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Research Interests

Class Politics | Comparative Politics | Income Inequality | Political Behaviour | Quantitative Methods

Academic Appointment

2021 (Oct)–Present | **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**
Université du Québec à Montréal – Montréal, Canada

Education

2017–2021 | **PhD, Politics and International Relations**
Royal Holloway, University of London – Egham, UK
Dissertation: *The Politics of Income Inequality: Policy Polarisation, Representation, and the Decline of Social Democracy*
Supervisors: Prof. Oliver Heath and Dr Kaat Smets
Committee: Prof. Jonathan Hopkin (LSE) and Prof. Armin Schäfer (Münster)

2016 | **Master of Science, Public Policy and Management** (Upper Merit)
King's College London – London, UK

2005 | **Master of Arts, History** (Distinction)
McMaster University – Hamilton, Canada

2004 | **Bachelor of Arts, History and Political Science** (Honours)
Wilfrid Laurier University – Waterloo, Canada

Previous Experience

2019–2021 | **Research Assistant**
Wilfrid Laurier University – Waterloo, Canada
For Dr Simon Kiss and Dr Peter Graefe

2020–2021 | **Research Assistant**
Royal Holloway, University of London – Egham, UK
For Dr Kaat Smets

2019 (Sept–Dec) | **Research Assistant**
University of Liverpool – Liverpool, UK
For Dr Raul Gomez and Dr Luis Ramiro

2019 (Sept–Dec) | **Progressive Economics Fellowship**
Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives – Ottawa, Canada

2008–2017 | **Senior Editor**
PR Newswire – London, UK

2006–2008 | **News Centre Associate**
Canada Newswire – Toronto, Canada

Publications

Peer Reviewed

- 2022 **Polacko, M.**, S. Kiss & P. Graefe. “The Changing Nature of Class Voting in Canada, 1965–2019.” *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. 55(3): 663–686.
- 2022 **Polacko, M.** “Inequality, Policy Polarization and the Income Gap in Turnout.” *Party Politics*. 28(4): 739–754.
- 2022 **Polacko, M.** “The Politics of Income Inequality: Redistribution, Turnout and Responsiveness.” *Statistics, Politics & Policy*. 13(2): 201–218.
- 2022 **Polacko, M.** “The Rightward Shift and Electoral Decline of Social Democratic Parties Under Increasing Inequality.” *West European Politics*. 45(4): 665–692.
- 2021 **Polacko, M.**, O. Heath, M. Lewis-Beck & R. Dassonneville. “Policy Polarization, Income Inequality and Turnout.” *Political Studies*. 69(2): 455–477.
- 2021 **Polacko, M.** “Causes and Consequences of Income Inequality – An Overview.” *Statistics, Politics & Policy*. 12(2): 341–357. (Winner Emil J. Gumbel Prize)
- 2020 **Polacko, M.** “Party Positions, Income Inequality, and Voter Turnout in Canada, 1984–2015.” *American Behavioral Scientist*. 64(9): 1324–1347.

Revise & Resubmit

- Kiss, S., **M. Polacko** & P. Graefe. “The Education and Income Voting Divides in Canada and Their Consequences for Redistributive Politics.” *Electoral Studies*.
- Polacko, M.** “Turning Off the Base: Social Democracy’s Neoliberal Turn, Income Inequality and Turnout.” *Politics & Policy*.
- Polacko, M.** “Who Benefits from the Social Democratic March to the Middle?” *European Political Science Review*.
- Polacko, M.**, & A. Harell. “Racial Discrimination at the Polls? The Canadian Case of Jagmeet Singh.” *Politics, Groups & Identities*.

Book Chapters

- Polacko, M.**, S. Kiss & P. Graefe. “The Long and Short View of Class Voting in Canada.” In Royce Koop and Jacob Robbins-Kanter (eds.), *Working-Class Politics and Representation in Canada*. UBC Press. (Forthcoming)

Works in Progress

- Harell, A., **M. Polacko** & S. Soroka. “Membership and Inclusive Redistribution: A Social Media Experiment.” <https://doi.org/10.17605/OSF.IO/SVUK7>.
- Polacko, M.** “Economic Inequality and Far Right Populism.”
- Polacko, M.**, S. Kiss & P. Graefe. “Subjective Economic Insecurity, Gender, Hostility to Immigration and Support for the Right in Canada.”
- Polacko, M.** Satisfaction with Democracy and Voting in Canada.”

Non-Peer Reviewed

- 2019 **Polacko, M.** “Canada’s Failed Corporate Tax Cutting Binge.” *Monitor*. 26(4): 20–21.
- 2016 **Polacko, M.** “Napoleonic Elizabeth: Defender of the Realm.” *Strife*. 6(1): 1–11.
- 2016 **Polacko, M.** “The Case for Keeping and Reforming Inheritance Tax.” *Spectrum*. 6, 12–13.
- 2015 **Polacko, M.** “Cameron’s Corporate Tax Cuts Are Not Working for Britain.” *Spectrum*. 5, 1–6.

