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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor , Sociology, Glendon College, York University	2017-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair, Department of Sociology Member, Graduate Program in Sociology Member, Glendon School of Public and International Affairs Associate, Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies 	2018-2019, 2021-2024
Massey York Visiting Scholar , Massey College, University of Toronto	2019-2020
Assistant Professor , Department of Sociology, Glendon College, York University	2013-2017
Postdoctoral Fellow , Department of Political Science and Centre for International Studies (CÉRIUM), Université de Montréal	2011-2013

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy , Sociology, McGill University	2005-2011
Master of Arts , Sociology, McGill University	2004-2005
Bachelor of Arts , Sociology, University of Calgary	1995-2000
Bachelor of Commerce (with Distinction) , University of Calgary	1995-2000

PUBLICATIONS

- Montsion, Jean Michel, Dominik Formanowicz, Christiane Canillo, William Fisher, Riya Trikha, Ann Kim, Alexandre Brassard, Sharifa Patel and **Andrew Dawson** (2025). "International Canadian Studies: A Survey of Teaching, Research, and Needed Support." *International Journal of Canadian Studies* 63 (1): 87–113.
- Dawson, Andrew** (2025). "Political Trust and Democracy: Canada in Comparative Perspective." *Journal of Canadian Studies* 59 (1): 179-187. DOI: [10.3138/jcs-2025-0212](https://doi.org/10.3138/jcs-2025-0212)
- Wu, Cary and **Andrew Dawson** (2024). "The Trump Effect? Right-wing Populism and Distrust in Voting by Mail in Canada." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 88 (SI): 781-813. DOI: [10.1093/poq/nfae020](https://doi.org/10.1093/poq/nfae020)
- Dawson, Andrew** and Isabel Krakoff (2024). "Political Trust and Democracy: The Critical Citizens Thesis Re-examined." *Democratization* 31 (1): 90-112. DOI: [10.1080/13510347.2023.2257607](https://doi.org/10.1080/13510347.2023.2257607); SSRN Pre-print: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4307936>
- Wu, Cary and **Andrew Dawson** (2022). "Why is Trust Lower in Quebec? A Cultural Explanation." *Canadian Review of Sociology* 59 (3): 309-329. DOI: [10.1111/cars.12385](https://doi.org/10.1111/cars.12385); SSRN Pre-print: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3957969>
- Dawson, Andrew** (2021). "The Achilles Heel of Democracy? A Macro Cross-National Assessment of the Correlates of State Legitimacy." *Social Science Research* 97: 102574. DOI: [10.1016/j.ssresearch.2021.102574](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2021.102574)

- Dawson, Andrew** and Liam Swiss (2020). “Foreign Aid and the Rule of Law: Institutional Diffusion versus Legal Reach.” *British Journal of Sociology* 71 (4): 761-784. DOI: [10.1111/1468-4446.12752](https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-4446.12752)
- Dawson, Andrew** (2018). “Police Legitimacy and Homicide: A Macro-Comparative Analysis.” *Social Forces* 97 (2): 841-866. DOI: [10.1093/sf/soy043](https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soy043)
- Dawson, Andrew** (2017). “The Belief in State Legitimacy and Homicide: A Cross-National Analysis.” *The Sociological Quarterly* 58 (4): 552-575. DOI: [10.1080/00380253.2017.1354732](https://doi.org/10.1080/00380253.2017.1354732)
- Dawson, Andrew** (2016). “Political Violence in Consolidated Democracies: The Development and Institutionalization of Partisan Violence in Late Colonial Jamaica (1938-1962).” *Social Science History* 40 (2): 185-218. DOI: [10.1017/ssh.2016.1](https://doi.org/10.1017/ssh.2016.1)
- Dawson, Andrew** (2013). “The Social Determinants of the Rule of Law: A Comparison of Jamaica and Barbados.” *World Development* 45: 314-324. DOI: [10.1016/j.worlddev.2012.12.016](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2012.12.016)
- Dawson, Andrew** (2010). “State Capacity and the Political Economy of Child Mortality in Developing Countries Revisited: From Fiscal Sociology towards the Rule of Law.” *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 51 (6): 403-422. DOI: [10.1177/0020715210387522](https://doi.org/10.1177/0020715210387522)
- Lange, Matthew and **Andrew Dawson** (2010). “Education and Ethnic Violence: A Cross-National Time-Series Analysis.” *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* 16 (2): 216-239. DOI: [10.1080/13537113.2010.490758](https://doi.org/10.1080/13537113.2010.490758)
- Lange, Matthew and **Andrew Dawson** (2009). “Dividing and Ruling the World? A Statistical Test of the Effects of Colonialism on Postcolonial Civil Violence.” *Social Forces* 88 (2): 785-817. DOI: [10.1353/sof.0.0255](https://doi.org/10.1353/sof.0.0255)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

