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Education

University of Toronto

PHD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

September 2023 - present

- Advisor: Dr. Julie Moreau and Dr. Michael Donnelly.
- Project: Sister, where is your sickle? The intersection of social class, sexuality and gender in the voting behavior of 2SLGBTIQ+ individuals in Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States and Spain.

Pompeu Fabra University

RESEARCH MASTER'S IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain

June 2020

- Advisor: Dr. Tània Verge

University of Barcelona

BA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain

June 2019

- Advisor: Dr. Joan-Josep Vallbé

Professional Experience

2023-Currently Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Toronto (Canada)

2021-2023 Research Assistant (Jean Monnet Chair in European Union Governance), Pompeu Fabra University (Spain)

Publications

PUBLISHED

Cantó, J. & Arregui, J. (2024). The impact of party competition on LGBTI+ rights - Evidence from Spanish autonomous regions (1990 - 2022). *Politics and Policy*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/polp.12595>

Cantó, J. & Arregui, J. (2022a). The Europeanisation of LGBT+ and Equality Policies in Spain. In Arregui, J. (Editor), *Europeanisation of Public Policies in Spain: Opportunities and Challenges*, pp. 105 - 125, McGraw Hill: Madrid.

Cantó, J. & Arregui, J. (2022b). La europeización de las políticas de igualdad LGTB+ en España. In Arregui, J. (Editor), *La europeización de las políticas públicas en España: Oportunidades y desafíos*, pp. 103 - 123, McGraw Hill: Madrid.

Cantó, J., Baraibar, J. & Arregui, J. (2024). Same Money, Different Impact? The Curving Effect of European Structural and Investment Funds on EU Support in Spain (1990 - 2019). *European Policy Analysis*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/epa2.1232>

Cantó, J. & Rodó-Zárate, M. (2024). Gender-Ideology Trouble? Ideology, Gender, and Generation as Factors in LGB+ Self-identification among Gen Z and Millennials in Catalonia. *Sexuality and Culture*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12119-024-10252-w>

Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

2025 LGBTQ+ Travel Grant Student Award, Mid-Western Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, USA.

2024 Virginia Gray Graduate Student Award, American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, USA.

2024 APSA Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, USA.

2024 Freddie Scholarship for Graduate LGBTIQ+ Students, Freddie Foundation, Canada.

2023 - 2028 Connaught International Scholarship for International Graduate Students, University of Toronto, Canada.

2019 - 2020 Master of Research in Political Science Scholarship, *Fundació Catalunya-La Pedrera*, Spain.

Project Participation

- 2020-2024. *Understanding LGBTQ Linked Fate and Political Participation in the US and Canada* with PIs Prof. Julie Moreau and Michael Donnelly (University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada) and Prof. Quinn Albaugh (Queen's University, Ontario, Canada). Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. Canada. Funding amount: 71,602 CAD (47,892€).
- 2020-2024. *Autocratic Resilience in the Age of AI* with PIs Prof. Seva Gunitsky (University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada). Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. Canada. Funding amount: unknown.
- 2022-2025. *Jean Monnet Center of Excellence BACES (Barcelona Center for European Studies)* with PI Prof. Javier Arregui (Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain). European Commission (Erasmus+). Funding amount: 99,234€ (148,391 CAD).
- 2021-2024. *Geographies of sexualities and the right to the city: an emotional and intersectional case for the LGBTI community (SEXITY)* with PI Prof. Maria Rodó-Zárate (Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain). Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation. Funding amount: unknown.
- 2021-2024. *Jean Monnet Chair in EU Governance* with PI Prof. Javier Arregui (Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain). European Commission (Erasmus+). Funding amount: 45,000€ (67,287 CAD).
- 2019-2022. *Jean Monnet Center of Excellence BACES (Barcelona Center for European Studies)* with PI Prof. Javier Arregui (Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain). European Commission (Erasmus+). Funding amount: 99,980€ (149,470 CAD).
- 2018-2021. *Jean Monnet Chair in EU Governance* with PI Prof. Javier Arregui (Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain). European Commission (Erasmus+). Funding amount: 50,000€ (74,763 CAD).

LGBTIQ+ Volunteering

July 2024 - Ongoing **Member of the Queer Caucus of the University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union, Toronto, ON, Canada**

June 2024 - June 2024 **Pride Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada**

October 2022 - June 2024 **REDI (Business Network for Diversity and Inclusion), Spain**

September 2022 - Currently **ACATHI, Barcelona, Spain**

May 2018 - May 2018 **AIDS Walk NYC, New York City, NY, United States of America**

Presentations

CONFERENCES

April 2nd-6th, 2024. *Still Shifting the Mass? Quasi-experimental evidence of Pope declarations on LGBTQ attitudes*. Mid-Western Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, United States of America.

September 5th, 2024. *The Nomination of LGB+ Candidates in Spain*. American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA, United States of America.

INVITED TALKS

Spring 2023. *LGBTIQ+ Rights in Spain*. Research's Master in Political Science (Gender and Politics), Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain.

CONTRIBUTED PRESENTATIONS

Spring 2023. *Honorary Doctorate bestowed to Raewyn Connell*, Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain.

Teaching Experience

Spring '25 LGBTQ Politics, Teaching Assistant
Spring '25 Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning II (POL232), Teaching Assistant
Fall '24 Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning I (POL222), Teaching Assistant
Fall '24 Contemporary Challenges to Democracy: Democracy in the Social Media Age (Citizen Lab affiliated course), Teaching Assistant
Spring '24 Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning II (POL232), Teaching Assistant
Fall '23 Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning I (POL222), Teaching Assistant

Outreach & Professional Development

AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association (2023 - Currently).

European Political Science Association (2023 - Currently).

Mid-Western Political Science Association (2024 - Currently).

GRETA - Gender and Inequalities Research Group at Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain (2023 - Currently).

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

American Political Science Association - LGBTQ+ Caucus (2024 - Currently). Member of the Selecting Committee of LGBTQ+ Best Article and other competitions.

Mid-Western Political Science Association - Chair and Discussant of LGBTQ+ Panels (April 2025).

PEER REVIEW

European Journal of Politics and Gender, Politics and Policy.

Languages

Catalan and Spanish - Native

English - Advanced.

Italian and French - Upper-intermediate

German - Beginner-intermediate