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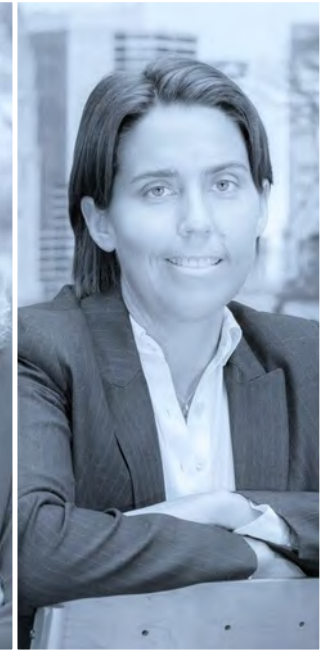
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Our faculty and students have responded to this year's challenges with irrepressible energy and enthusiasm. Four colleagues – Jessica Green, Phillip Lipsy, Lynette Ong, and Mark Manger – have been promoted to full professor, a salient career milestone. Others have also been recognized for their research, teaching, and leadership. For *Fueling Resistance*, Kate Neville received the ISA's Harold and Margaret Sprout Prize for the Best Book in International Environmental Politics. Exceptionally, she also received a Faculty of Arts & Science Outstanding Teaching Award. Dan Breznitz was awarded both the Donner and Balsillie Prize for Public Policy for *Innovation in Real Places*. While Peter Loewen assumed the directorship of the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, Dickson Eyoh is slated to become the Acting Principal of New College. This Spring has also witnessed the publication of the inaugural issue of *OtherWise*, the e-magazine of BIPOC women in the Department. We look forward to building on these impressive achievements as we welcome a new cohort of scholars and students to Sidney Smith Hall this autumn.

It's been a very gratifying four years as Graduate Director and Associate Chair. During that time, we managed to maintain the admission of high-quality students both internationally and domestically, as evidenced by our record number of successful Connaught nominations and a very high success rate in SSHRC and OGS awards. We also increased the diversity of our student pool and restructured core courses while navigating the challenges of the pandemic. Finally, we made our program and office management more streamlined and adaptable to online functionality. Carolyn and Louis continue to provide amazing support to our students, faculty, and graduate director. We also just wrapped up a very successful admission season and will welcome 40 incoming MA and 26 PhD students in the Fall thanks to the collective work of faculty reviewers and student volunteers. In recent months, students have begun to return to in-person dissertation research travel and conference participation. We have been gradually resuming in-person academic and social engagement, with the expectation of full re-engagement by September.

The resumption of in-person classes late in the winter term made for a livelier campus, yet traffic in the department remained low, with group activities curtailed. The undergraduate office remained fully operational both virtually and in-person. Our new curriculum was fully implemented this year which has received a positive response from both students and faculty. In September, we will welcome another cohort of talented new faculty who will further enrich the program. We celebrate another graduating class whose final two years have unfortunately been marked by a destabilizing oscillation between online and in-person classes. We wish them the very best in their future endeavors and look forward to their active involvement in the U of T political science alumni community. As I come to the end of my term as Undergraduate Director, it has been a very rewarding experience interacting with students, working with colleagues to improve the curriculum, and being supported by the dedicated staff of the Undergraduate office. Best wishes for the summer!

The Winter term was a roller coaster ride, after Omicron upended our plans to return to in-person instruction in January. By late February, students and faculty donned their masks, and our first and second-year students came to UTSC for the first time. While the campus has been quieter than in pre-COVID times, we've also connected in new ways. Faculty members organized well-attended forums on current events such as the war in Ukraine and the Ottawa convoy protests. UTSC faculty gathered to celebrate the launch of Robert Schertzer's new book *The New Nationalism in America and Beyond: The Deep Roots of Ethnic Nationalism in the Digital Age* (with Eric Wood). Our faculty continue to win international awards, most recently Stefan Renckens' *Private Governance and Public Authority* received an honorable mention from the IPE (International Political Economy) section of the ISA. We are also thrilled to announce that Carla Norlof has been promoted to Full Professor. Please join us in welcoming two new members of the tri-campus graduate department: Neil Roberts (Full Professor) and Chadwick Cowie (Assistant Professor).

Happy Spring from UTM! Over the past few months, we've made a gradual return to in-person campus life. A curriculum workshop enabled faculty to gather and discuss our undergraduate courses. Big changes are underway as we add new courses, replace year-long courses with semester-long courses, and modify our programs. We are also pleased to be launching a podcast and a student journal in the coming months to augment our undergraduate experience. These activities are all supported by our outstanding staff. Recently, we welcomed our new financial administrative assistant, Michelle Huang, into the department. This summer, we will be saying goodbye to our Academic Advisor, Norma Dotto, who is retiring. On the faculty side, we are thrilled that Ed Schatz has been named as Director of CERES for a five-year term. Lastly, congratulations to Emily Nacol who was awarded a Jackman Humanities Institute Research Fellowship for the academic year 2022-23.

## campus colloquies

The Word from our Students



GRADUATE

Aden Dur-e-Aden

**Please explain your research and its main findings thus far.**

I study why individuals join radical right-wing groups and movements in Canada through a gendered lens. Generally, when somebody is radicalized, we often look at their immediate life circumstances to see what might have motivated them to take such drastic actions. However, I am borrowing my theory and methods from criminology which argue that we must look at an individual's complete life trajectory, from their childhood onwards, to understand the cumulative impact of different events in their life. Basically, just having one bad life event is not enough to radicalize someone. However, if one bad thing happens after another in their life, an individual is more likely to become radicalized.

**Why did you decide to research this particular area and what intrigues you the most about it? What impact do you hope your research will have? Any surprising findings?**

I started the program hoping to research recruitment of individuals within ISIS. However, my supervisor at the time, the late Dr. Lee Ann Fujii, suggested that I pivot towards studying recruitment in radical right-wing organizations because there was a gap in the existing literature. My hope is to create policy relevant findings which might be beneficial to the Canadian government before this problem metastasizes. One surprising finding is that each person's trajectory is different. One factor may be relevant for one individual at a personal level (e.g., losing their job), whereas for the other, something broader might be salient (e.g., Canada's immigration policy). Nevertheless, there are some similar patterns that can arise across cases (e.g., in both cases, the blame is placed on something external).

