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APPOINTMENTS

May 2018 – Ongoing	Research Associate	POLICY, ELECTIONS, AND REPRESENTATION LAB
Dec. 2022 – Feb. 2024	Interim Managing Director	
July 2023 – June 2024	Graduate Fellow	SCHWARTZ REISMAN INSTITUTE FOR TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY

EDUCATION

Fall 2018 – Ongoing	PhD, Political Science (In-Progress)	UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
	Department of Political Science	
	Dissertation Title: <i>The Politics of Public-Facing Automation</i>	
	Supervisor: Peter John Loewen	
	Committee: Nicole Wu & Michael J. Donnelly	
	Fields: Canadian Government, & Public Policy	
Fall 2016 – Summer 2018	Master of Public Policy	UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
	Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy	
Fall 2017	Exchange Program: School of Public Affairs	SCIENCES PO
Fall 2012 – Summer 2016	Honours Bachelor of Arts, Political Studies	QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY
	Department of Political Studies	
Fall 2015	Exchange Program: Department of Political Science	NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY

PUBLICATIONS

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

* denotes equal authorship; ^ℙ indicates dissertation work

6. Banerjee, Sanchayan, Peter John, Brendan Nyhan, Andrew Hunter, Richard Koenig, **Blake Lee-Whiting**, Peter John Loewen, John McAndrews, Peter John Loewen, and Manu Savani. "Thinking about Default Enrollment Lowers Vaccination Intentions and Public Support in G7 Countries." *PNAS Nexus* (2024): doi.org/10.1093/pnasnexus/pgae093.
5. Borwein, Sophie, Beatrice Magistro, Peter John Loewen, Bart Bonikowski, and **Blake Lee-Whiting**. "The Gender Gap in Attitudes Toward Workplace Technological Change." *Socio-Economic Review* (Forthcoming): SSRN Paper Preview.
4. Koenig, Richard, Manu Savani, **Blake Lee-Whiting**, John McAndrews, Sanchayan Banerjee, Andrew Hunter, Peter John, Peter John Loewen, & Brendan Nyhan. "Public Support for More Stringent Vaccine Policies Increases with Vaccine Effectiveness." *Nature Scientific Reports* 14, 1748 (2024): doi.org/10.1038/s41598-024-51654-y.
3. Borwein, Sophie, Bart Bonikowski, Peter John Loewen, Beatrice Magistro, and **Blake Lee-Whiting**. "Who Can Assert Ownership Over Automation? Workplace Technological Change, Populist and Ethno-nationalist Rhetoric, and Candidate Support." *Political Behavior* (2024): doi.org/10.1007/s11109-024-09914-0.
2. Borwein, Sophie, Bart Bonikowski, Peter John Loewen, **Blake Lee-Whiting**, and Beatrice Magistro. "Perceived Automation Threat, Populism, and Vote Choice: Evidence from 15 European Democracies." *West European Politics* (2024): doi.org/10.1080/01402382.2023.2297601.
1. Magistro, Beatrice, Peter John Loewen, Bart Bonikowski, Sophie Borwein, and **Blake Lee-Whiting**. Forthcoming. "Attitudes toward Automation and the Demand for Policies Addressing Job Loss: The Effects of Information About Trade-offs." *Political Science Research and Methods* (2024): doi.org/10.1017/psrm.2024.1.

POLICY REPORTS

5. Bridgman, Aengus, Alexei Abrahams, Thomas Bergeron, Thomas Galipeau, **Blake Lee-Whiting**, Haaya Naushan, Jennie Phillips, Zeynep Pehlivan, Saewon Park, Sara Parker, Benjamin Steel, Peter John Loewen, and Taylor Owen. "The Canadian Information Ecosystem." *Media Ecosystem Observatory* (2023).
4. Bridgman, Aengus, **Blake Lee-Whiting**, Thomas Bergeron, Thomas Galipeau, Alexei Abrahams, Saewon Park, Sara Parker, Taylor, Owen, and Peter John Loewen. "Indistinct Information Habitats: Information and Attitudes in the 2023 Alberta Election." *Media Ecosystem Observatory* (2023).
3. John, Peter, Peter John Loewen, Manu Savani, Brendan Nyhan, John McAndrews, Sanchayan Banerjee, Richard Koenig, and **Blake Lee-Whiting**. "Overcoming Barriers to Vaccination by Empowering Citizens to Make Deliberate Choices." *The British Academy* (2022). Available in French, German, Italian, & Japanese.
2. Loewen, Peter John, and **Blake Lee-Whiting**. "Automation, AI, and COVID-19." *Public Policy Forum* (2021).
1. **Lee-Whiting, Blake**, Thomas Bergeron, and Peter John Loewen. "Do Students Want Vaccine Mandates?" *PEARL* (2021).

