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Current Position

SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow**,** Cornell University, Ithaca, USA 2019-2021

Education

University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada 2018
Ph.D., Political Science

- Dissertation – *Radical Leaders: Status, Competition, and Anti-Minority Mobilization in Indonesia*
  Committee – *Jacques Bertrand (chair), Lee Ann Fujii, Lucan Ahmad Way, Aisha Ahmad, and John T. Sidel*
- Winner of the 2019 Governor General Gold Medal for highest academic standing at the University of Toronto.
- Winner of the 2019 Vincent-Lemieux Prize for the best dissertation in Canada (2017-2018) from the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA).

University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada 2009
M.A., Political Science

Université du Québec à Montréal, Montréal 2007
B.A., in Political Science

Publications

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

2018. "First Movers, Democratization and Unilateral Concessions: Overcoming Commitment Problems and Negotiating a Nationwide Cease-Fire in Myanmar," w/ Jacques Bertrand and Ardeth Maung Thawnghmung, *Asian Security*, 2018, 1-20

2017. "The De-Escalation of Violence and the Political Economy of Peace Mongering: Evidence from Maluku, Indonesia," w/Jessica Soedirgo, *South East Asia Research*, Vol. 25, No. 4, 2017, 1-17

2017. "Violent Monks in Myanmar: Anti-Muslim Scapegoating and the Contest for Power," w/Jacques Bertrand, *Nationalism & Ethnic Politics*, Vol. 23, No. 3, 2017, 1-22

2014. "The True North Strong and Free Healthcare? Nationalism and Attitudes Towards Private Healthcare Options in Canada" w/Yannick Dufresne and Sanjay Jeram, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 47, No. 03, 2014, 569-595.

Work in Progress

"Competition for Religious Authority and Islamist Success in Indonesia," *Under review*

Winning by Process: Institutionalizing Ethnic Representation in Post-Transition Myanmar, w/ Jacques Bertrand and Ardeth Maung Thawnghmung, *Book manuscript under review*

Competition for Religious Authority and Islamist Success: Indonesia and Beyond, *Book manuscript in preparation*

"Religious Violence as a Signaling Device: Clientelism in Institution-Poor Environments," *Manuscript in preparation*

Review Essay

2016. "Unfree Labour and Extractive Regimes in Colonial Java and Beyond," With Tania Murray Li and Arianto Sangadji, *Development and Change*, Vol. 47, No. 3, 2016, 598-611.

Book Chapter

2018. "Linguistic Groups and Civil Society: Trust, Cooperation, and Accommodation in Canadian Voluntary Associations," With Richard Simeon, In F. Rocher and D. Karmis. *Trust, Distrust, and Mistrust in Multinational Democracies* (Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2018).

Book Reviews

2016. "Metamorphosis: Studies in Social and Political Change in Myanmar," (Renaud Egreteau & François Robinne, Eds), *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, Vol. 2, No. 1, 2016, pp. 155-57

Research Grants

2018-21. International Development Research Center 400,000 CAD
Title: *"Public Service Delivery, Decentralization and Gender"*
Research team: *Jacques Bertrand and Min Zaw Oo (project directors), Alexandre Pelletier (co-investigator).*

2014-16. United States Institute of Peace 89,000 USD
Title: *"Institutionalizing Minority Representation in Myanmar"*
Co-investigators and grant applicants: Jacques Bertrand (project director), Ardeth Maung Thawnghmung (UMass Lowell), and Alexandre Pelletier.

Grants and Fellowships

2017.	Visiting fellowship, CÉRIUM, Université de Montréal	5,000 CAD
2016.	Trudeau Centre Fellowship in Peace, Conflict and Justice	5,000 CAD
2015-16.	Ontario Graduate Scholarship	15,000 CAD
2014-15.	Ontario Graduate Scholarship	15,000 CAD
2013.	SGS Travel Grant, University of Toronto	7,500 CAD
2012-13.	Ontario Graduate Scholarship	15,000 CAD
2012.	A. W. Johnson Graduate Scholarship, University of Toronto	5,000 CAD
2009-12.	J.A. Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship, SSHRCC	105,000 CAD
2009-13.	FQRSC, Doctoral Scholarship	(declined) 80,000 CAD
2009-10.	Ontario Graduate Scholarship	(declined) 15,000 CAD
2009.	F.L. Burton and W.L. Burton Graduate Scholarship	5,000 CAD
2009.	C.B. Macpherson Graduate Awards, University of Toronto	5,000 CAD
2009.	Dean's scholarship, University of Ottawa	1,500 CAD