**What was the inspiration and intention behind starting your *Ethics of Research* podcast?**

While conducting my research, I found that no matter how much you prepare in advance, there are always situations that make you question which ethical route to take, both as a researcher and as a human being. I struggled a lot with such situations, and my goal with this podcast is to talk to other researchers who face similar dilemmas. My hope is that this resource might be valuable for early career graduate students who plan to research contentious political questions with hard-to-reach populations.

**Future plans post PhD?**

I was lucky enough to work for the government while pursuing my PhD, and I have just been selected as the 2022-2023 Cadieux-Leger Fellow at Global Affairs Canada. I would like to continue working for the federal government once I graduate.



UNDERGRADUATE

Tessa Di Vizio

**Why did you decide to study Political Science, IR and history?**

I approached my degree from the interdisciplinary lens of international relations but also wanted the flexibility to study different political and historical issues. By completing these single-discipline programs, I was able to explore other fascinating topics, such as Canadian politics, Renaissance history, and intelligence studies.

**What have been the most rewarding and challenging experiences thus far?**

I was honoured to receive both the Margaret J. E. White Scholarship and the J. Stefan Dupré Memorial Scholarship in Canadian Politics from the Political Science Department. I was also the recipient of the Hungarian Helicon Award from Innis College. It's always wonderful to be acknowledged for your efforts, and even more rewarding when this recognition comes from your community of scholars. Receiving these awards has supported my studies and passion for research. My most challenging experience was completing an independent study on intelligence studies and the declassification of materials related to the Anglo-American coup in Iran in 1953. In writing this paper, I had to take a step back from my traditional research approach to consider how politics and history are related and how they are studied at a meta-level. It is the longest paper I have ever written but ultimately, it was a very rewarding experience.

**What did you learn at university that you did not expect to?**

I did not realize how much learning is a collaborative experience, outside of the scope of traditional groupwork. It is not just you and your books and articles; there is so much you can learn from peers and professors in the classroom as well as from librarians, archivists, mentors and mentees outside of class.

**How has the pandemic altered your experience of campus life?**

Learning exclusively online was tough with screen fatigue and missing the classroom experience. I realized just how much I thrive on in-person learning. I really looked forward to returning to my classes this year—especially as they were all small fourth-year seminars—and being immersed in the academic and social environment of campus life. I also missed simple things such as exploring the library stacks and on-campus study spaces with my friends.

**What do you plan to do after graduation?**

After graduating in June, I will be taking a year off to work and improve my foreign language skills, a combination of Italian, German, and French, before applying to graduate studies in history.

STUDENT Q &amp; A



# focus on faculty

## The African Health Collaborative Network/ Joseph Wong on co-creating a University of Toronto international strategy



Photo credit: Kelly Liu

In the fall of 2021, the University of Toronto signed on to an unprecedented partnership agreement with the Mastercard Foundation and eight African universities in Ghana, South Africa, Rwanda, Ethiopia and Kenya. The “health collaborative network,” as we have called it, is unprec-

edented not only for the scale of philanthropic support to the network, but more importantly, for the inclusive process by which the partnership was created.

The partnership network came about after three-plus years of intensive relationship-building and a process of intentional and iterative co-creation. The U of T’s Office of the Vice-President, International, learned a great deal from this process, and we look to replicate it moving forward as the University continues to build interdisciplinary, collaborative partnerships with institutions from around the world.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) highlight the ways that universities – through our research, teaching and community engagement – can have a positive impact in the world. Importantly, their global scale emphasizes international collaboration, and specifically impactful collaboration between institutions in the so-called Global North and Global South.

About half of the U of T’s research output involve co-authorships with international partners, and about 40 percent of those publications are co-authored with colleagues from low and middle income countries. The U of T is already contributing to the kind of global collaboration required to generate new scholarly insights, address global challenges like climate change and pandemic preparedness, and facilitate peace and prosperity.

Co-creation and collaboration, however, are tricky. Acknowledging the legacies of colonialism constantly reminds us how the concepts of co-creation and collaboration have been used to justify

imperialism, and the extermination of nations and peoples, among others.

In other words, the U of T needs to ensure that co-creation results in *principled partnerships*. In forming the African health collaborative network, the nine universities deliberated and eventually agreed upon shared principles to partnership, including “all roads leading back to Africa” and “for Africans, in Africa, by Africans.”

Regional and contextual expertise and knowledge are critical if we are to develop respectful collaborative partnerships; a “one size fits all” approach to international partnership building is problematic. Scholars at the U of T provided critical advice and insight in forming the African health collaborative network. The Office of the Vice-President, International, is supporting Latin American and scholars of Latin America to develop a regional approach to collaboration and partnership building on important topics such as biodiversity, climate precarity and democratic resilience.

Political science, and the regional expertise our discipline offers, must have an integral voice in these co-creation processes moving forward. Our commitment to inclusion and pluralism is an important foundation upon which to develop principled, reciprocal, and respectful global partnerships.

*U of T Vice-President, International & Professor of Political Science Joseph Wong’s forthcoming book (with Dan Slater) From Democracy to Development: The Transformations of Modern Asia (Princeton University Press) is out this summer.*

## A Very Good Year/ Alexander Reisenbichler updates *Politics* on his fellowship year at Harvard University



Photo credit: “Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University.”

### As the John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellow & Visiting Scholar 2021-22 at the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies at Harvard University, what is the purpose of this fellowship?

