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CURRENT POSITIONS

PRIMARY **SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow**, Carleton University, 2016 – present

- Under the supervision of Jonathan Malloy, conducting a mixed-methods study of how differences in procedure and patterns of operation shape the capacity and influence of Canada’s provincial legislatures.

OTHER AFFILIATIONS **Fellow**, Clayton H. Riddell Graduate Program in Political Management, Carleton University, 2016 – present

Visiting Researcher, Honourable Dick and Ruth Bell Chair for the Study of Canadian Parliamentary Democracy (William Cross), Carleton University, 2015 – present

EDUCATION & TRAINING

DOCTORAL **PhD in Political Science**, University of Toronto, 2016

- Fields: Canadian Politics, Comparative Politics
- Dissertation: *Across Enemy Lines: a Study of the All-Party Groups in the Parliaments of Canada, Ontario, Scotland and the United Kingdom*
- Committee: Graham White (supervisor), Peter Loewen, Jonathan Malloy (members), David Docherty (external examiner), Jonathan Craft (internal examiner)
- Completed field research under the supervision of the Constitution Unit at University College London and the Centre of Canadian Studies at the University of Edinburgh.

MASTERS **Master of Arts in Political Science**, Carleton University, 2003 – 2005

BACHELORS **Hons. Bachelor of Arts in Political Science**, Wilfrid Laurier University, 1999 – 2003

OTHER **Parliamentary Internship Programme**, Canadian Political Science Association, 2005 – 2006

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS David Rayside, Jerald Sabin and **Paul Thomas**. 2017. *Religion and Canadian Party Politics*. Vancouver: UBC Press.

ARTICLES **Paul Thomas**, Peter Loewen, and Michael Mackenzie. 2013. “Fair Isn’t Always Equal: Constituency Population and the Quality of Representation in Canada.” *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 46(2): 1-21.

BOOK CHAPTERS **Paul Thomas** and Stacey Frier. “Campaigning to change the law.” In *Exploring Parliament*, eds Cristina Leston-Bandeira and Louise Thompson. Oxford University Press. (In press)

Paul Thomas. “Democratizing the Legislative Branch of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.” In *The Democracy Cookbook: Recipes to Renew Governance in Newfoundland and Labrador*, eds. Alex Marland and Lisa Moore. St. John’s: ISER Books and The Telegram (St. John’s). (In press)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- ARTICLES** Kelly Blidook, Jane Hilderman, Gary Levy, Jonathan Malloy, Jack Stilborn, and **Paul Thomas**. 2016. "Roundtable – Parliamentary Reform: Where We've Been and Where We Might Be Going." *Canadian Parliamentary Review* 39(1): 4-13.
- Paul Thomas**. 2015. "The Study of Canadian Legislatures." *Public Sector Management*. 26(1): 20-21.
- Paul Thomas**. 2007. "Measuring the Effectiveness of a Minority Parliament." *Canadian Parliamentary Review*, 30(1): 22-31.
- BOOK CHAPTERS** **Paul Thomas** and Graham White. 2015. "Evaluating Provincial and Territorial Legislatures." In *Provinces: Canadian provincial politics, 3rd Edition*, ed. Christopher J. C. Dunn. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

- UNDER REVIEW** John McAndrews, Feodor Snagovsky, and **Paul Thomas**. "Citizens' Attitudes Toward Legislator Independence: Experimental evidence from Canada." (Under review with *British Journal of Political Science*)
- BOOKS** **Paul Thomas**. *Across Enemy Lines: The Growth of All-Party Groups in Canada and the United Kingdom*. (Under contract for delivery to UBC Press in August 2018).
- JOURNAL ARTICLES** **Paul Thomas**. "With a Little Help From our Friends: the Role of External Actors in Facilitating the Growth of All-Party Parliamentary Groups at the British Parliament" (Preparing for submission to the *Journal of Legislative Studies* in fall 2017).
- Paul Thomas** and Jerald Sabin. "Religion and the 2017 Conservative Party of Canada leadership race." (Preparing for submission to the *Canadian Journal of Political Science* in fall 2017).
- JP Lewis and **Paul Thomas**. "Canadian Provincial Legislatures and the Threat of Executive Creep." (Preparing for submission to *Parliamentary Affairs* in fall 2017).

