. Nadeau, Richard., Erick Lachapelle, and Thomas Bergeron. 2022. “[Environment Versus Economy Trade-Off Questions: Measuring the Paler Shades of the Environmental Rainbow Coalition.](#)” *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, 34(4): 1–8. [Replication]
3. Merkley, Eric., Thomas Bergeron, Peter John Loewen, Angelo Elias, and Miriam Lapp. 2022. “[Communicating safety precautions can help maintain in-person voter turnout during a pandemic.](#)” *Electoral Studies*, 75: 102421. [Pre-Print] [Replication]
2. Bergeron, Thomas. and Thomas Galipeau. 2021. “[The Political Implications of Personality in Canada.](#)” *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, 54(2): 292–315. [Replication]
1. Lachapelle, Erick., Thomas Bergeron, Richard Nadeau, Jean-François Daoust, Ruth Dassonneville, and Éric Bélanger. 2021. “[Citizens’ willingness to support new taxes for COVID-19 measures and the role of trust.](#)” *Politics & Policy*, 49(3): 534–565. [Pre-print]

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

10. Bohonos, Danielle and Thomas Bergeron. 2024. [Smoke and Mirrors: Social Media Coverage of Wildfires in the Age of Climate Change](#), Media Ecosystem Observatory.
9. [British Columbia Election Information Ecosystem Project: Baseline Report](#), 2024, Media Ecosystem Observatory.
8. Loewen, Peter John., Blake Lee-Whiting, Maggie Arai, Thomas Bergeron, Thomas Galipeau, Isaac Gazendam, Hugh Needham, Lee Slinger, Sofiya Yusypovych. 2024. [Global Public Opinion on Artificial Intelligence \(GPO-AI\)](#). *Schwartz Reisman Institute for Technology and Society*. Media coverage: [La Presse](#)
7. [The AI Index Report: Annual Report \(Chapter 9: Public Opinion\)](#). 2024. *Human-Centered AI, Stanford University*.

6. Bridgman, Aengus., Alexei Abrahams, Thomas Bergeron, Thomas Galipeau, Blake Lee-Whiting, Haaya Naushan, Jennie Phillips, Zeynep Pehlivan, Saewon Park, Sara Parker, Benjamin Steel, Peter Loewen, and Taylor Owen. 2023. *The Canadian Media Ecosystem*, Media Ecosystem Observatory.
5. Bridgman, Aengus., Blake Lee -Whiting, Thomas Bergeron, Thomas Galipeau, Alexei Abrahams, Saewon Park, Sara Parker, Taylor, Owen, and Peter John Loewen. 2023. *Indistinct Information Habitats: Information and Attitudes in the 2023 Alberta Election*, Media Ecosystem Observatory.
4. Lee-Whiting, Blake. and Thomas Bergeron. 2022. “Universities are right to prioritize in-person classes, but don’t forget student social life”, *The Conversation*.
Media coverage: [PBS News Hour](#), [University Affairs](#), [CAPRES](#)
3. McAndrews, John R., Aengus Bridgman, Peter John Loewen, Thomas Bergeron, Thomas Galipeau, Allison Harell, Daniel Rubenson, and Laura B. Stephenson. 2022. *Federal leaders’ debates: How Canadians responded to the 2021 debates and what they want for future debates*.
2. Bridgman, Aengus., Mathieu Lavigne, Melissa Baker, Thomas Bergeron, Danielle Bohonos, Anthony Burton, Katharine McCoy, Mackenzie Hart, Mathieu Lavault, Rupinder Liddar, Pangying Peng, Christopher Ross, Jaclyn Victor, Taylor Owen, and Peter Loewen. 2022. *Mis- and Disinformation During the 2021 Canadian Federal Election*, Media Ecosystem Observatory.
1. Lee-Whiting, Blake. and Thomas Bergeron. 2021. *Do Students Want Vaccine Mandates?*