PUBLIC-FACING RESEARCH & POPULAR MEDIA

7. Krashinsky, Lewis, **Blake Lee-Whiting**, & William Roelofs. "The Kids are Alright: Aspiring Political Staffers are Altruistically Motivated." *The Conversation* (November 2023).
6. **Lee-Whiting, Blake**. "A Rise in Self-service Technologies May Cause a Decline in our Sense of Community." *The Conversation Canada* (April 2023).
Online Media Features: London Free Press (May 2023), NEWS24 (April 2023), Stuff: South Africa (April 2023), MENAFN (April 2023), & PHYS.org (April 2023).
Radio: 107.3 Calgary: Ted Henley (May 2023), & 630 Edmonton: Chelsea Bird (April 2023).
5. **Lee-Whiting, Blake***, and Thomas Bergeron*. "Students Returning to Campus Want the 'University Experience' Missed During COVID-19." *The Conversation* (August 2022).
Online Media Features: University Affairs (September 2022), London Free Press (August 2022), PBS NewsHour (August 2022), Consortium d'Animation sur la Persévérance et la Réussite en Enseignement Supérieur (August 2022), & L'Observatoire sur la Réussite en Enseignement Supérieur (August 2022).
Radio: 630 Edmonton: Chelsea Bird & Daryl McIntyre (August 2022)
4. **Lee-Whiting, Blake**. "Why Aren't Ontario NDP Candidates Talking about Andrea Horwath?" *The Hub* (June 2022).
3. **Lee-Whiting, Blake**. "Want the Economy to Take Off? Reform the National Airport Service." *The Hub* (January 2022).
2. Loewen, Peter John, and **Blake Lee-Whiting**. "Precarious Employment to Stable Flexibility: What do Canadian Gig Workers want?" *Public Policy Forum* (2021).
1. Loewen, Peter John, and **Blake Lee-Whiting**. "Pandemic Learning: Paid Micro-Training Opportunities for Post-Pandemic Recovery." *Public Policy Forum* (2021).

WORKING PAPERS

- Bergeron, Thomas, **Blake Lee-Whiting***. "Angry? Upset? Your Are Not My Co-partisan: The Consequences of Political Categorization."
- Loewen, Peter John, and **Blake Lee-Whiting**. "Is holding political office bad for well-being?"
- **Lee-Whiting, Blake***, Arjumand Siddiqi*, and Carolyn Hughes Tuohy*. "Cutting Through the Noise: Complex Contexts and Vaccine Hesitancy."
- Loewen, Peter John, Laura B. Stephenson, Allison Harell, Daniel Rubenson, **Blake Lee-Whiting**, and Thomas Bergeron. "An Empirical Evaluation of Journalists' Explanations of the 2021 Canadian Federal Election."
- **Lee-Whiting, Blake^D**, Borwein, Sophie, Bart Bonikowski, Peter John Loewen, and Beatrice Magistro. "Boycotting Public-Facing Automation: The Politics of Scanning Your Own Groceries."

- Lachance, Sarah*, Claret Treger*, Thomas Bergeron, Thomas Galipeau, Natasha Goel, Mujahedul Islam, **Blake Lee-Whiting**, Beatrice Magistro, Semra Sevi, & Peter John Loewen. "Political Party or Policy Position? The Role of Policy Partisanship and Party Cues in Voter Decision-Making."
- Savani, Manu, Richard Koenig, Sanchayan Banerjee, Andrew Hunter, **Blake Lee-Whiting**, Peter John Loewen, John McAndrews, and Brendan Nyhan. "What encourages people to take up the Covid-19 vaccine when they lack trust in it?"
- **Lee-Whiting, Blake**, Sanchayan Banerjee, Andrew Hunter, Peter John, Peter Loewen, John McAndrews, Richard Koenig, Brendan Nyhan, and Manu Savani. "Detect and Reject: Using JavaScript to Remove VPN Users from Survey Research."
- Krashinsky, Lewis, **Blake Lee-Whiting**, & William Roelofs. "Short Pants, Public Interest: Why Do Young People Want To Work As Political Staffers In Canada?"

OPEN SCIENCE

- Articles:
- Brodeur, Abel et al. "Mass Reproducibility and Replicability: A New Hope." Working Paper (2024).
 - Bergeron, Thomas*, and **Blake Lee-Whiting***. "On-Campus COVID-19 Policy Preferences: Experimental Evidence from a Global Student Sample." *PsyArXiv* (2023).

