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CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow (2027-2029)
Honorary Grant Notley Memorial Postdoctoral Fellow (2027-2029)
University of Alberta

EDUCATION

PhD, Political Science (Defending Fall 2026)
University of Toronto
Dissertation: “Unmet Universalism and ‘Almost’ Healthcare: The Politics and Policies of Contested Reproductive Healthcare in Canada”
Committee: Linda White (supervisor), Robert Schertzer, and Andrew McDougall

Collaborative Specialization in Public Health Policy (2023)
Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto

Master of Public Policy (2020)
Simon Fraser University

BA, International Relations (2014)
The University of British Columbia

PUBLICATIONS

“Medicalization, Deservingness, and Policy Feedback: Survey Evidence on Public Support for Gendered-Reproductive Health Care in Canada.” *Journal of Public Policy* (2026): 1-24.

“Conceiving Policy Design: Perspectives from Women Pursuing IVF in British Columbia.” *Healthcare Policy*, Vol. 20, No. 3 (2025): 46–57.

“Policy Design, Instrument Choice, and Policy Feedback Effects of Institutional Business Power: Varieties of Child Care Investments in Australia, Canada, and Germany.” *Governance*, Vol. 38, No. 4 (2025): 1–20 (with Adrienne Davidson and Linda White).

“Understanding the Circle of Care: Indigenous Service Providers’ Perspectives on Health and Well-Being.” *AlterNative*, Vol. 21, No.1. (2025): 3–10 (First author, with Muna Aden, Elaine Toombs, Chris Sanders, Candida Sinoway, Christopher Mushquash, Linda Barkman, and Anita C. Benoit).

“Evaluating Facilitators’ Experience Delivering a Stress-Reducing Intervention for Indigenous Women with and without HIV.” *Health & Social Care in the Community* (2023): 1–10 (First author, with Randy Jackson, Elaine Toombs, Margaret Robinson, Lena Serghides, Amira Aker, Holly Gauvin, and Anita C. Benoit).

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

“Transformative Change in Early Childhood Education and Care or More of the Same? Child Care in the Canadian Federation.” *In Canadian Federalism: Performance, Effectiveness, and Legitimacy* (2025), Toronto: University of Toronto Press (with Martha Friendly and Linda White).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

The Policy Feedback Effects of Being In, Out, and In Between a New Social Program: Canada’s Low-Cost Child Care Policy Design and Implications for Public Support for the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) Program” (first author, with Adrienne Davidson, Elizabeth Dhuey and Linda A. White). *Under review in British Journal of Political Science*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS	“The Distributional Effects of Policy Design: Comparing Matthew Effects in the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) Program and Quebec's Low-Cost Child Care Program.” (with Elizabeth Dhuey, Adrienne Davidson, Michal Perlman, Linda A. White). <i>Under review in Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory</i>. “When Social Investment Amplifies Inequality: Conceptual Integration and a Policy Research Agenda for Matthew Effects in Early Childhood Education and Care” (First author, with Adrienne Davidson, Elizabeth Dhuey, Sarah Kaplan, Michal Perlman and Linda A. White).
OTHER WRITING	“Sidelining Internationally-trained Health Workers Makes No Sense During a Wait Times Crisis.” <i>The Hub, Hunter Prize for Public Policy Contest</i> (2023). “Looking Ahead: Options To Promote Hepatitis C Testing, Treatment, and Prevention for First Nations in B.C.” Pacific Aids Network Online (2019) (with Mahsa Athari, Jennifer McDermid, and Sarah Tremblay).
FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS	SSHRC Canada Postdoctoral Research Award, 2027-2029 (\$140,000) Notley Memorial Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Alberta, 2026 (\$100,000 – <i>declined funding, accepted the award as an honorary fellow</i>) SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship, 2025-2026 (\$40,000) Department of Political Science Dissertation Travel Grant, 2025 (\$10,000) Connaught PhDs for Public Impact Fellowship, University of Toronto, 2024-2025 (\$12,500) Ontario Graduate Scholarship, 2024-2025 (\$15,000) Hunter Prize for Public Policy Top 10 Finalist, 2023 (\$2,500) Ontario Graduate Scholarship, 2023-2024 (\$15,000) Ontario Graduate Scholarship, 2022-2023 (\$15,000) RBC Graduate Fellowship in Public and Economic Policy, 2021-2022 (\$10,000) SFU Master's in Public Policy Capstone Award, 2020 (non-monetary) SFU School of Public Policy Graduate Fellowship, 2019 (\$9,750) SFU Master's in Public Policy Scholarship, 2019 (\$6,200)
CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS	European Network for Social Policy Analysis, University of Lisbon, Portugal (August 2026) CPSA, University of Ottawa, (June 2026) European Political Science Society, Belfast, United Kingdom (June 2026) Conference on Policy Process Research, University of Bern, Switzerland (January 2026) APSA, Vancouver BC (September 2025) European Network for Social Policy Analysis, University of Milan, Italy (August 2025) CPSA, George Brown University, Toronto (June 2025) Canadian Graduate Student Colloquium, University of Toronto (April 2025) European Conference on Politics and Gender, University of Ghent, Belgium (July 2024) CPSA, McGill University, Montreal (June 2024) Conference on Policy Process Research, Syracuse University, United States (May 2024) Canadian Graduate Student Colloquium, University of Toronto (April 2022; 2023; 2024) CPSA, York University (June 2023)