The main purpose of the fellowship is for scholars to work on their research related to European politics while in residence at the CES. In my case, I have been able to make a great deal of progress on my book manuscript on German and American housing policies, and I have also launched a new project on the politics of central banking. The other purpose is to integrate fellows into the intellectual life at the CES. It has been a wonderful opportunity to attend seminars and workshops in political science and related fields. During my fellowship, I greatly benefited from conversations with resident and visiting scholars about my project, and I was able to present my research and receive feedback on it.

### Please tell us about your research.

My research focuses on the interplay between politics and markets in rich democracies. I’m currently working on a book manuscript on the political economy of housing markets in the United States and Germany. Housing markets are huge sectors of the economy and important to every single one of us, but they still haven’t received much attention in political science—even though governments intervene quite heavily in

these markets through tax subsidies, credit and mortgage subsidies, rent controls, or land regulations. What explains differences in government involvement in housing markets across advanced economies? My book investigates this question by comparing the different trajectories of housing policies in the United States and Germany from the mid-20th century until today. In times of skyrocketing house prices and affordability crises, I hope my book will contribute to our understanding of the important role of the state in today’s housing markets.

### What have you enjoyed most, both professionally and personally during this fellowship year?

I really enjoyed getting to know many visiting and resident scholars working in political science, political economy, and European politics. Despite the pandemic, the intellectual community at the CES has been terrific. One highlight was attending “The State and Capitalism Since 1800,” a monthly forum organized by Peter Hall and Kathy Thelen. Another was the CES building itself—a former museum and hidden gem on campus that has a quiet courtyard and still hosts medieval sculptures in a section of the building. A personal highlight was playing soccer on campus every week!



# making the media

Two members of the Political Science community on the increasing role of the media in their work

## Politicizing the Airwaves/

Undergraduate student **Jesse McDougall** tells *Politics* how his CIUT radio show *Tracks from Abroad* reflects the centuries-old relationship between music and politics



**Can you tell us how the show came to be and why you wanted to create a show like this?**

I created *Tracks From Abroad* during my third undergraduate year as a way to engage with U of T's diverse student body and listen to music from around the world. Any U of T student can pitch a show to CIUT FM 89.5, our on-campus radio station, so with some persistence, I secured a one-hour weekly show during which I interview an international student and play music from their country. So far, we've featured 25 different countries. Some weeks I interview local artists playing world music, and they help connect the show to our local community. Ultimately, I want to create an ongoing and interactive show that will celebrate our school's international ties long after I graduate.

**The relationship between music and politics is an obvious one. How often do your conversations with students get political?**

Our conversations often become political because music tends to absorb the conflicts and discussions of the era. As a political science student, sometimes I just like to inquire about the political situation in my guests' countries. Why does Niger still export most of its natural resources to France? Why did the Royal Family visit the Caribbean even though many countries have renounced the Queen as the head of state? And how did Brazilian music subtly protest its government

even while being censored? There have been a lot of interesting questions since my first show aired!

**As an international student yourself, why did you decide to study politics at U of T?**

I decided to study at U of T because it allowed me to write argumentatively and learn about the world in a tangible way that I can see reflected in the real world. My courses often give me a better understanding of global events, so I feel more informed and connected.

**What does the future look like for the show and what are you hoping to do after you graduate?**

I want this show to continue because I simply do not have enough time to speak to all of the interesting students at U of T who have lived around the world. I have interviewed people who are the first folks I've ever met from their country, and there is so much to learn. With a little work, I think I can find another host to pass the show on to. I currently have an internship at CityNews680 doing news broadcasting, and I would like to pursue media in any way I can. CIUT and *Tracks From Abroad* has been a great way for me to do just that.

*Tracks from Abroad* airs every Saturday morning at 8am on CIUT FM 89.5

## The Russian-Ukraine War/

With a regular media presence since the beginning of the conflict, International Relations expert **Aurel Braun** discusses the possible legacy of Putin's invasion



**How do you see the Russian invasion of Ukraine playing out?**

The Russian invasion of Ukraine combines terrible tragedy and grave threat. What is happening to the people of Ukraine is horrific, but the onslaught is also a central threat to the United Nations, whose impotence in stopping the aggression may prove to be a fatal blow to its credibility, a brazen assault on international law, a stimulus for nuclear proliferation and a threat to the entire post-Cold War order. It illuminates a return of geopolitics in its most violent form where the regional foreshadows the long-term dangers to the entire international system.

**You have been extremely prominent in the media lately. What has been the most challenging aspect of discussing war so frequently and have you been surprised at all by its trajectory and how the world has reacted? Can you foresee how or when it might end?**

Since media interviews and Op-Eds have strict time and space limits, it is difficult to ensure that analysis combines both current assessment and proper context. The latter, more than history, also requires examining assumptions about interdependence, the connections between domestic repression and external aggression, and conveying that diplomacy and negotiations are means and not ends. The effort for balance is important and challenging. Though Putin's regime clearly bears responsibility for the aggression and atrocities, Western democracies are not entirely blameless. The dilemma of how to help the victim without escalating the conflict is real, but US and NATO

deterrence failed. The American administration predicted the invasion but did not prevent it.

The West's feckless response to Russia's 2014 invasion and its illegal annexation of Crimea greatly emboldened Putin and continued Western European dependence on Russian energy which worked to fill his coffers and reassured him that the "decadent" capitalist West would put profit before principle. It is not surprising that, running a bizarre, brutal corrosive kleptocracy in Russia, where the repressive meets the ridiculous, Putin would be tempted by perceived Western weakness to try to divert the Russian population's attention away from his personalist regime's fundamental domestic failings by seeking external successes and prestige. His gamble almost paid off. Had President Zelenskyy followed the misguided advice of the US administration at the start of the invasion and evacuated, the ensuing demoralization of Ukrainian forces, in fact, could have led to Putin's planned Kyiv victory parade. Now, thanks to the vision and courage of Zelenskyy and the tenacity of his army, Ukraine has a chance to prevail and push Russian forces to pre-February 24 positions. This, however, depends on the continued willingness of the democracies to ratchet up sanctions and give Ukraine the massive military, economic, diplomatic and psychological help that they only recently began to offer. Unwittingly, Putin indeed seems to have woken up a dormant giant – NATO. Sadly though, his strategic failures aside, as long as he remains in power, there may be a pause but not a permanent resolution of the conflict.