Methods Blog: **Lee-Whiting, Blake**. "How To Program Conjoint Experiments In Qualtrics." (2023).

Replication: **Lee-Whiting, Blake**, Lewis Krashinsky, & William Roelofs. "Talking: Talking Shops." *Institute for Replication (I4R)* (2023): I4R Discussion Paper Series 69.

Data: **Lee-Whiting, Blake** & Thomas Bergeron. "Back-to-School Data." *Harvard Dataverse* (2022).

PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS & ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

2. **Lee-Whiting, Blake**. "Survey Research". In Alessandro Nai, Max Grömping, & Dominique Wirz (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Political Communication*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing. Forthcoming 2025.
1. John, Peter & **Lee-Whiting, Blake**. "Nudging". In Alessandro Nai, Max Grömping, & Dominique Wirz (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Political Communication*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing. Forthcoming 2025.

TEACHING

The Role of Government

MUNK SCHOOL OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS & PUBLIC POLICY

The final mandatory undergraduate public policy course for students majoring in public policy, this 4th-year lecture-based course introduces students to the policy cycle, and provides various lenses for analyzing public policy.

PPG401 Syllabus (2024)

PPG401 Syllabus (2023) – Course evaluations (Response Rate: 21/42) available by request.

Winter 2024

Winter 2023

Canadian Priorities Agenda (Capstone Course)

MUNK SCHOOL OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS & PUBLIC POLICY

Co-taught with Olena Hankivsky, Tyler Meredith, & Jeremy Roberts, this master's-level capstone course is the culminating course of the master in public policy program.

PPG2008 Syllabus (2024)

Winter 2024

Public Opinion and Voting

UOFT DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Co-taught with Thomas Bergeron, this third-year undergraduate lecture-based course introduces students to public opinion, survey research tools, and voting literature.

POL314 Syllabus (2023) – Course evaluations (Response Rate: 2/7) available by request.

Summer 2023

Teaching Assistant

Canadian Priorities Agenda (Capstone Course)

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Canadian Government and Politics

UOFT DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Winter 2023

Winter 2022

Winter 2022

Winter 2021

Winter 2020

FY 2019-2020

Fall 2019	The Policy Process	MUNK SCHOOL OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS & PUBLIC POLICY
Summer 2019	Canada in Comparative Perspective	UOFT DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
FY 2018-2019	Canadian Government and Politics	UOFT DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, & INVITED TALKS

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April 2023	Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) · Bergeron, Thomas, Blake Lee-Whiting , & Natasha Goel: <i>Angry? Upset? Your Are Not My Co-partisan: The Consequences of Political Categorization.</i> · Lachance, Sarah*, Clareta Treger*, Thomas Bergeron, Thomas Galipeau, Natasha Goel, Mujahedul Islam, Blake Lee-Whiting , Beatrice Magistro, & Peter John Loewen. : <i>Political Party or Policy Position? The Role of Policy Partisanship and Party Cues in Voter Decision-Making.</i>	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
March 2024	Undergraduate Public Policy Association: The Politics of Technology	UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
March 2024	Policython 2024: Keynote Address	UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
January 2024	Bell Chair Graduate Student Conference in Canadian Politics: · Thomas Bergeron and Blake Lee-Whiting : <i>Angry? Upset? You are not my co-partisan!</i>	CARELTON UNIVERSITY
September 2023	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA): · Sarah Lachance, Clareta Treger, Thomas Bergeron, Thomas Galipeau, Natasha Goel, Mujahedul Islam, Blake Lee-Whiting , Beatrice Magistro, Semra Sevi, Peter John Loewen: <i>Political Party or Policy Position? The Role of Policy Partisanship and Party Cues in Voter Decision-Making.</i> · Sophie Borwein, Beatrice Magistro, Peter John Loewen, Bart Bonikowski, and Blake Lee-Whiting : <i>The Gender Gap in Attitudes Toward Workplace Technological Change.</i>	LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA (ABSTAINED)
June 2023	International Conference on Public Policy (IPPA): · Blake Lee-Whiting , Carolyn Hughes Tuohy, and Arjumand Siddiqi: <i>Cutting Through the Noise: Complex Contexts and Vaccine Hesitancy.</i>	TORONTO METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY
May 2023	Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference (CPSA): · Thomas Bergeron*, & Blake Lee-Whiting* : <i>Missing Out: University Students and the COVID-19 Pandemic.</i>	YORK UNIVERSITY
April 2023	Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA): · Sophie Borwein, Beatrice Magistro, Bart Bonikowski, Peter John Loewen, & Blake Lee-Whiting : <i>Gender's Effect on Attitudes Towards Different Economic Shocks.</i> · Thomas Bergeron*, & Blake Lee-Whiting* : <i>Missing Out: University Students and the COVID-19 Pandemic.</i> · Undergraduate Poster Session Discussant: <i>Public Opinion and Surveys.</i>	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
March 2023	Quantitative Methods Research Cluster: Blank Survey Experiments? Check for VPN Users	UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
November 2022	The Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop (TPBW): · Sophie Borwein, Beatrice Magistro, Peter John Loewen, Bart Bonikowski, & Blake Lee-Whiting : <i>The Gender Gap in Attitudes Towards Workplace Technological Change (Poster).</i>	UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
April 2022	Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA): · Peter Loewen, Laura B. Stephenson, Allison Harell, Daniel Rubenson, Thomas Bergeron, & Blake Lee-Whiting : <i>Same Outcome, Same Input? An Empirical Evaluation of Journalist Explanations of the 2021 Canadian Federal Election.</i>	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (ONLINE)
September 2021	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA): · Sophie Borwein, Bart Bonikowski, Blake Lee-Whiting , Peter John Loewen, & Beatrice Magistro: <i>Automation and Populism: Evidence from Survey Experiments in four Countries.</i>	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON (ONLINE)
April 2021	Quantitative Methods Research Cluster: Surveying on Amazon MTurk	UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
February 2019	Toronto Public Policy and Governance Workshop: · Michael Donnelly & Blake Lee-Whiting : <i>Trust and Technology: Measuring Performance Amid Expectations.</i>	UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