External Research Funding

- **Insight Grant** (\$251,427) 2025-2030
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
 “Trust and Democratic Stability.”
 Principal Investigator
- **Partnership Development Grant** (\$183,719) 2022-2025
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
 “(Re)Searching for Canadian Studies.”
 Research Collaborator, with Dr. Jean Michel Montsion (Principal Investigator)
- **Research Training Award** (\$6,000) 2020
MITACS (including matching institutional funding)
 “A Multilevel Cross-National Analysis of State Legitimacy.”
 Principal Investigator/Supervisor, with Isabel Krakoff

- **Distinguished Scholar Award (\$72,135)** 2017-2019
The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation
 “An Analysis of the Long-Term Trajectories of Homicide Rates between the United States and Canada from the Mid-Eighteenth to the Twenty-First Century.”
 Principal Investigator
- **Insight Grant (\$178,080)** 2016-2021
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
 “Developing Conformity: Foreign Aid and the Diffusion of Global Norms.”
 Research Collaborator, with Dr. Liam Swiss (Principal Investigator)

Fellowships

- Postdoctoral Fellowship, *Le Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture* (\$64,000) 2011-2013
- Postdoctoral Fellowship, Centre for International Studies (*CÉRIUM*), Université de Montréal (\$20,000) 2011-2012
- Doctoral Research Scholarship, *Le Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture* (\$60,000) 2007-2010

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- International Conference on Political Sociology: Democracy and Society 2024* (Bologna). “Is Political Trust Foundational to Democracy? A Cross-National Investigation.”
- American Sociological Association 2024 Annual Meeting* (Montreal) and *Canadian Sociological Association 2024 Annual Meeting* (Montreal/Virtual). “The Trump Effect? Right-wing Populism and Distrust in Voting by Mail in Canada.”
- World Association for Public Opinion Research 2024 Annual Conference* (Seoul). “Linkages between Specific and Diffuse Support: A Cross-National Exploration of the Empirical Connection Between Political Trust and Support for Democracy.”
- International Sociological Association World Congress 2023* (Melbourne/Virtual). “Does Political Distrust Threaten Democratic Stability? A Cross-National Empirical Investigation of Trust in Partisan and Non-Partisan Institutions.”
- World Association for Public Opinion Research 2022 Annual Conference* (Dubai). “Political Trust and Democracy: The Critical Citizens Thesis Re-Examined.”
- **Alexis de Tocqueville Award** (Inaugural – Best conference paper concerned with democracy and public opinion)
- Canadian Sociological Association 2022 Annual Meeting* (Virtual). “Why is Trust Lower in Quebec? A Cultural Explanation.”
- Social Science History Association 2019 Annual Meeting* (Chicago). “The Historical Homicide Rate Trajectory in Nova Scotia: A Test of the Culture of Honour Thesis.”
- Canadian Sociological Association 2019 Annual Meeting* (Vancouver). “State Legitimacy and Violence in Upper Canada and Canada West: An Analysis of the Correlates of Homicide from 1792 to 1863.”
- Social Science History Association 2018 Annual Meeting* (Phoenix). “A Long-Term Historical Analysis of the Homicide Rate Trajectory in Ontario (1792-2015).”