DATASET	Global Public Opinion on Artificial Intelligence (with B. Lee-Whiting and P.J. Loewen)	2025
	Back-to-School data (with B. Lee-Whiting.)	2022
RESEARCH GRANTS	University of Toronto Student Engagement Award: Back-to-School: A Global Study of University Students with B. Lee-Whiting (\$3,000)	2021
PRESENTATIONS AT ANNUAL CONFERENCES	Annual Conference of the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA)	2020-25
	Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA)	2022-25
	Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	2022-25
	Annual Conference of the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP)	2021
OTHER PRESENTATIONS	Summer school on democratic decline and resilience (Chaire CÉRIUM-FMSH sur la gouvernance mondiale)	2024
	Colloque sur l’étude de la participation démocratique au Québec et au Canada (Université de Sherbrooke)	2024
	Bell Chair Graduate Student Conference (Carleton University)	2024
	Toronto Political Behavioural Workshop (Poster)	2023-24
	Policy, Elections, and Representation Lab (PEARL) Research Workshop: “Morality, Misconduct, and Public Judgments of Political Figures”	2022
	Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections	2020

	Université de Montréal (Seminar of the Research Chair in Electoral Studies and the Canada Research Chair in Electoral Democracy)	2020-22
	Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship Conference*	2020
	Colloque de la Recherche Étudiante de l'École de Politique Appliquée	2018
HONORS AND AWARDS	Doctoral scholarship - Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture (FRQSC)	2022-25
	Doctoral scholarship - Ontario Graduate Scholarship	2022-25
	Various scholarships (Methods Funding, Travel Grant) University of Toronto	2021-24
	Prix Brigitte-Schroeder (Best Master's Thesis in Political Science) Université de Montréal	2021
	University of Toronto Five Year Doctoral Fellowship	2020
	Ken Bryden Scholarship in Canadian Government and Politics University of Toronto	2020
	Travel Grant from the Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship	2020
	Guy Rocher grant Université de Montréal	2019
	Faculty Excellence Award Université de Sherbrooke	2018
SERVICE	Peer review: PLOS ONE, Politics & Policy, Journal of Behavioural Public Administration	
	PEARL data management committee member	2024-25
AFFILIATIONS	PEARL (Policy, Elections, and Representation Lab)	2020-present
	Media Ecosystem Observatory (MEO)	2021-present
	Montreal Institute for Learning Algorithms	2020
	Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship	2018-2020
TEACHING	POL3140: Psychologie politique Université de Montréal (Undergraduate level, 2-3 year)	2025
	POL729: Comportement électoral: Une perspective comparée Université de Sherbrooke (Master level)	2024
	POL382HF: Topics in Canadian Politics, Public Opinion and Voting University of Toronto (Undergraduate level, 3-4 year)	2023
TEACHING ASSISTANCE	POL 1803 : Introduction à l'analyse quantitative (Université de Montréal)	2018-2019
	POL 1020 : Politique au Québec, au Canada (Université de Montréal)	2019

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE (R.A.)	Peter Loewen (Political Science, University of Toronto)	2020-2024
	Erick Lachapelle (Political Science, Université de Montréal)	2019-2021
	Jean-Herman Guay (Political Science, Université de Sherbrooke)	2016-2018
	Annie Chaloux (Political Science, Université de Sherbrooke)	2016
INTERNSHIP	Montreal Institute for Learning Algorithms Under the supervision of Yoshua Bengio and Sasha Luccioni	2020
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	Summer school on democratic decline and resilience (Chaire CÉRIUM-FMSH sur la gouvernance mondiale)	2024
	Data Science Summer School Hertie School Data Science Lab <i>Courses:</i> (a) Natural language processing; (b) Generative adversarial networks; (c) Calculus; (d) Linear algebra; and (e) Python programming.	2022
	Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections Université de Montréal	2020
	Computing and Math Summer Camp McGill University	2019