FUNDING (\$218,865)

January 2024	Bell Chair Graduate Student Conference: Travel Grant (Declined)	\$500
Fall 2018 – Ongoing	Policy, Elections, & Representation Lab: Educational Stipend	\$110,000
Fall 2018 – Summer 2023	University of Toronto: Fellowship	\$42,646
Fall 2018 – Summer 2023	University of Toronto Faculty Of Arts And Science: Tuition Fellowship	\$40,235
Fall 2021 – Summer 2023	University of Toronto Department Of Political Science: Graduate Program Award	\$2,675
Fall 2018 – Summer 2023	University of Toronto Faculty Of Arts And Science: Program-Level Fellowship	\$5,000
July 2023	Schwartz Reisman Institute for Technology and Society: Graduate Fellowship Award	\$7,500
June 2023	Institute for Replication & The University of Ottawa: Replication Games Travel Grant	ACCOMMODATIONS
June 2023	International Public Policy Association: Conference Grant	CONFERENCE & MEMBERSHIP COSTS
April 2023	University of Toronto Department of Political Science: Conference Travel Funding	\$1,000
Winter 2022	Royal Bank of Canada & the University of Toronto: Graduate Fellowship in Public and Economic Policy	\$3,809
Summer 2022	Syracuse University: Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Scholarship	ACCOMMODATIONS
Fall 2021	University of Toronto Global: Student Engagement Award	\$3,000
Fall 2016	University of Toronto: Master Of Public Policy (MPP) Fellowship	\$3,000

SERVICE

March 2023	Judge	UofT POLICYTHON STUDENT CASE COMPETITION
May 2018	Researcher	MASTER IN PUBLIC POLICY STUDENT EXPERIENCE EVALUATION PROJECT

Professional Affiliations

Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA), Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), American Political Science Association (APSA), International Public Policy Association (IPPA), Société Québécoise de Science Politique (SQSP), International Political Science Association (IPSA)

Reviews

Political Studies Review (·1), Behavioural Public Policy (·2), The Young Researcher (·12)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Summer 2022	Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research	SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
March 2017	Ford School of Public Policy + SPPG Conference	UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

RELEVANT NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

March 2022 – April 2023	President of the Board of Directors	TORONTO STANDARD CONDOMINIUM CORPORATION 1967
Summer 2017	Government Relations Summer Student	TELUS COMMUNICATIONS INC.
October 2015	Student-Voter Registration Coordinator	ELECTIONS CANADA
Jan. 2015 – Jan. 2016	University Issues Committee Member	ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY
Summer 2015	Government and Public Affairs Intern	ONTARIO TEACHERS' PENSION PLAN
May-June 2014	Director of Community Outreach	ONTARIO PROVINCIAL CAMPAIGN
Jan. 2013 – Jan. 2014	Academic Grievance Centre Counselor	ALMA MATER SOCIETY OF QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY