Samuel Shields

Professional Summary

Labour Studies Masters Student. Youth-driven non-profit founder. Interested in public policy and justice. Passionate, curious, and analytical.

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Research Interests:

Digital Governance	Open Government
Labour Movements and Social Change	Climate Justice
Privacy/Data Trusts	Media Studies

Education and Scholarships

- M.A. Labour Studies, 2022-2023
- B.A. Communications & Political Science (with Distinction), Double Major, 2015-2020
  - GPA: 3.9/4 in Communications, 3.7/4 in Political Science
  - Dean's Honour List (2016, 2017, 2018, & 2019)
  - David A. Golden Scholarship (2017 – 2018)
  - Michael Oliver Scholarship (2018 – 2019)

Publications/News Articles:

- Research Associate - COVID-19 Demographic Reporting (2020)
  - Documented and compared jurisdictional COVID-19 demographic reporting data, then developed framework to code quantitative data. Consulted data dashboards, primary documents published by government offices, and secondary sources.
- Author - Can Elon Musk's Space-Internet Overcome Canada's Digital Divide? (2020)
  - Wrote an article discussing Canada's digital divide and potential disruption from Elon Musk's Starlink program.
- Author - Twitter Hacking Highlights Deeper Vulnerabilities Than Just Bitcoin Scams (2020)
  - Co-wrote an article discussing a high-profile 2020 Twitter hacking and the broader implications for digital and internet infrastructure.

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Work Experience:

Outreach Officer – Federal NDP   08/2021 – 05/2022
- Discussed policy issues - including the Canadian Digital divide - with voters to understand how they understood Canada's political landscape,

Strategist – MediaStyle   04/2021 – 06/2021
- Performed research to understand legal and policy mechanisms related to the behaviour of Canadian companies operating outside of Canada, specifically with regard to human rights.

Conferences and Courses:

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- Attendee, Open Government Partnership, Ottawa 2019.

Courses
- Student, COMS4407 Critical Data Studies - Tracey Lauriault
    - Learned about sociotechnical and political implications of data. Learned to conceptualize data technically, philosophically, ethically, in the political economy, institutionally and in time and space.
- Student, JOUR 2501 Media Law - Sherri Beattie
    - Learned about Privacy, Protection of Privacy at Common Law, The Right to Privacy in Federal Law, PIPEDA.
- Student, FYSM 1608 Urban Economics - Attah Boame
    - Learned about competition and how markets might respond to different factors.
- ECON 1000 - Introduction to Economics - Collins Ayoo
    - Learned about competition as well as other market forces.

Skills:
- NVIVO   • Document collection and coding   • Public Affairs Analysis
- Strategic Communications   • Digital Content Development (SEO, Canva, WordPress)

Languages:
- English - Fluent, spoken and written   • French - Near-fluent spoken, intermediate written

References:
- **Tracey Lauriault**, Associate Professor, Critical Media and Big Data. Cross Appointed to the MA in Digital Humanities. Faculty of the Institute for Data Science.
- **Stephen Azzi**, Professor, Clayton H. Riddell Graduate Program in Political Management.