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Executive Summary

My name is Noah Vanderhoeven, and I received my PhD in political science from Western University in August of 2026. I am a communicative, driven and analytical researcher who has developed strong interpersonal, data analysis and written and verbal communication skills during my graduate studies as a team member of a social psychology laboratory and as an experience university instructor. I am eager for opportunities to work post-graduation. I am currently balancing continued research associate work at *The Body Politics Lab,* a role as a data scientist at Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) for the Government of Canada and teaching opportunities at Western University.

Education

- PhD in Political Science at the University of Western Ontario 2022-2026
  Fields: Political psychology, Canadian politics, Comparative politics, Experimental methods
  Dissertation: Professional sport as a form of political representation for historically excluded groups: a comparative analysis,
  Committee: (Chair) Dr. Amanda Friesen (Western), Dr. Mathieu Turgeon (Western), Dr. Chris Dawes (New York University)
- Master of the Arts in Political Science at the University of Western Ontario 2021/22
- Bachelor in the Arts with distinction, Economics and Political Science, Honour's Double Major at Huron University 2017/18-2020/21

Work Experience

Data scientist, Public Services and Procurement Canada, Government of Canada, March 2026-present

- Working in Microsoft Power BI to assist with the preparation of reports on the ongoing transformation to Canadian Professional Services procurement.
- Conduct a market analysis on the Canadian Professional Services Market, as well as the federal government's position within that market using data scraping techniques in R and Python.
- Assess the ability of the Canadian Professional Services market to serve the federal government, as well as private businesses, under a mandate to promote Buying Canadian with respects to goods and services.

Project Director, Body and Politics Lab at the University of Western Ontario, August 2022-presemt

- Under the supervision of Dr. Amanda Friesen, I have been a part of a social psychology lab at Western University in the political science department.
- I have been involved in numerous in-lab and lab-in-the-field studies and integral in the development of survey instruments and experimental protocols to collect physiological (heart rate, skin conductance, facial expression and blood volume pulse) and survey data.
- I have worked in BioGraph and AcqKnowledge physiological data processing software, as well as cleaned and analyzed the resulting data from numerous studies using R and Python.
- I have supervised a research project on the effect of youth sports participation on women's political participation and mentored an undergraduate research assistant, spearheading this project to develop our research and provide a learning environment for the student.

Awards and Funding

- Awarded the Ontario Graduate Scholarship in May 2023 and May 2025, each valued at $15,000
- Western graduate scholarship, 2021-22. 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26
- Recipient of Samuel Clark Research Fund in December 2022, valued at $5,000
- Hellmuth Academic Scholarship Recipient (Huron University at Western) of $30,000 over four years (2017/18-2020/21)
- The Godsoe Family Scholarship of Distinction in Economics and History 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21, each valued at $1,500 respectively
- Centre for Undergraduate Research Learning Summer Fellowship Award of $1,500 for the Summer of 2019 (Focused on addressing wealth inequality in Canada through municipal policies)
- Dean's List 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Vanderhoeven, Noah, "Brexit FC: Do football clubs, and their migrant playing staff, act as local symbols and affect leave voting patterns in the 2016 referendum?" Received a REVISE AND RESUBMIT at the *International Journal of Sports Policy and Politics*
- Vanderhoeven, Noah, "The role of institutions in explaining divergent activism effectiveness for gender pay equity in women's football," UNDER CONTRACT at Vernon Press for Body Politic: Sport, Masculinity, and Popular Politics, edited by Tom Fabian (University College Dublin); Bryan C. Clift (North Carolina State University); Győző Molnár (University of Worcester)

Under Review

- Vanderhoeven, Noah, "Right wing to Right-wing: Sports Fandom and the Formation of Political Attitudes in Canada" UNDER REVIEW at *Social Science Quarterly*
- Vanderhoeven, Noah, "From 2019 to 2021: Public opinion change toward police spending in Canada." UNDER REVIEW at the *American Review of Canadian Studies*
- Friesen, Amanda, Noah Vanderhoeven. Julianna Thomson and Lachlan Fisher, "Youth Sports, Gender, and Pathways to Political Involvement" UNDER REVIEW at the *British Journal of Political Science*