Awards

2019. Governor General Gold Medal, University of Toronto
2019. Vincent-Lemieux Prize, Canadian Political Science Association
2016. Best Student Paper, Indonesia & Timor Leste Studies Committee (ITLSC), AAS
2010. Best Paper, Institute of Federalism Summer School, University of Fribourg, Switzerland
2009. Best Master's Thesis (nominated), University of Ottawa

Teaching Experience

Course Instructor

2016. POL 381H: Religion and Politics (3rd year undergraduate)
Department of Political Science, University of Toronto

Course Co-Instructor

2017. CAS400H1: Interdisciplinary Research Methods in Contemporary Asian Studies
Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto

2015. POL 429/2429Y: Democracy and Ethnic Conflict (MA seminar)
Department of Political Science, University of Toronto

Course Coordinator

2018. Coordinator of the International Course Module in Yangon, Myanmar
University of Toronto, Munk School of Global Affairs

2018. Coordinator of the International Course Module in Bandung, Indonesia 2018
University of Toronto, Munk School of Global Affairs

Teaching Assistant

2014-18. Canada in Comparative Perspective (POL 224Y1), University of Toronto
2009-13. Canadian Government and Politics (POL 214Y1), University of Toronto
2009. Federalism in Comparative Perspective (POL 3574), University of Ottawa
2008. Introduction to Comparative Politics (POL 2504A), University of Ottawa

Conference Activities

Forthcoming Conference Participation

2020. "Beyond Rights and Territory in the Protection of Linguistic Minorities in Myanmar," *Association for Asian Studies Conference*, Boston, MA, USA, 19 March 2020.

2019. "Education and Health: Symbolic and Pragmatic Dimensions of Decentralization in Myanmar," *Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies*, Montréal, QC, Canada, McGill University, 24 October 2019

2019. "Ethnic and Sub-Ethnic Nationalist Mobilization of Ethnic Citizens in Myanmar," *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Washington D.C., USA, 30 August 2019

Select Conference Participation

2019. "The Institutional Sources of Islamic Mobilization in Indonesia," *International Studies Association*, Toronto, ON, 30 March 2019

2019. "From Ethnic to Intra-Ethnic Conflict in Myanmar," *International Studies Association*, Toronto, ON, 27 March 2019

2019. "Colonial Styles and the Origins Islamic Militancy in Java, Indonesia," *Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference*, Denver, CO, 22 March 2019

2019. "Majority Nationalisms and the Accommodation of Ethnic Minority in Myanmar," *Center for Constitutional Change*, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, 25 February 2019

2018. "Intra-Ethnic Conflicts and the Future of Multi-Ethnic Federalism in Myanmar," *Atlantic Provinces Political Science Association*, St.-John's, NDL, 12-14 October 2018

2018. "Religious Competition and Anti-Minority Mobilization," *Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference*, Washington, DC, USA, 24 March 2018

2017. "Religious Fundamentalism and Ethnicity in Myanmar and Indonesia," *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, California, USA, 2 September 2017

2017. "Toward Federalism? The Challenges of Ethnic Representation in Democratizing Myanmar" with Jacques Bertrand and Ardeth Maung Thawnghmung, *International Studies Association Conference*, Baltimore, Maryland, USA, 25 February 2017

2017. "Beyond Federalism: Non-Territorial Autonomy in Myanmar" *International Burma Studies Conference*, Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, Illinois, USA, 9 October 2017

2016. "The Structural Origins of Vigilante Mobilization in Indonesia," *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, September 1st, 2016

2016. "The Political Economy of Islamic Solidarity in Late Colonial Indonesia," *Annual Conference of the Association of Asian Studies*, Seattle, March 31st, 2016
- *Awarded the ITLSC Best Student Paper Award*

2015. "Anti-Muslim mobilization in Myanmar: Buddhist Monks' radicalism and the 969 movement" (with Jacques Bertrand), *Workshop on Religion and Right-Wing Mvts in Asia McGill University*, 29 May 2015

2013. "Local Elites, Intergroup Networks and the De-escalation of Violence in Maluku, Indonesia" (with Jessica Soedirgo), *Canadian Political Science Association*, University of Victoria, 4-6 June 2013