**Please tell us about your research.**

Building on my book *NATO-Russia Relations in the 21st-Century*, I'm currently completing a book entitled *Russia, the West and Arctic Security*, as well as working on another project on NATO and political legitimacy in the post-Communist states.



## FIFTY YEARS AND COUNTING

Victor Falkenheim on how the academic world has changed since his early days as a young scholar

Having reached the 50-year mark at U of T, with no inclination to hang up my cleats, the invitation to look back on my career feels premature. I first came to the University of Toronto in 1972, after almost a decade at Franklin and Marshall College, a small liberal arts college in Pennsylvania, during which I was on leave for three years of field research in Taiwan and Hong Kong. That teaching apprenticeship wound up being professionally transformative. As the first new and very junior appointment in F&M's Department of Government in decades, I was joyfully welcomed by my four senior American politics colleagues who were desperate to offload the service courses they had shouldered for so long. My involuntary baptism in teaching IR, Western Political Thought and European Party Systems turned this narrowly trained Sinologist into something more closely resembling a political scientist. In retrospect, I feel grateful.

My primary appointment was at UTSC, but I was 20% on the St. George books, allowing me to help staff a new undergraduate joint course at UTSG on the Chinese revolution, co-taught by the Departments of History and East Asian Studies. Teaching China to Canadian undergraduates who idealized Mao and the Chinese revolution was a revelation. In my first lectures, students loudly walked out, accusing me of besmirching the revolution, and purveying views steeped in my bourgeois and American imperialist biases. On the plus side, arriving one year after the restoration of Canada-China diplomatic relations allowed for travel to China and the opportunity to send graduate students there for language study and research.

The Department of Political Economy, as it was known then, was a study in contrasts. I could teach what I liked, in a department whose laissez-faire style was predicated on a paternalistic dispensation with meetings. It was a convivial place, lubricated at Steve Dupré's memorable garden parties and the festive environment at UTSC admirably helmed by Ron Blair. In the mid-1980s and early 1990s I was seconded to the Department of East Asian Studies for two terms as Chair, and from then to the early 2000s spent a good deal of time in China working on several CIDA development projects which meshed nicely with my ongoing research on urbanization and local politics. The opportunity to work with our talented Doctoral and MA students has been perpetually invigorating and their success inspiring. An unwelcome marker of time passing is the fact that a few of them have already retired themselves. Over the past decade or two, I have very much enjoyed teaching our First-Year Foundation Seminars as well as the talented cohorts of students in the Master's Research Seminar. A new first-year course I've developed on the *China Challenge* has brought an unhappy whiff of plus ça change. It's been a great pleasure for many years to be able to teach about China largely free of the polemics of the Cold War era. With a new Cold War in the offing, that enterprise has suddenly become substantially more fraught. Still, it's early days, and one thing that 50 years in the business has taught me is - don't predict!



## REMEMBERING FRANK CUNNINGHAM

by Joseph Carens

We take note with sadness of the passing of Professor Emeritus Frank Cunningham. Frank suffered from leukemia and died at his Vancouver home on February 4, 2022, assisted by the Canadian Medical Assistance in Dying program. His wife of more than 50 years, Judge Maryka Omatsu wrote: "Frank died as he lived, courageously and true to his principles."

Frank's primary appointment was in the Department of Philosophy, but he became an official member of the Department of Political Science in the mid-1990s. In many respects, politics was always at the centre of both his intellectual work and his life. He was the author of seven books, most of them concerned with the relationship between democracy and socialism. However, Frank was not content to remain in the realm of ideas. Throughout his life, he fought for social justice and democratic socialism. From the time he arrived in Toronto in the mid-1960s, he was active in protests against the Vietnam war. Later he was arrested for his efforts to oppose apartheid in South Africa. He was continuously involved in anti-racist and socialist movements. He always tried to transform his local environment, whether in the university or in his neighbourhood, as well as supporting efforts to bring about social change on a much wider scale. Frank had a particular interest in urban politics, teaching courses on that topic both here at the University of Toronto and after his retirement from the U of T at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver.



Photo kindly provided by Frank's wife Judge Maryka Omatsu

Frank's last book was *Ideas in Context: Essays in Social & Political Theory* (2020). This is a collection of articles that he wrote over the years, some unpublished and others published in what he regarded as obscure places. The book is available for free, on the website of the Canadian Society for Socialist Studies, an organization of which Frank was a long-time member. The articles will be interesting to theorists, but the brief comments that Frank makes in introducing each article will be interesting to everyone. These comments reflect upon the personal and social context in which Frank wrote the piece and, sometimes as well, upon the ways in which his own thinking evolved over the years, often in response to particular political or intellectual circumstances. For the convenience of readers, Frank gathered these comments into a separate file. It is only 22 pages long and has links to the original articles. If you want to remember who Frank was or get to know him for the first time, [this](#) is what you should read. As the Michelin guide used to say about 3-star restaurants, ça vaut le voyage.



# farm and table/

Though the food and farming industries may not seem like natural paths for political science graduates, two alumnae tell *Politics* why they chose unconventional professions



**Alanna Coneybeare**

Farmer, Conlee Farms Inc.,  
Listowel, Ontario  
BA, 2016

**Why did you decide to study political science, environmental studies and human geography and how has your education benefitted your choice of career?** From an early age, the impact of policies was obvious to me so political science was a natural area to pursue. I'm passionate about the environment and looked at politics through the lens of the environment because of my connection to agriculture, having grown up on a farm. Human geography acted as a connection between my two majors. Food production happens at a fascinating intersection of meeting human needs, the natural environment and food policy, so my degree, although not in agriculture, has been extremely valuable in helping me understand the broader context of food production.