Academic Blogs

2021 (Oct)	Polacko, M. “Has economic moderation contributed to the decline of social democratic parties?” <i>LSE EUROPP – European Politics and Policy</i> . https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/europpblog/2021/10/12/has-economic-moderation-contributed-to-the-decline-of-social-democratic-parties/ .
2021 (May)	Polacko, M. “Can policy choice reduce the income gap in voting?” <i>The Loop</i> . https://theloop.ecpr.eu/can-policy-choice-reduce-the-income-gap-in-voting/ .
2015 (Nov)	Polacko, M. “The Spending Review.” <i>King's Think Tank</i> . https://kingsthinktank.com/2015/11/29/a-view-from-the-think-tank-the-spending-review-short-termism-ideology-and-economic-illiteracy/ .

Conference Participation

2023 (Jan)	Southern Political Science Association (SPSA). St. Petersburg, USA.
2022 (Nov) (<i>invited</i>)	Social Solidarity and Intergroup Relations. Siena, Italy.
2022 (Sept)	American Political Science Association (APSA). Montréal, Canada.
2022 (June)	Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA). Online
2022 (May) (<i>invited</i>)	Consortium on Electoral Democracy (C-Dem) Forum. Toronto, Canada.
2021 (Sept)	Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP) specialist group. Online.
2021 (Aug)	European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR). Aarhus, Denmark.
2021 (June)	Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA). Online.
2021 (March)	Political Studies Association (PSA). Online.
2020 (Sept)	4 th Annual University of Manchester Conference. Online.
2020 (June)	Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA). London, Canada. *(Cancelled–covid)
2020 (Jan)	PhD Winter School in Political Economy. Dublin, Ireland.
2019 (Dec) (<i>invited</i>)	Canada Research Chair in Electoral Democracy Seminar. Montréal, Canada.
2019 (May)	German Association for Political Science (DVPW). Konstanz, Germany.
2019 (April)	Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA). Chicago, USA.
2019 (March)	5 th Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections. Leuven, Belgium.
2018 (Dec) (<i>invited</i>)	Politics and Inequality across Nations and Time. Warsaw, Poland.
2018 (Sept)	Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP) specialist group. Egham, UK.
2017 (June)	Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA). Toronto, Canada.

Teaching

	Teaching Assistant
	Royal Holloway, University of London – Egham, UK
2020	Introduction to Politics (undergrad 1 st year)
2018–2019	International Political Economy (undergrad 2 nd year)
	Teaching Assistant
	McMaster University – Hamilton, Canada
2004–2005	Canadian History (undergrad 2 nd year)

Scholarships and Awards

2021	Emil J. Gumbel Prize (€500) Best article in <i>Statistics, Politics & Policy</i>
2020–2021	SSHRC Doctoral Award (\$20,000)
2017–2021	Electoral Studies Doctoral Scholarship (£62,464) Royal Holloway, University of London – Egham, UK
2017	Progressive Economics Forum Graduate Essay Award (\$1,000)
2014–2016	King’s Masters Scholarship (£2,000) King’s College London – London, UK

Travel Grants

2023 (Jan)	CSDC Conference Travel Grant (\$1,000)
2022 (June)	CSDC Methods Training Grant (\$1,750)
2018–2021	Royal Holloway Politics and IR Travel Grants (£2,200)
2020 (June)	Canadian Political Science Association Travel Grant (CAD\$500)
2020 (Jan)	PhD Winter School Travel Grant – Dublin, Ireland (€500)
2019 (May)	DVPW Political Economy Travel Grant – Konstanz, Germany (€400)
2018 (May)	ECPR Summer School Grant – Budapest, Hungary (€415)
2018 (Dec)	Politics and Inequality Workshop Grant – Warsaw, Poland (£425)

Additional Training

2022 (June 20–July 1)	MethodsNet Summer School in Research Methods “Introduction to R” and “Collecting Web Data with R” Radboud University – Nijmegen, The Netherlands
2021 (Aug 2–7)	ECPR Summer School: Theories and Methods in Party Politics University of Aarhus – Aarhus, Denmark
2020 (Jan 15–16)	New Political Economy of Europe PhD Winter School University College Dublin – Dublin, Ireland
2019 (March 1–9)	5th Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections University of Leuven – Leuven, Belgium
2018 (July 25–Aug 9)	ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques “Multivariate Statistical Techniques for Comparing Countries” Central European University – Budapest, Hungary

Other Skills

Languages	English (native speaker); French (intermediate – A2 diploma)
Methods Training	Linear and Logistic Regression; Multilevel Models; Panel; TSCS; Web Scraping
Software	Office; R; SPSS; STATA

Service to the Discipline

Editorial Assistant

2018–2021

Electoral Studies – Egham, UK

Co-organizer

2018 (April–Sept)

Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP) conference Royal Holloway, University of London – Egham, UK

Reviewer

2018–Present

American Journal of Political Science; Canadian Journal of Political Science; Comparative Political Studies; Electoral Studies; Italian Political Science Review; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties; Journal of Politics; Party Politics; Political Behavior; Political Studies Review; Socio-Economic Review

Professional Memberships

2022–Present

American Political Science Association (APSA)

2022–Present

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)

2021–Present

Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship (CSDC)

2021–Present

Consortium on Electoral Democracy (C-Dem)

2017–Present

Political Studies Association (PSA)

2017–Present

Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP)

2017–Present

Progressive Economics Forum (PEF)

2016–Present

Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA)

References

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