- American Sociological Association 2018 Sociology of International Organizations Pre-Conference & Annual Meeting* (Philadelphia). “Foreign Aid and the Rule of Law: Norm Diffusion Followed by Increased Decoupling?” (with L. Swiss).
- International Sociological Association World Congress 2018* (Toronto). “Are Democratic States Perceived as More Legitimate by Their Citizens? A Cross-National Analysis of Democracy and Subjective Legitimacy.”
- Institut Barcelona Estudis Internacionals/World Society Foundation International Development Conference 2017* (Barcelona). “Do Older States Enjoy a Stronger Right to Rule? A Statistical Test of the Legacies of Precolonial Statehood on Contemporary State Legitimacy.”
- American Sociological Association 2016 Annual Meeting* (Seattle). “Police Legitimacy and Homicide: A Macro-Comparative Analysis.”
- Canadian Sociological Association 2016 Annual Meeting* (Calgary). “State Legitimacy and Homicide: In Which Direction Does the Causal Arrow Point?”
- American Society of Criminology 2015 Annual Meeting* (Washington). “Belief in State Legitimacy and Homicide: A Cross-National Time-Series Analysis.”
- Canadian Sociological Association 2015 Annual Meeting* (Ottawa). “Analyzing the Foundations of Development: A Statistical Test of the Relationship between State Legitimacy and the Rule of Law.”
- American Sociological Association 2014 Annual Meeting* (San Francisco). “The Missionary Roots of Democracy in Jamaica: A Double-Edged Sword.”
- Canadian Sociological Association 2014 Annual Meeting* (St. Catharines). “The Theoretical Connection between State Legitimacy and the Rule of Law: Causal Possibilities or Tautology?”
- International Studies Association 2014 Annual Convention* (Toronto). “Reflections on the Contribution of Sociology to International Development Studies.”
- Social Science History Association 2012 Annual Meeting* (Vancouver). “The Origins of Garrison Communities: The Development of Political Violence and Patronage Politics in Late Colonial Jamaica (1938-1962).”
- American Sociological Association 2012 Annual Meeting* (Denver). “The Social Determinants of the Rule of Law: A Comparison of Jamaica and Barbados.”
- L’Association francophone pour le savoir – ACFAS Congress 2012* (Montreal). “La sociologie historique et le développement: une comparaison de la primauté du droit entre la Barbade et la Jamaïque.”
- American Sociological Association 2008 Annual Meeting* (Boston). “Intolerance Education: An Investigation of the Effects of Societal Education on Ethnic Violence” (with M. Lange).
- American Sociological Association 2007 Annual Meeting* (New York). “The Colonial Roots of Conflict? A Statistical Test of the Effects of Colonialism on Postcolonial Civil Violence.”
- American Sociological Association 2006 Annual Meeting* (Montreal). “The Socioeconomic Effects of Economic Liberalization and Democratization in Developing Societies: A Cross-National Investigation.”
- Canadian Association for the Study of International Development 2006 Annual Conference* (Toronto). “The Relevance of Post-Development Theory for Development Practitioners and Academics.”

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- Democracy Under Pressure Roundtable* (Toronto). “Political Trust and Democracy: Canada in Comparative Perspective.” York University, May 2025.
- Democracy, Trust and the Political Sociology of Health Workshop* (Toronto). “Trust and Democratic Stability.” York University, May 2025.
- Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research – Critical Social Science Perspectives in Global Health Research Workshop* (Toronto). “Trust and Compliance: A Cross-National Investigation of the Relationship between Political Trust and Adherence to Public Health Measures.” York University, April 2025.
- Graduate Program in Sociology Doctoral Seminar: Professional Development Workshop Series*. The Publication Process and Student Co-Authorship. York University, November 2024.
- School of Sociology* (Wuhan). “The Political Trust-Violence Nexus: Developmental Implications.” Huazhong University of Science and Technology, November 2024.
- Big Data Analysis and Modernization of Social Governance* (Wuhan). “Is Political Trust Foundational to Democracy?” Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, November 2024.
- The 22nd Conference on International Exchange of Professionals* (Shanghai). “The Political Trust-Violence Nexus: Developmental Implications.” November 2024.
- Scholars’ Hub at Home Webinar Series*. “[Trump’s Mail-In Voting Opposition and Canadians’ Trust in the System](#).” October 2024.
- Trust in European Democracies Webinar Series*. “[Political Trust and Democracy: The Critical Citizens Thesis Re-examined](#).” June 2024.
- Trust and Political Sociology of Health Workshop*. “Democracy and Political Trust: Should We Be Worried?” York University, April 2024.
- Southern Ontario Development Workshop*. “The Achilles Heel of Democracy? A Macro Cross-National Assessment of the Correlates of State Legitimacy.” Guelph Institute of Development Studies, University of Guelph, October 2019.
- Canadian Sociological Association 2019 Annual Meeting* (Vancouver). Panel Discussant: Political Sociology and Social Movements III: Ethnic and Nationalist Movements.
- Graduate Program in Sociology Workshop*. “Comparative Historical Methods.” York University, November 2014 and January 2019.
- Graduate Program in Sociology Workshop*. “Political Sociology.” York University, November 2017.
- Aid, Norms, & the World Society Workshop*. “Foreign Aid and the Rule of Law.” Käte Hamburger Kolleg Centre for Global Cooperation Research, Universität Duisburg-Essen, May 2017.
- Canadian Sociological Association 2016 Annual Meeting* (Calgary). Panel Discussant: Violence in Comparative and Historical Perspective.
- Canadian Sociological Association 2014 Annual Meeting* (St. Catharines). Panel Discussant: Sociology of Development III: Transnational Development Processes & Actors.
- Canadian Sociological Association 2013 Annual Meeting* (Victoria). Panel Discussant: Development Sociology I: Energy, Education, and Risk; and Development Sociology III: Culture.
- Centre for International Studies (CÉRIUM) Lecture Series*. “Les déterminants sociaux de la primauté du droit: une comparaison de la Jamaïque et la Barbade.” Université de Montréal, March 2012.