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- POST-DOCTORAL** 2016-2018 – SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship, SSHRC (\$81,000)
- GRADUATE** 2014-2015 – Doctoral Completion Award, University of Toronto (\$4,000)
 2011-2014 – Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship, SSHRC (\$150,000)
 2012-2013 – Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement, SSHRC (\$6,000)
 2012-2013 – Graduate Studies Travel Award, University of Toronto (\$3,000)
 2011-2013 – SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship, SSHRC (\$40,000 – Declined)
 2011-2012 – Ontario Graduate Scholarship, Ontario Government (\$15,000 – Declined)
 2010-2011 – Ontario Graduate Scholarship, Ontario Government (\$15,000)
 2009-2010 – University of Toronto Fellowship, University of Toronto (\$15,000)
 2009-2010 – C.B. Macpherson Admission Award, University of Toronto (\$5,000)
 2003-2005 – Domestic Tuition Scholarship, Carleton University (\$6,000)
 2003-2004 – Canada Graduate Scholarship (Masters Level), SSHRC (\$17,500)
 2003-2004 – Political Science Entrance Scholarship, Carleton University (\$3,000)
- OTHER** 2006 - Alfred Hales Prize for best Parliamentary Internship Programme paper (\$500)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- INVITED PRESENTATIONS** **Paul Thomas.** 2015. “Legislative Reform in Canada: a Question of Capacity?” *Conference on Parliamentary Reform*, Canadian Study of Parliament Group, Ottawa.
- Paul Thomas.** 2014. “Graham White’s Contribution to Legislative Studies: Documenting the Evolution of Westminster in Canada.” *Conference in Honour of Graham White*, University of Toronto.
- David Rayside, **Paul Thomas** and Jerry Sabin. 2011. “Sex-Ed in Ontario: Religious Mobilization and Socio-Cultural Anxiety.” *Walter Gordon Symposium*, Massey College, University of Toronto.
- Paul Thomas.** 2008. “With Greater Parliamentary Power Comes Greater Government Responsibility? The role of Standing Committees and the Senate in the 38th & 39th Parliaments.” *Minority Report: The Effects of Minority Government in Canada*, Wilfrid Laurier University.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT CONFERENCES

- SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS** JP Lewis and **Paul Thomas.** June 2017. “Canadian Provincial Legislatures and the threat of Executive Creep.” *CPSA Annual Conference*, Ryerson University.
- Jerald Sabin, **Paul Thomas**, and David Rayside. June 2017. “Religion and the 2017 Conservative Party of Canada leadership race.” *CPSA Annual Conference*, Ryerson University.
- Paul Thomas.** April 2017. “Cooperation without consequence? A review of participation in all-party groups by members of the House of Lords.” *Political Studies Association 67th Annual Conference*, Glasgow, United Kingdom.
- John McAndrews, Feodor Snagovsky, and **Paul Thomas.** April 2017. “Citizens’ Attitudes Toward Legislator Independence: Experimental evidence from Canada.” *Political Studies Association 67th Annual Conference*, Glasgow, United Kingdom.
- Paul Thomas.** 2015. “Cooperation in a time of conflict: Exploring the growth of all-party groups in Canada.” *CPSA Annual Conference*, University of Ottawa.
- Paul Thomas.** 2015. “Reaching across the aisle: Explaining the rise of All-Party Parliamentary Groups in the United Kingdom.” *Political Studies Association 65th Annual Conference*, Sheffield, United Kingdom.
- Paul Thomas.** 2014. “Exploring influences on cross-party cooperation among backbench politicians in the Canadian, British and Scottish Parliaments.” *World Congress of Political Science*, Montreal.
- Jane Hilderman and **Paul Thomas.** 2013. “Climbing the Ladder of Dissent: Backbench Influence in the House of Commons.” *CPSA Annual Conference*, University of Victoria.
- David Rayside, Jerry Sabin and **Paul Thomas.** 2012. “Faith and Party Politics in Alberta.” *CPSA Annual Conference*, University of Alberta.
- Paul Thomas.** 2011. “Less Responsible? Assessing the Comparative Turn in Canadian Legislative Studies.” *CPSA Annual Conference*, Wilfrid Laurier University.

TEACHING POSITIONS

- COURSE INSTRUCTOR**
- Carleton University, Clayton Riddell Graduate Program in Political Management**
- Foundations of Political Management (MA seminar), Fall 2017
 - Institutions and Governance (MA seminar), Fall 2015
- Carleton University, Department of Political Science**
- Political Parties and Elections in Canada (3rd year), Fall 2016
- University of Toronto (St. George Campus), Department of Political Science**
- Canadian Legislatures & Legislators (4th year seminar), Summer 2014
- TEACHING ASSISTANT**
- University of Toronto Mississauga, Department of Political Science**
- Canadian Government and Politics (D. Pond), 2014 – 2015
- University of Toronto (St. George Campus), Department of Political Science**
- Contemporary Canadian Federalism (M. Stein), 2014 – 2015
 - Canadian Political Parties (N. Wiseman), 2011 – 2012; 2014 – 2015
 - Canadian Government and Politics (N. Wiseman), 2009 – 2011, 2013 – 2014
 - Renewing Canadian Democracy (M. Ignatieff), 2012
- Carleton University**
- Research Methods (V. Bhatia), 2003 – 2005
- SUPERVISION**
- Carleton University, Clayton Riddell Graduate Program in Political Management**
- Second reader for all 25 Masters of Political Management capstone projects, 2017

