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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Toronto
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science 2023 -
Columbia University
Banting Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science 2021 - 2023

VISITING POSITIONS

McGill University
Visiting Scholar, McGill Institute for the Study of Canada 2023
University of Toronto
Fellow in Residence, Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy
Policy, Elections and Representation Lab (PEARL) 2022

EDUCATION

Université de Montréal
Ph.D., Political Science 2016-2021
University of Toronto
Master of Arts, Political Science 2014
Honours Bachelor of Arts, Political Science & History 2012

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Columbia University
Department of Political Science 2020
Experimental Research: Design, Analysis, and Interpretation
University of Michigan
ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods 2019 & 2020
Courses: Regression Discontinuity Designs; Maximum Likelihood Estimation I: Generalized Linear Models; Regression Analysis II: Linear Models; Mathematics for Social Scientists; Categorical Data Analysis; Causal Inference for the Social Sciences; Matrix Algebra; R Statistical Computing Environment; and Python

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

[* Co-authored with students;
† Alphabetical order]

19. † Donald P. Green and **Semra Sevi**. “The Effects of Proposal Power on Incumbents’ Vote Share: Updated Results from a Naturally-Occurring Experiment” In press at *Political Science Research Methods* [Pre-analysis Plan](#).
[\[Replication Code\]](#)
18. **Semra Sevi**. “Is Incumbency Advantage Gendered?” In press at *Legislative Studies Quarterly*.
[\[Replication Code\]](#)
17. **Semra Sevi** and André Blais. “Does voting in one election reduce the perceived cost of voting in subsequent elections?” In press at *Canadian Journal of Political Science*.
[\[Replication Code\]](#)
16. † André Blais, Carolina Plescia and **Semra Sevi**. “Do people want smarter ballots?” In press at *Research and Politics*. Media Coverage: [New America](#).
[\[Replication Code\]](#)
15. ***Semra Sevi**, Marco Mendoza Aviña and André Blais. “Reassessing Local Candidate Effects.” In press at *Canadian Journal of Political Science*.
[\[Replication Code\]](#)

14. André Blais, **Semra Sevi** and Carolina Plescia. “Are voters’ views about proportional outcomes shaped by partisan preferences? A survey experiment in the context of a real election.” In press at *Political Science Research Methods*.
[Replication Code]
13. **Semra Sevi**. 2022. “Too Old to Be President?” *American Politics Research*. 50(6): 752-756.
[Replication Code]
12. Erin Tolley, Randy Besco and **Semra Sevi**. 2022. “Who Controls the Purse Strings? A Longitudinal Study of Gender and Donations in Canadian Politics” *Politics and Gender*. 18(1): 244-272.
11. **Semra Sevi**. 2021. “Do Young Voters Vote for Young Leaders?” *Electoral Studies* 69: 1-8.
Media Coverage: [National Post](#); [Toronto Star](#)
[Replication Code]
10. **Semra Sevi**. 2021. “Who Runs? Canadian Federal and Ontario Provincial Candidates from 1867 to 2019” *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 54(2): 471-476.
Media Coverage: [CBC & Hill Notes](#)
9. *Marco Mendoza Aviña and **Semra Sevi**. 2021. “Did Exposure to COVID-19 Affect Vote Choice in the 2020 U.S. Election?” *Research and Politics* 8(3): 1-4.
[Replication Code]
8. Carolina Plescia, **Semra Sevi** and André Blais. 2021. “Who likes to vote by mail?” *American Politics Research* 49(4): 381-385.
Media Coverage: [The Loop](#)
7. *Ruth Dassonneville, André Blais, **Semra Sevi** and Jean-François Daoust. 2021. “How Citizens Want their Legislator to Vote.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 46(2): 297-321.
[Replication Code]
6. ***Semra Sevi**, Marco Mendoza Aviña, Gabrielle Péloquin-Skulski, Emmanuel Heisbourg, Paola Vegas, Maxime Coulombe, Vincent Arel-Bundock, Peter John Loewen and André Blais. 2020. “Logarithmic vs. Linear Visualizations of COVID-19 Cases Do Not Affect Citizens’ Support for Confinement.” *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 53(2): 385-390.
[Replication Code]
5. ***Semra Sevi**, André Blais and Danielle Mayer. 2020. “Do Lawyers Get More Votes?” *American Review of Canadian Studies* 50(2): 216-228.
[Replication Code]
4. ***Semra Sevi**, Can Mekik, André Blais and Semih Çakır. 2020. “How Do Turks Abroad Vote?” *Turkish Studies* 21(2): 208-230.
[Replication Code]
3. **Semra Sevi**, Vincent Arel-Bundock and André Blais. 2019. “Do Women Get Fewer Votes? No.” *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 52(1): 201-210.
[Replication Code]
2. *André Blais, Fernando Feitosa and **Semra Sevi**. 2019 “Was my decision to vote (or abstain) the right one?” *Party Politics* 25(3): 382-389.
Media Coverage: [Université de Montréal News](#)
1. **Semra Sevi**, Antoine Yoshinaka and André Blais. 2018. “Legislative Party Switching and the Changing Nature of the Canadian Party System, 1867-2015.” *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 51(3): 665-695.
Media Coverage: [Policy Options](#); [CBC](#); [the Star](#)
[Replication Code]