**Tell us why you decided to become a farmer, what the job entails and what might a typical day look like for you?** I decided to return to my family's dairy, poultry, and cash crop farm during my fourth year as an undergraduate. The conversations that I had at U of T around food sovereignty, food justice and environmental sustainability allowed me to look at agriculture from a vastly different vantage point. These conversations made me realize that I wanted to take these concepts and see how they manifest on a farm. My daily schedule is certainly dependent on the season, as field work changes from planting, harvesting forages and combining. Regardless of what we're doing in the fields, my main priorities are to manage our dairy, heifer, and calf barns. Through our cow monitoring system, I read copious amounts of data on every cow so I can check their health, behaviour and wellbeing.

**What advice would you give new graduates, particularly women, considering the farming life?** As a White, post-secondary educated, cis female, I've been able to enter my profession from an extremely privileged position, stemming from my parents' already established family farm. Frustratingly, sexist attitudes are displayed by some members of the industry but thankfully, more women are entering agriculture and are increasingly being supported in our communities. If you can find people who share your passion and enthusiasm, they will create an invaluable support system.

**What do you enjoy most and least about your job?** The aspect of my job that I love and what I believe acted as the catalyst for me coming home, is the role that I have in producing food for people across the country and being able to care for animals and land in a way that I find meaningful and fulfilling. Although a huge amount of planning goes into our schedules, there are so many factors beyond our control that can have a monumental impact on our harvest or the health of our animals. That susceptibility can be one of the greatest challenges because the impact can be so immense, regardless of how well plans are constructed and executed.



**Audrey Ooi**

Founder And President, Tasty Tours Toronto  
Regional Digital Marketing Manager, Crimson Education  
BA, 2010

**Why did you decide to study political science, economics and East Asian studies and how has your education benefitted your choice of career?** I have a personal interest in macroeconomics, systems of governance and how people create and exist within them. I like to know how things work from a 'big picture' perspective, which includes the commonality and differences between various cultures. My education in the social sciences taught me how to think critically and communicate persuasively, soft skills which are invaluable in running a business.

**As the founder (2011) and president of Tasty Tours Toronto, tell us why you decided to start your own business, what the job entails and what a typical day might look like for you as you juggle a day job while growing your business?** I've always had an entrepreneurial spirit. From an early age, I would sell handmade cookies and cards to raise funds for the SPCA. I enjoy eating, traveling and learning from others while sharing my passions, so this was an ideal way to combine my interests into a business! Surprisingly, the easiest part of the job is creating the tour itself. The difficult part is to scale the business, which includes hiring reliable staff and working on marketing and sales. The pandemic hit our core business of in-person tours like a sledgehammer, so we pivoted a few times until we landed on a winner. We launched our virtual chocolate tastings and are now the top company in Canada doing this. This is great because we can now share local craft chocolate with a wider community!

**What advice would you give a new graduate considering entrepreneurship or the workforce in general?** For budding entrepreneurs, don't worry too much about creating a meticulous business plan. Reality is messy, so the more you try, the more you learn and will experience success. Do some market and competitive research to ensure the minimum viability of your idea, then start small and adjust as you receive customer feedback. Don't worry if your first idea fails. You learn more from your failures than your successes. For those pursuing a professional career, remember to focus as much on building relationships as doing your personal work well. By building strong relationships, you can achieve more collectively than if you have to spend time fighting political battles or convincing people to believe in your idea.

**What do you enjoy most and least about your jobs?** At Tasty Tours, I enjoy interacting with and learning from the diverse range of our guests. I find it meaningful to support the local community and to see guests create lifelong memories while enjoying the experience. In my digital marketing career, I enjoy working with data, testing marketing hypotheses with experiments and learning how humans think. Both jobs are very different, and I feel grateful to have the best of both worlds!



# events



Sylvia Bashevkin discusses women's response to the war in Ukraine with Erica Natividad at City News.

(L-R) Professors Andrew McDougall, Arturo Chang, Nadège Compaoré and Eric Merkley at the end of term party at the Faculty Club. (Photo credit: Sari Sherman)



Stefan Renckens receiving the ISA's best book award - Honorable Mention - from International Political Economy section Chair Erin Lockwood, at this year's conference.



(L-R) Janice Stein and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mélanie Joly join FAS Dean Melanie Woodin following their 'In Conversation' event at Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy.



Japanese Ambassador-designate Yamanouchi Kanji visiting Munk's Centre for the Study of Global Japan with director Phillip Lipsy (L) and Professor Louis Pauly (R).



At the Association of African Universities secretariat in Accra this May were (L-R) Kwasi Awathey Tetteh (AAU), Ransford Bekoe (AAU), Penina Lam (U of T), Olusola Oyewole (AAU), Joseph Wong (U of T), Gwen Burrows (U of T) & Agyemang Okyere Darko (AAU). See page 4 for more information.



Photo courtesy of the AAU

Undergraduate students (L-R) Natasha Vosky, Cheryl Cheung, Maria Bon, Andrew McFall and Andrew Yin join Ontario Liberal leader Steven Del Duca (centre) at the Fairmont Royal York at 'Ontario Under New Leadership' organised by the Canadian Club.





## a s s o c i a t i o n s



**ANGIE LUO**  
President

**APSS****Association of Political Science Students**

This semester, the Association of Political Science Students continued its mandate of student support and engagement. In January, the junior mentorship program held a research and writing workshop. In February, we hosted a career panel with accomplished alumni, Janine AlHadidi, an intern in the Ontario Legislature, Emily Chu, a government relations intern (and former APSS President), Emily Tsui, a corporate lawyer (and former APSS President), and Tea Vasha, a Master of Public Policy student at Munk and a policy consultant (and former APSS Mentorship Director). We were thrilled to host the returning Undergraduate Research Conference in March, where eleven students presented fascinating papers that highlighted their research interests and studies in political science. We also held a pub night and exam care package event, giving students an opportunity to interact with their peers. Next year's executive team has been elected and will be led by President Ciara McGarry. Visit us on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#) for more information.