Sociology Graduate Student Speaker Series. “State Authority Structures and the Rule of Law in Post-Colonial Societies.” McGill University, Montreal, November 2011.

The Social Statistics Speaker Series. “Teaching Violence? A Statistical Analysis of the Impact of Education on Ethnic Violence.” McGill University, Montreal, October 2008 (with M. Lange).

Department of Sociology Graduate Student Colloquium. “Strategies and Tips for Writing Comprehensive Examinations.” McGill University, Montreal, September 2008.

Montreal Research Group on Ethnic Conflict Speaker Series. “Dividing and Ruling the World? A Statistical Test of the Effects of Colonialism on Postcolonial Civil Violence.” McGill University, Montreal, September 2007 (with M. Lange).

International Sociological Association, Research Committee on Social Stratification 2007 Meeting (Montreal). Panel Discussant: Inequality Across Institutional Contexts.

Guest lecturer: “Comparative Historical Methodology” for the undergraduate Research Methods course in sociology. Concordia University, Montreal, March 2007.

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

PsyPost (2024). “[Trump’s attacks on voting by mail have global implications, new research suggests](#)” The article is based on my co-authored research published, September 17.

iPolitics (2024). “[Fewer Canadians have trust in mail-in voting because of Trump: research](#)” Interviewed for the article based on my co-authored research, August 12.

580 CFRA Radio/CTV Ottawa (2024). Interview on *Ottawa Now* to discuss research findings on how Trump’s negative rhetoric about mail-in voting is impacting Canadians, July 23.

Toronto Star (2024). “[Trump’s attacks on voting by mail may have lowered Canadians’ trust in mail-in ballots](#)” Op-Ed, co-authored with C. Wu, June 25.

The McLeod Group (2021). “[Can Foreign Aid Strengthen the Rule of Law?](#)” Guest Blog, co-authored with L. Swiss, September 16.

Radio-Canada (2016). “États-Unis : des clés pour comprendre les tensions raciales et sociales.” Radio interview, Toronto, July 11.

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

Graduate Teaching	2014-
Graduate Program in Sociology, York University	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Sociology • Comparative Historical Methods • Sociology of Global Development 	
Master’s in Public and International Affairs	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Dynamics of International Development 	
Undergraduate Teaching	2013-
Glendon College/York University	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La sociologie politique • La sociologie du développement • Quantitative Methods / Les méthodes quantitatives • Global Sociology 	
McGill University	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sociology of the Welfare State 	2009