Working Papers and Pre-Registrations

- Vanderhoeven, Noah, Amanda Friesen, and Erin Heerey. "Mixing Metaphors: Who uses sports analogies in face-to-face political conversations." Pre-registration here: https://osf.io/s8y4p
- Vanderhoeven, Noah, "The effect of federal-provincial discontinuity on affective polarization in the 2025 Canadian election", for the CDEM Canadian Election Study Hackathon, Pre-registration link here: https://osf.io/3cwx2/overview?view_only=b7ce541ca9ed4106bebc82b289b2d699.
- Vanderhoeven, Noah, "Pride and prejudice: An experimental design to assess the influence of sporting events on political attitudes towards the LGBTQ+ community." Pre-registration link here: https://osf.io/65nxa/overview?view_only=4d113f0ef2ae4cf0973080ff49dd8fbf.

Public Scholarship

- "Pride Nights built LGBTQ+ inclusion in pro sports over three decades. That progress is now under pressure." *The Conversation,* July 14. 2026 (Linked)
- "Canada's 2026 World Cup team reflects the country's multicultural identity — in a way hockey never has." *The Conversation,* May 13th, 2026 (Linked)
- "Calls for a boycott of the 2026 FIFA World Cup are growing, but how realistic is one?", *The Conversation,* February 23, 2026. (Linked)

- "Geopolitics will cast a long shadow over the 2026 Milan Cortina Winter Olympic Games", *The Conversation*, January 27, 2026, (Linked)
- "Toronto Blue Jays: Amid Canada-U.S. tensions, 'Canada's team' is excelling at America's pastime", *The Conversation,* October 8, 2025 (Linked)
- "More than just a game: How sports are reflecting Canada-U.S. tensions", *The Conversation,* February 15, 2025, (Linked).
- "Justin Trudeau's resignation creates a progressive void in Canada, part of a long-established cycle", *The Conversation,* January 13, 2025, (Linked)
- "How repressive regimes are using international sporting events for nation-building"*, The Conversation*, November 24, 2024, (Linked)
- "Nick Bosa's MAGA hat vs. Colin Kaepernick's kneeling: Will the NFL reveal a double standard? ", *The Conversation,* October 30, 2024, (Linked)
- "How professional sports leagues that embrace social justice causes could influence politics" *The Conversation,* September 24, 2024. (Linked)

Conference Presentations

- "Brexit FC: Do football clubs, and their migrant playing staff, act as local symbols and affect leave voting patterns in the 2016 referendum?" Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago in 2025.
- "Pride and prejudice: Can Pro Sports Events Influence LGBTQ+ Attitudes?" Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Philadelphia in 2024.
- "Professional sport as a form of political representation for historically excluded groups: a comparative analysis.**"** Bell Chair Graduate student conference at Carleton University, 2024.
- "The long summer of 2020: Public Opinion Change toward Policing in Canada." 2023 International Society of Political Psychology annual meeting in Montreal.
- "Does the local presence of migrant footballers affect voting patterns in the 2016 Brexit referendum?" Poster Presentation at 2023 Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop, Toronto Metropolitan University

Teaching Experience

- *Instructor-of-Record – Politics 3417 – Political Psychology, Western University, Jan-Apr 2026*
- *Teaching Assistant – Politics 3325 – Data Science in R, Western University, Jan-Apr 2024, '25, '26*
- *Teaching Assistant – Politics 2546 – Public Administration, Western University, Sept-Dec 2025*
- *Teaching Assistant – Politics 1021F – People, Power and the State, Kings University College, Sept-Dec 2025*
- *Instructor-of-Record – Politics 2325 – Research Design, Western University, May -June 2025*
- *Teaching Assistant – Politics 3325 –Power in the City, Western University, Sept-Dec 2024*
- *Teaching Assistant – Politics 2530 – Canadian Politics and Government, Western University Sept-Dec 2023*

Training

International Society of Political Psychology Summer Academy, 2023
Biopac Research Rings and Virtual Reality Training Workshop, Toronto, 2025
Eye-tracking, Tobii Glasses, Training Workshop, Western Department of Psychology, 2026
Western Advanced Teaching Program certificate, 2025

Software Proficiencies

Python

R
Microsoft office (Excel, Power BI, Powerpoint, Word)
NVivo
AcqKnowledge Data Acquisition and Analysis Software

Service
Graduate Association of Political Science, Co-chair, 2023-25
Undergraduate Student Research Internship, Mentor, 2024-25
Western Political Science EDID Committee, Graduate Representative, 2025