**MARCUS CLOSEN  
& WILLIAM O'CONNELL**  
Co-Chairs

**GASPS****Graduate Association of Students in Political Science**

GASPS is proud of the resilience that both our student body and the department have shown over another very challenging year. As we began to move toward a full return to in-person learning, we were able to host a variety of well attended in-person and virtual events. We have seen an increase in the amount of student-led research groups, and have funded multiple special projects. We are especially proud to have contributed funding to the first issue of *OtherWise*, a BIPOC women's e-magazine founded by several members of our association. These events and initiatives have all gone a long way towards re-establishing the vibrant, collegial environment of the department before the pandemic, as have efforts from the department to increase student-faculty engagement. We have a new executive in place for next year and are confident that the incoming chair, Hayley Russell, will continue to help build on this progress in the new – and hopefully “normal” – academic year this coming Fall.



**ANTHONY FERNANDO**  
Alumnus

**PSAA****Political Science Alumni Association**

The Political Science Alumni Association is organizing an in-person event “**Why is Access to Justice Critical to our Democracy?**” on Oct 21st. Taking place at the Faculty Club and accredited by the Law Society of Ontario, this event will explore the role of the Supreme Court in policy formulation and our democracy. The event will feature the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, the Rt. Hon Richard Wagner, who will be interviewed by Marie Henein, one of Canada's leading criminal defense attorneys. The Attorney General of Ontario, the Hon. Doug Downey, will provide closing remarks on recent policy initiatives the provincial government has undertaken to improve access to justice. The event will begin with a fire-side discussion followed by a seated dinner and an evening reception. Additional dignitaries will be confirmed in the coming months. For alumni with a keen interest in the intersection of law and politics, this event is not to be missed! Registration details will be made available in September. To learn more about this event, explore sponsorship opportunities or to get involved in PSAA, please contact Anthony Fernando: [anthonyfernando@gmail.com](mailto:anthonyfernando@gmail.com).

## WHY IS ACCESS TO JUSTICE CRITICAL TO OUR DEMOCRACY?

Fireside Chat with the  
Rt. Hon. Richard Wagner  
led by Marie Henein, Partner,  
Henein Hutchison LLP

Friday October 21st, 2022



**The Faculty Club**  
41 Willcocks Street, Toronto

Hosted by the University of Toronto's  
Political Science Alumni Association (PSAA)

**Contributors:** Ryan Balot, Jacques Bertrand, Aurel Braun, Julian Campisi, Joseph Carens, Marcus Closen, Alanna Coneybeare, Chadwick Cowie, Tessa Di Vizio, Aden Dur-e-Aden, Dickson Eyoh, Victor Falkenheim, Anthony Fernando, Karl Gardner, Matthew Hamilton, Katherine Hartig, Michelle Huang, Stefan Kehlenbach, Margaret Kohn, Angie Luo, Jesse McDougall, Dani Nedal, William O'Connell, Ato Kwamena Onoma, Andrea Olive, Audrey Ooi, Laura Rabinowitz, Alexander Reisenbichler, Anjali Renee, Neil Roberts, Madison Schramm, Emily Shi, Corey Snelgrove, Joseph Wong.

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# politics books & bites

## FACULTY & STAFF

- **Robert Austin** received an Outstanding Teaching Award from the Faculty of Arts and Science.
- We wish all the best to Professors **Sylvia Bashevkin** and **John Kirton** as they retire this summer!
- **Dan Breznitz's** book *Innovation in Real Places: Strategies for Prosperity in an Unforgiving World*, won the prestigious Donner prize.
- We wish all the best to UTM's Academic Advisor **Norma Dotto** who retires this summer.
- **Dickson Eyoh** was appointed as Acting Principal of New College for a one-year term.
- **Jessica Green, Phillip Lipsky, Mark Manger, Carla Norloff, Andrea Olive** and **Lynette Ong** were all promoted to Professor.
- **Ron Levi** received the 2022 University of Toronto Global Educator Award.
- **Emily Nacol** was awarded a Jackman Humanities Institute Research Fellowship (2022 – 2023).
- **Kate Neville** was awarded the ISA's Harold & Margaret Sprout Award for her book, *Fueling Resistance: The Contentious Political Economy of Biofuels and Fracking*. She was also awarded an Arts & Science Outstanding Teaching Award.
- **Stefan Rencken's** book *Private Governance and Public Authority: Regulating Sustainability in a Global Economy*, received an honorable mention from the ISA's IPE (International Political Economy) section.
- **Edward Schatz** was appointed as Director of the Centre for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (CERES) at the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy for a five-year term.
- **Wisdom Tetey** received a Distinguished Influencers Award at the African Scholars Awards.

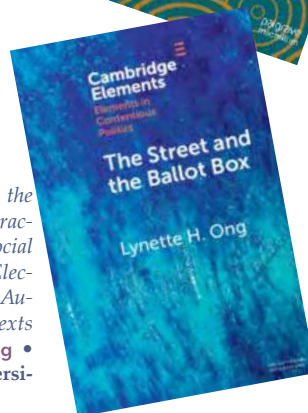
## STUDENTS

- New PhD's:  
**Stefan Ferraro, Erica Petkov, Jason VandenBeukel.**
- Undergraduate Awards and Scholarships 2020 – 2021:  
**Ellithia Helena Adams, Emma Fellowes Boyes, Gautier Andre Boyrie, Ziyan Cai, Cheryl Cheung, Tessa Victoria Di Vizio, Akshay Goodrich Dua, Nouran Lotfy El Atreby, Andrew William Gallant, Paul Stanley Grewar, Jiwoo Han, Anastasia Marie Hendricks, Talia Devi Holy, Paul Pawel Huang, Yu Huan Jiang, Zoe Stephanie Galley Johnson, Easha Hafeez Khan, Jooheon Lee, Jingli Li, Noah Nicholas Noreska, Kevin Conrad Oliver, Salvatore Solimano, Arjun Singh, Maria Anna Staszkievicz, Rafique Van Uum, Foti Vito, Alexander Robert Wilson, Tomer Zaidman.**
- U of T Student Leadership Award Recipients 2022:  
**Jordyn Galway, Ori Gilboa, Vamika Jain, Hailey Fay Marie Marleau, Fiona Katherine McCrow, Fayha Najeeb, Amisha Punja, Basmah Ramadan, Kathia Dubongco Supilanas, Ingrid Jaye Wong, Andrew Gongxu Yin, Emily Yu.**