Graduate Student Supervision

- Committee Member: Chung Ho Rex Wang, PhD 2024-
Graduate Program in Sociology, York University
- Committee Member: Isabel Krakoff, PhD 2025-
Graduate Program in Sociology, York University
- Committee Member: Giselle Thompson, PhD 2020
“*National Debt and Public Education in Jamaica: ‘Glocal’ Challenges and Responses*”
Graduate Program in Sociology, York University
- Supervisor: Adri Ananya, MA Research Review Paper 2025
“*Trust, Belonging, and Integration: Rethinking the Political Experience of Racialized Immigrants in Canada*”
Graduate Program in Sociology, York University
- Supervisor: Rajoana Chandny, MA Research Review Paper 2024-
Graduate Program in Sociology, York University
- Second Reader: Maya Yaya, Master’s Major Research Paper 2024
“*A Colonizer’s Pipeline to Authoritarianism? Investigating the Influence of Zimbabwe’s Colonial Legacy on Economic and Land Policies Post-Independence*”
Glendon School of Public and International Affairs, York University
- Second Reader: Kayla Jeffrey, MA Research Review Paper 2018
“*The Geographical Imagination: Imaginative Geographies and Its Influence on Development in the Global South*”
Graduate Program in Sociology, York University
- Second Reader: Leigh Denholm, MA Research Review Paper 2017
“*The Potential Praxis: Material and Philosophical Affinities of the Early Church and Marx*”
Graduate Program in Sociology, York University
- Second Reader: Louise Hartley, Master’s Major Research Paper 2016
“*Rwanda: Assessing Innovation in the Agricultural Sector*”
Glendon School of Public and International Affairs, York University

Undergraduate Student Supervision

- Second Reader: Niloufar Sadroddini, BA Honours Thesis 2016
Department of Sociology, Glendon College

External Evaluations

- Laurent Paradis-Charette, MA Thesis, Université du Québec en Outaouais 2016
“*Ces experts qui venaient du froid : Comment des Canadiens deviennent experts en développement de l’Afrique subsaharienne*”

PhD Comprehensive Examination Committees

Political Sociology; Sociology of Development; Global Sociology; Social Movements; Feminist Quantitative Methodologies; Economic Sociology; Racialization, Immigration and Nationalism; Sociology of Science and Technology.

ACADEMIC SERVICE (External)

Associate Editor

2020-

- Canadian Review of Sociology

Manuscript Reviewer

American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Canadian Review of Sociology, Criminology & Public Policy, Democratization, Éducation comparée et internationale, Effective States and Inclusive Development Research Centre (University of Manchester), Interface: A Journal for and about Social Movements, International Criminal Justice Review, International Criminology, International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, International Political Science Review, Journal of Canadian Studies, Journal of Crime and Justice, The Journal of Economic Inequality, Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, Journal of Trust Research, McGill Sociological Review, Nations and Nationalism, New Area Studies, Political Research Quarterly, Public Administration Review, Public Opinion Quarterly, Refuge: Canada's Journal on Refugees, Social Currents, Social Forces, Social Science Research, Sociological Forum, Sociological Perspectives, The Sociological Quarterly, Sociology of Development, Studies in Comparative International Development and World Development

Canadian Sociological Association

- Canadian Review of Sociology Article Prize Adjudication Committee 2024, 2025
- *Prix du livre de sociologie mondiale* (Global Sociology Book Award) Adjudication Committee 2023
- Comparative and Historical Sociology RC Executive Member; RC panel co-organizer for Congress 2017, 2023, 2024 2015-2017/2022-2024
- Political Sociology and Social Movements RC; Best Student Paper Award Adjudication Committee 2021, 2025
- Co-founder and founding co-ordinator of the Sociology of Development RC; RC panel organizer for Congress 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2019 2018-2019/2013-2015

World Association for Public Opinion Research

- Abstract reviewer – Annual Conference 2024

American Sociological Association

- Political Sociology; Mentorship Event 2024
- Comparative Historical Sociology/Global and Transnational Sociology; Mentorship Event 2021

Global Excellence Initiative

- Nomination Reviewer 2024

External Insight Grants Assessor

- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada 2019, 2023

Postdoctoral Fellowship External Evaluator

- Le Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture 2015-2016

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Sociological Association
- American Political Science Association
- Canadian Sociological Association
- International Sociological Association
- Social Science History Association
- World Association for Public Opinion Research

LANGUAGES

- English (native language); French