OTHER
PEER-REVIEWED
PUBLICATIONS

2. André Blais and **Semra Sevi**. 2021. [“The burden of voting in the 2019 Canadian federal election”](#) *Elections Canada*.
Media Coverage: [Times Higher Education](#)
1. **Semra Sevi**, André Blais and Vincent Arel-Bundock. 2021. [“Do Women Get Fewer Votes in Ontario Provincial Elections?”](#) In Roosmarijn de Geus, Erin Tolley, Elizabeth Goodyear-Grant, and Peter Loewen, eds. *Women, Power, and Political Representation: Canadian and Comparative Perspectives*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

WORK IN
PROGRESS

6. *[“Do Snap Elections Backfire?”](#) R&R (with Marco Mendoza Aviña and Ruth Dassonneville) [Pre-analysis Plan](#).
5. [“Do voters punish women politicians more?”](#) Under review (with Charles Crabtree and André Blais) [Pre-analysis Plan](#).
4. [“Are women election averse?”](#) Under review (with André Blais). [Pre-analysis Plan](#).
3. [“Descriptive Underrepresentation of the Canadian Working Class”](#) Under review (with Jacob Robbins-Kanter)
2. [“Are feminine traits a liability?”](#) Under review (with André Blais)
1. [“Legislative Log-rolling: Using a Proposal Lottery to Identify Causal Effects”](#) (with Donald P. Green) [Pre-analysis Plan](#).

DATASETS

Semra Sevi. 2021. [“Who Runs? Canadian Federal and Ontario Provincial Candidates since 1867. Canadian Journal of Political Science 54\(2\): 471-476.”](#) Available on the *Harvard Dataverse*: <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/ABFNSQ>. First published on the Dataverse in April 2019.

SELECTED
HONOURS AND
GRANTS

External:

SSHRC Talent Award , Government of Canada: \$50,000 CAN	2022
Fellow in Residence , Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy: \$25,000 CAN	2022
Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship , Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council: \$140,000 CAN (Rank 2)	2021-2023
Bourse postdoctorale, (Accepted partially) Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture: \$110,000 CAN (Rank 1)	2021-2023
Postdoctoral Fellowship, (Declined) Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council: \$90,000 CAN	2021-2023
“Do Voters Punish Women Politicians More?” Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior, APSA: \$1,000 USD	2021
“How do citizens evaluate ranking?” Political Reform Program, New America, (with Carolina Plescia and André Blais): \$11,400 USD	2020
Doctoral Fellowship , Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council: \$40,000 CAN	2019-2021
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Methods Certificate	2019
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Methods Scholarship , ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods: \$5,000 USD	2019
Richard J. Schmeelk Fellowship : \$40,000 CAN	2017-2019

Doctoral Fellowship,
Fonds Québécois de la Recherche sur la Société et la Culture: \$40,000 CAN 2017-2019

Finalist for 3 Minute Thesis (3MT),
Canadian Political Science Association annual conference at Calgary, AB 2016

Internal:

“Do Voters Punish Women Politicians More?”
Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship: \$1,000 CAN 2021