*Winning by Process: The State and Neutralization of Ethnic Minorities in Myanmar*  
• Jacques Bertrand, Alexandre Pelletier and Ardeth Maung Thawngghmung • Cornell University Press

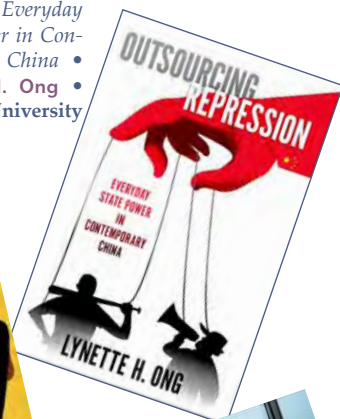


*Populist Moments and Extractivist States in Venezuela and Ecuador: The People's Oil?* • Donald V. Kingsbury and Teresa Kramarz • Palgrave Macmillan



*The Street and the Ballot Box: Interactions Between Social Movements and Electoral Politics in Authoritarian Contexts* • Lynette H. Ong • Cambridge University Press

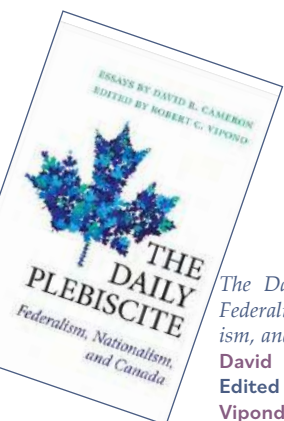
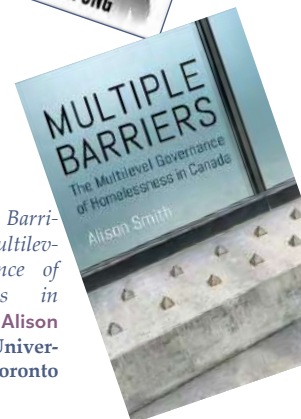
*Outsourcing Repression: Everyday State Power in Contemporary China* • Lynette H. Ong • Oxford University Press



*Community Economies in the Global South: Case Studies of Rotating Savings, and Credit Associations, and Economic Cooperation* • Caroline Shenaz Hossein & Christabell P.J. • Oxford University Press



*Multiple Barriers: The Multilevel Governance of Homelessness in Canada* • Alison Smith • University of Toronto Press



*The Daily Plebiscite: Federalism, Nationalism, and Canada* • By David R. Cameron, Edited by Robert C. Vipond • University of Toronto Press



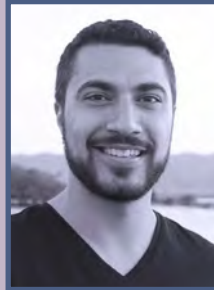
## new faces

**Julian Campisi**

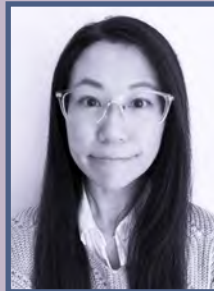
(PhD, York University) joined UTSC in September 2021 as Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream. His research focuses on political risk analysis in developed economies. He was a 2020/21 MITACS Science Policy Fellow at DND/CAF, and currently teaches courses at UTSC in public policy, IR and comparative politics.

**Karl Gardner**

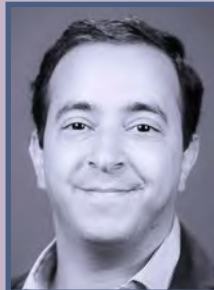
(PhD, York University) joins UTSC as a post-doctoral fellow working with Dr. Uahikea Maile. Broadly, his research focuses on migrant justice, social movements, policing, and abolition.

**Michelle Huang**

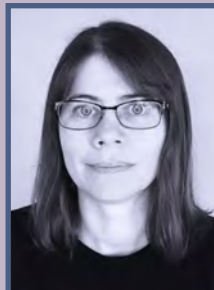
(BSc, UTM) joined UTM in January as Financial Administrative Assistant. She has over 8 years of accounting and administrative experience and has previously worked as an accounting associate. In her spare time, she enjoys rock climbing.

**Dani Nedal**

(PhD, Georgetown University) joins UTSC and Munk as Assistant Professor. Previously, he was a Lecturer at Carnegie Mellon University and Visiting Professor at the US Army War College. His research focuses on cities, nuclear weapons, politics of foreign policy, and the dynamics of power and authority. He is writing a book entitled *Urban Warfare and Urban Peace*.

**Laura Rabinowitz**

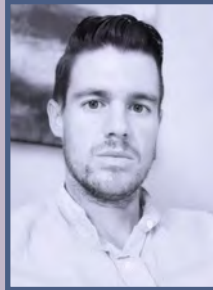
(PhD, UT Austin) comes to UTSC Political Science and Trinity College in July 2022 as an Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream. Her interests include the history of political thought, especially classical Greek ethical and political thought.

**Madison Schramm**

(PhD, Georgetown University) joins UTSC as an Assistant Professor. Her research focuses on international security, the domestic politics of foreign policy, political psychology, and gender and foreign policy. Previously published in *Security Studies* and *Political Science Quarterly*, she is preparing a book manuscript tentatively titled "In Search of Monsters to Destroy: Why Liberal Democracies Fight Personalist Regimes."