TEACHING	Course Instructor POLS 326, Canadian Health Policy, University of Alberta (Scheduled for January 2027) POL 382, Canadian Public Policy, University of Toronto (2025)
	Guest Lectures & Talks POL 318, Power and Conflict in Federalism, University of Toronto (2023 & 2024) Her Health Horizons: A Women's Health Conference, University of Toronto (2024)
	Teaching Assistant POL352, Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods (2026) MUN 420, Munk School Public Policy Capstone (2026) POL 316, Contemporary Canadian Federalism (2024) POL 318, Power and Conflict in Federalism (2024) POL C93, Public Policies in the United States (2024) POL 224, Canada in Comparative Perspective (2022 & 2023) POL 106, Contemporary Challenges to Democracy (2023 & 2024) GLA 1007, Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy (2023, 2024, 2025, 2026) JPI 201, Indigenous Politics 'in' Canada (2022) POL 107, Post Mortem of Political Disasters and Policy Failures (2021)
RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS & GRANTS	SSHRC Insight Development Grant. "Understanding Policy Failure: The Policy Feedback Effects of Policy Designs Targeting Gendered Bodies." (2025-2027). Co-applicant. SDGs@UofT Catalyst and Synthesis Research Grant. "Equal Care For All: Policy Solutions to Address Inequities in Access and Quality in the Care Economy." (2025-2026). Graduate trainee and first author in forthcoming synthesis review. Reimagining care/work Policies, University of Toronto (2023-active) Nationalism in Times of Crisis and Emergency Lab, University of Toronto (2023-2025) The Benoit Lab for Indigenous Health, Dalla Lana School of Public Health (2022-2025)
POLICY EXPERIENCE	Government of Canada, Infrastructure Canada Policy Analyst, Policy & Results Branch (2019-2021) WE Schools, Western Canada Manager, Educational Partnerships (2015-2018)
SERVICE	CPSA Women's Caucus, Advisory Board (2026-Active) Public Policy and Law, Faculty Search Committee, University of Toronto (2025-2026) CPSA Women's Caucus Steering Committee, Conference Social (2025) Organizer and Co-Creator of the Qualitative Research Cluster (2025) Graduate Department of Academic Appeals Committee, University of Toronto (2024-2025) Graduate Association of Students in Political Science, University of Toronto (2022-2024) Public Policy, Faculty Search Committee, University of Toronto (2023) Reviewer, Journal of Health and Social Care in the Community (2023) Canadian Politics Subfield Organizer, University of Toronto (2022-2024) Department Representative, University of Toronto Graduate Students Union (2021-2023) Public Policy Subfield Organizer, University of Toronto (2021-2022) School of Public Policy, Faculty Search Committee, Simon Fraser University (2020)

TRAINING & SEMINARS	Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University (2024) Gender-Based Analysis Plus, Women and Gender Equality, Government of Canada (2020) San'yas Indigenous Cultural Safety, BC Province Health Services Authority (2019)
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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Canadian politics, Federalism, Social policy, Health policy; Family policy, Welfare state politics, Mixed methods, Survey experiments, Interviews
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REFERENCES	Linda White	Professor, Department of Political Science University of Toronto linda.white@utoronto.ca
	Robert Schertzer	Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto robert.schertzer@utoronto.ca
	Adrienne Davidson	Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science McMaster University adrienne.davidson@mcmaster.ca