Panels Organized

2019. "Islam and Democracy Reconsidered: Indonesia and Beyond," *International Studies Association*, Toronto, ON, Canada

2018. "Nahdlatul Ulama: Internal Tensions, Regional Variations, and Current Transformations," *Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference*, Washington, DC, USA

2016. "Democratic Transition and Ethno-Religious Minorities in Myanmar," *International Burma Studies Conference*, Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, Illinois, USA

2016. "Nationalism, Intolerance, and Anti-Minority Mobilization in Asia," *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA,

2016. "The State and Religious Leadership: Empowerment and Disempowerment," *Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference*, Seattle, Washington, USA

2016. "Myanmar at a Crossroads: Ethnicity and Transition to Democracy," Asian Institute, Munk School of Global Affairs, Toronto, ON, Canada

Guest Speaker

2019. "Competition for Religious Authority and Islamist Success in Java, Indonesia," *The SEAP Gatty Lecture Series*, Cornell University, November 2019.

2018. "Sociétés civile et incivile: bouddhisme et démocratie au Myanmar," *Religion and Civil Society Workshop,* Graduate Institute Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland, November 2018.

2017. "The Rohingya Crisis and the Role of the ASEAN", *ASEAN at 50*, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

2017. "Krisis Rohingya di Myanmar: Apa Sumber Konflik?," Institute Agama Islam Negeri, Palopo, South Sulawesi, Indonesia, 2017

2017. "Institutionalizing Minority Representation in Post-Transition Myanmar," United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC, United States, 2017

2016. "Non-Territorial Autonomy of Minorities in Canada and Myanmar," Workshop, Danish Institute for Human Rights, Yangon, Myanmar, 2016

2016. "Islam dan Kolonialisme di Jawa," Universitas Islam Negeri, Surabaya, East Java, Indonesia, 2016

Visiting Positions

2018. Visiting Fellow, Centre d'études de l'Asie de l'Est, Université de Montréal, Montréal, Canada

2017. Visiting Researcher, Centre d'études et de recherches internationals, Université de Montréal, Montréal, Canada

2016. Fellow, Trudeau Center in Peace, Conflict and Justice, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada.

2014. Visiting Researcher, Centre for the Study of Islam and Society, Universitas Islam Negeri-Syarif Hidayatullah, Jakarta, Indonesia.

Additional Academic Training

2018. Fellow, South East Asia Research Group Annual Meeting (Washington, D.C.) (by invitation)

2017. Participant, Graduate Workshop for Southeast Asian Studies (Montréal, QC) (competitive)

2015. Participant, AAS-SSRC Workshop on Religion and the State in Asia (Chicago, IL) (competitive)

2011. Participant, Ethnicity and Democratic Gov. Summer Institute (Chapala, Mexico) (competitive)

2010. Participant, International Summer University on Federalism (Fribourg, Geneva) (competitive)

Media Appearance and Coverage

2018. CBC/Radio-Canada (radio) (UDHR at 70), Sudbury, Vancouver, Winnipeg, Charlottetown, 21 September 2018.

2018. CBC/Radio-Canada (radio) (Rohingya Crisis, UN Report), Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton, Vancouver, Toronto, 27 August 2018.

2018. Libération (newspaper) (Interview on Buddhist nationalism in Myanmar), "Birmanie : Les modérés ont du mal à se faire entendre quand les radicaux s'agitent" (by Arnaud Vaulerin), 12 July 2018.

2018. Le Devoir (newspaper) (Rohingya Crisis), Dossier spécial sur la crise des réfugiés Rohingyas (by S. Champagne), 24 February 2018.

2017. Canal Savoir (tv) (Rohingya Crisis), Planète Terre (Montreal), 15 November 2017, Available at http://cerium.umontreal.ca/nc/medias/planete-terre

2017. CBC/Radio-Canada (radio) (Rohingya Crisis), Winnipeg, Vancouver, Regina, 23 October 2017

Service

2013-15. Language editor – Journal *Studia Islamika* – Jakarta, Indonesia

Language and Fieldwork

Language: English (fluent), French (native), and Bahasa Indonesia (fluent).

Field Experience: Indonesia (July 2013-July 2014; May-June 2016; February 2018) and Myanmar (February 2012; June 2015; June 2016; February 2018; November 2018; February 2019).