**Chadwick Cowie**

(PhD, University of Alberta) joins UTSC as Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream, of Indigenous Politics. From Pamitaashkodeyong (Hiawatha First Nation), his research focuses on whether Indigenous peoples participating in Canada's electoral process can bring forth decolonization and reconciliation. He is also conducting research relating to the historical and contemporary existence of the Michi Saagiig Nishnaabeg nation as a whole.

**Matthew Hamilton**

(PhD, University of Toronto) joins UTSC as Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream. His primary research and teaching interests are modern social and political theory, in particular critical theory, democratic theory, moral philosophy, and modern aesthetics. His recently completed dissertation, *Praxis and Critique: On Fugitive Politics*, draws contemporary post-foundational conceptions of democratic political action into conversation with the Critical Theory of Walter Benjamin and Theodor Adorno.

**Stefan Kehlenbach**

(PhD, UC Riverside) is a Postdoctoral Fellow working with Wendy Wong. He received his PhD in political theory in 2022. His research develops a critical theory of big data, examining the impact that emerging technology has on the development of politics.

**Ato Kwamena Onoma**

(PhD, Northwestern University) will be joining UTSC as Associate Professor on July 1, 2022. His research focuses on mobility, identity, belonging and intercommunal relations with a focus on Africa.

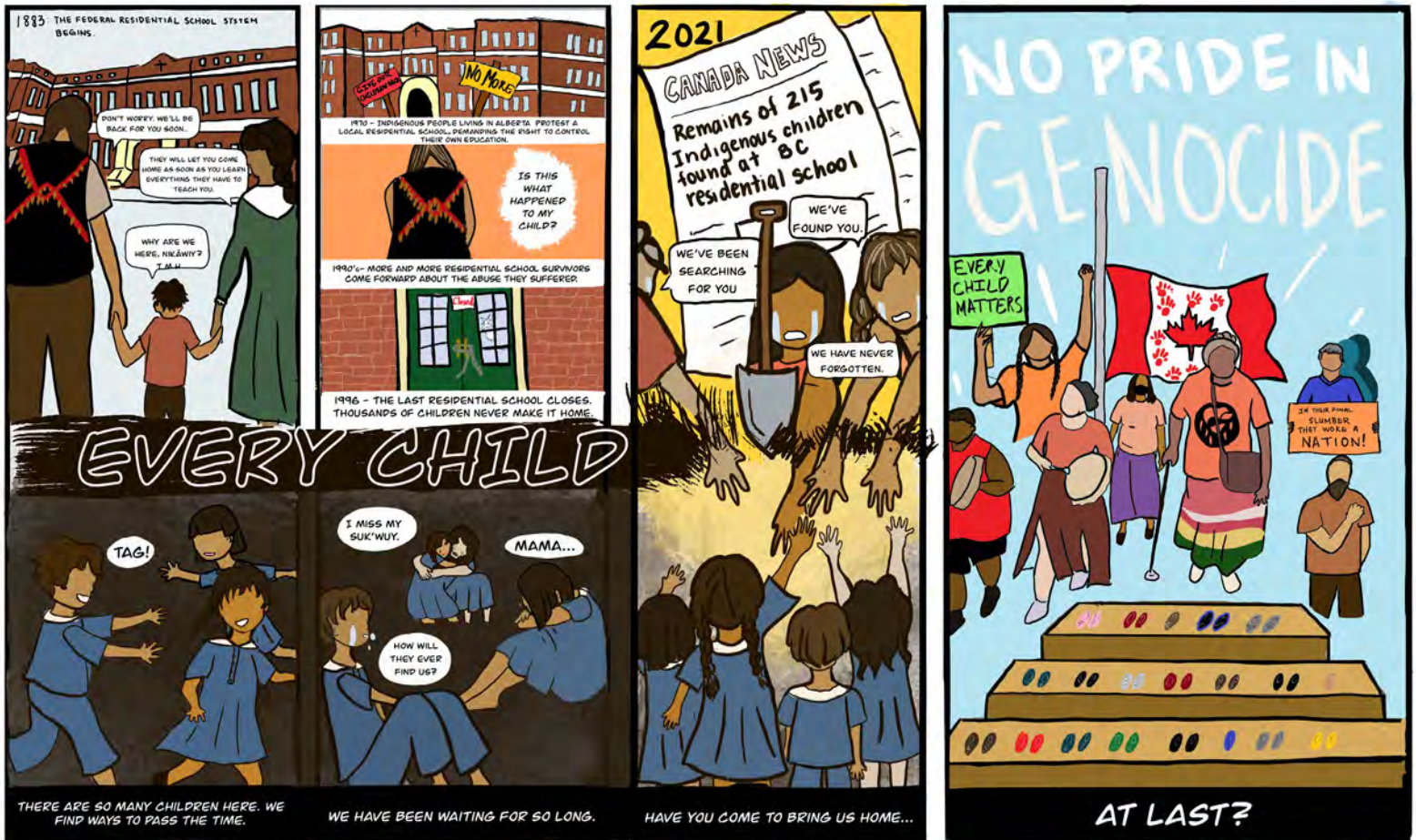
**Neil Roberts**

(PhD, University of Chicago) comes to UTSC from Williams College as Full Professor starting July 1, 2022. His research interests include Black political thought, Caribbean philosophy, and social and political theory. The author of several books and essays in leading journals, his next book is *How to Live Free in an Age of Pessimism*.

**Corey Snelgrove**

(PhD, University of British Columbia) is a Postdoctoral Fellow working with Dale Turner. His research deploys the insights of Indigenous critical theory and Marxism to understand the problem of settler colonial domination alongside Indigenous peoples' alternatives to it – especially Indigenous treaty visions.

READ THIS WAY →



READ THIS WAY →

Co-created in POL195 *Settler Colonialism and Enduring Indigeneity* by students Emily Shi, Anjali Renee, and Katherine Hartig this comic was inspired by the quote, "Where have you been? Why have you waited so long? How did you ever find us, buried...under whips and lies?" from Deborah Miranda's memoir, *Bad Indians*.

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