SERVICE POSITIONS

- ACADEMIC BODIES**
- Selection Committee Member**, CPSA Parliamentary Internship Programme, 2017
- Reviewed over 100 applications in English and French.
 - Part of the bilingual interview panel for the 25 finalists.
- Treasurer**, Canadian Study of Parliament Group, 2016 – present
- With help from CSPG staff, manage the Group's finances, which includes over \$60,000 in annual turnover and over \$140,000 in assets.
- Board Member**, Canadian Study of Parliament Group, 2014 – present
- Assist in organizing regular conferences on aspects of parliamentary governance.
 - Serve on the selection committees the CSPG's various prizes and grants.
- Academic Advisor**, Samara Canada, 2012 – present
- Provide advice and assistance on academic research conducted by Samara, an independent think tank focused on improving political participation in Canada),
- Peer reviewer**, Canadian Journal of Political Science; Parliamentary Affairs

RELATED EXPERIENCE

- GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**
- Parliamentary Affairs and Tobacco Control Assistant**, Cancer Research UK, London, 2008 – 2009
- Supported efforts to strengthen tobacco control provisions in the *2008 Health Bill*.
 - Contributed to the development and execution of a comprehensive government relations plan on tobacco control in partnership with a coalition of British charities.

RELATED EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

- PARLIAMENT OF CANADA** **Senior Researcher**, Office of Yoine Goldstein, Senator for Quebec, 2006 – 2008
- Performed research and analysis to support the Senator with his legislative duties and his role as Vice-Chair of the Senate Banking Committee.
 - Developed the Senator’s private member’s bill on the prevention of spam email (Bill S-235), including all background research and consultations with industry.
 - Provided communications support by managing all content on the Senator’s website and by preparing speeches, op-eds, newsletters, and press releases.
- PARLIAMENT OF CANADA** **Secretariat Coordinator**, All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Prevention of Genocide, Ottawa, 2006 – 2008
- Seconded by Senator Goldstein on a part-time basis to run the Group’s secretariat.
 - Led the planning for two public consultations on the conflict in the Darfur, as well for as a visit to Ottawa by the UN Special Advisor on the Prevention of Genocide.
 - Facilitated the creation of an internship programme to provide the Group’s long-term secretariat.
- Parliamentary Intern**, Office of Andy Scott (MP for Fredericton, Opposition Critic for Infrastructure and Communities), March 2006 – June 2006
- Monitored the government's infrastructure policies, prepared speeches and press releases, and networked with officials from Canada’s municipal governments.
- Parliamentary Intern**, Office of Hedy Fry (MP for Vancouver Centre, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Immigration), September 2005 – January 2006
- Conducted research on immigration issues, met with stakeholder organizations, and liaised with Liberal members of the Standing Committee on Immigration.
 - Drafted newsletters, responded to letters, and assisted visitors to the riding office.
- GOVERNMENT OF CANADA** **Assistant Development Officer**, Canadian International Development Agency, Southern Africa Branch, Gatineau, 2001 – 2003 (summers and part-time)
- Managed two bilateral projects operating in Zimbabwe: the Gender Equality Support Project and the Environmental Responsive Fund.
 - Assisted in the management of a range of other projects throughout the region.
 - Participated in the research, drafting and consultations for the CIDA – South Africa Programming Framework, 2003-2008.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- OP-ED ARTICLES** Michael Morden and **Paul Thomas**. 2015. “Canada needs a commissioner for indigenous relations.” *Ottawa Citizen*. 14 December.
- Jane Hilderman and **Paul Thomas**. 2015. “Five strategies for new MPs.” *The Hill Times’ Guide to the 42nd Parliament*. 26 October. pp. 10, 38.
- Paul Thomas**. 2013. “The Reform Act: A Partial Transplant.” *Ottawa Citizen*. 13 December. A13.
- Paul Thomas**. 2013. “Look overseas for prorogation lesson.” *Ottawa Citizen*. 21 October. A9.
- GUEST BLOG POST** **Paul Thomas**. 2014. “Google, who are these cabinet ministers anyway?” *Samara Canada Blog*. 26 February. Available: <http://www.samaracanada.com/samarablog/>

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT CONTINUED**INTERVIEWS**

Interviewed for article: Samantha Wright Allen. 2017. "Intra-party, all-party caucuses multiplying." *The Hill Times*. 6 Sept. pp. 4-5.

Interviewed for article: Laura Ryckewaert. 2017. "Religion still influential in Canadian politics, presents challenge to Conservative politicians: book authors." *The Hill Times*. 3 July. p. 6.

Interviewed for article: Laura Ryckewaert. 2016. "MPs' staffers overworked, hardly visible, poorly understood." *The Hill Times*. 15 August. pp. 1,6.

Interviewed for article: Laura Ryckewaert. 2015. "Liberal government's reform agenda could be slow coming." *The Hill Times*. 2 November. p. 4.

Interviewed for article: Mark Burgess. 2015. "Lobbyists seeking entry, MPs tired of bickering lead to surge in all-party groups." *The Hill Times*. 8 June. pp. 1, 16.

REFEREES**Peter Loewen** (*Dissertation committee member, co-author*)

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