“The Impact of Visual Data on Canadians’ Views about COVID-19”
Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship,
(with Marco Mendoza-Aviña, Gabrielle Péloquin-Skulski,
Emmanuel Heisbourg, Paola Vegas, Maxime Coulombe,
Vincent Arel-Bundock, Peter Loewen, and André Blais): \$3,000 CAN 2020

Bourse Jacqueline Avard,
Université de Montréal: \$2,500 CAN 2020

Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship Methods Grants,
ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods: \$3,000 CAN 2019 & 2020

Alma Mater Scholarship,
Université de Montréal Excellence Entrance Fellowship: \$5,000 CAN 2016

Université de Montréal Departmental Scholarship: \$10,000 CAN 2016-2017

Canadian Friends of Hebrew University of Jerusalem Award: \$10,000 CAN 2014

University College Graduating Year Awards:
Anna and Alex Beverly Scholarship: \$2,500 CAN 2013

University College Merit Award, University of Toronto 2013

Dora Burke Playfair Leadership Scholarship, University College: \$2,500 CAN 2012

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

LECTURER
Department of Political Science, Queens University 2021
Course: Political Behaviour

WORKSHOP INSTRUCTOR
Department of Political Science, Université de Montréal 2020
Writing in L^AT_EX & Designing surveys in Qualtrics

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

Maximum Likelihood Estimation I: Generalized Linear Models, University of Michigan 2021
R Bootcamp, McGill University 2020
Représentation politique, Université de Montréal 2016
Canadian Political Parties, University of Toronto 2014
Canada in Comparative Perspective, University of Toronto 2014

INVITED
TALKS

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council & The Conversation, Online (2023)
Network for Economic and Social Trends, University of Western Ontario, London (2023)
Policy, Elections & Representation Lab, University of Toronto, Toronto (2022)
University of British Columbia Okanagan, Kelowna (2022)
Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Online (2022)
Minority Politics, Online Seminar Series (2022)

	Canada Vote Summit, Ryerson University, Toronto (2020)	
	Electoral Reform Research Group, Washington, DC (2020, 2021)	
	Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto, Toronto (2019)	
	Making Electoral Democracy Work Annual Meeting, Montreal (2017)	
	Samara Centre for Democracy, Toronto (2016)	
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS [*Cancelled due to COVID-19]	American Political Science Association, (Washington: 2019, Montréal: 2022, Los Angeles: 2023)	
	Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago: 2022, 2023)	
	Canadian Political Science Association (Calgary: 2016, Vancouver: 2019, <i>London: 2020*</i> , Online 2022)	
	Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections (Montréal: 2018, Leuven: 2019)	
	International Political Science Association, (Edinburg: 2015)	
	Bell Chair in Canadian Parliamentary Democracy, (Ottawa: 2015)	
SERVICE	Founder & Coordinator, Montréal Methods Workshops, Université de Montréal	2020-2021
	Organizer, Weekly Seminars, Science Politique, Université de Montréal	2018-2020
MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER [Total = 25]	<i>American Political Science Review; BMC Medical Research Methodology; Canadian Journal of Political Science; Electoral Studies; European Political Science Review; Frontiers in Political Science; Government and Opposition; International Political Science Review; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties; Legislative Studies Quarterly; Party Politics; Patterns; Politics & Gender; Political Research Quarterly; Research & Politics.</i> See my Publons profile for more information on my reviews.	
SKILLS	Software: L ^A T _E X , Python, Qualtrics, R, Stata	
SELECTED PAST EMPLOYMENT	Research Consultant, Elections Canada, Ottawa	2020-2021
	Research Assistant, Professor André Blais, Université de Montréal	2017-2021
	Language Monitor, The Odyssey Language Assistant Program	2015-2016
	Advocacy Intern, Médecins Sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders (MSF)	2014
	Speaker, University College Literary and Athletic Society, University of Toronto	2012-2013
	Research Intern, The Agenda with Steve Paikin	2010-2011
AFFILIATIONS	Junior Fellow, Network for Economic and Social Trends (NEST), Western University	2022-2023
	Researcher, Canada Research Chair in Electoral Democracy, Université de Montréal	2017-2021
	Researcher, Research Chair in Electoral Studies, Université de Montréal	2016-2021
	Researcher, Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship, McGill University	2016-2021

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