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U of T Profile

Education

University of Toronto <i>PhD in Political Science</i>	<i>Toronto, ON</i> <i>2022 – present</i>
◦ Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations	
University of Toronto <i>MA in Political Science</i>	<i>Toronto, ON</i> <i>2021 – 2022</i>
University of Victoria <i>BA in Political Science</i>	<i>Victoria, BC</i> <i>2015 – 2020</i>
◦ Honours with Distinction	

Fellowships and Awards

Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada	<i>2024 – 2026</i>
◦ \$80,000 CAD	
APSA Political Networks Section Travel Grant	<i>Aug 2026</i>
◦ \$500 USD	

Recent Conference and Workshop Presentations

Power Play: Elite Networks and Authoritarian Leadership Challenges APSA Annual Meeting, Boston, MA	<i>Sept 2026</i>
Power Play: How Networks Structure Credible Commitment in Authoritarian Leadership Challenges Annual Political Networks Conference, Manchester, UK	<i>Aug 2026</i>
Decoding Networks: Open-Weights LLMs for Network Data Extraction Blalock Lecture Series, ICPSR Summer Program, Ann Arbor, MI	<i>July 2026</i>
Power Play: How Networks Structure Credible Commitment in Authoritarian Leadership Challenges MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL	<i>Apr 2026</i>
The Betweenniks: Coups, Coup Proofing, and Autocratic Elite Networks Annual Political Networks Conference, Boston, MA	<i>Aug 2025</i>
The Betweenniks: Coups, Coup Proofing, and Autocratic Elite Networks Prairie Political Science Association Conference, Banff, AB	<i>Aug 2025</i>

Poster Presentations

Decoding Networks: Open-Weights LLMs for Network Data Extraction PolMeth Summer Meeting, East Lansing, MI	<i>July 2026</i>
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Research Assistantships

Elite Networks and Autocratic Stability: Application to Putin's Russia

Jan 2025 – present

Research assistant to Professor Olga Chyzh.

- Developed automated network data collection procedures using large language models.

Who Voted for the Guns of August?

Jan 2024

Research assistant to Professor Brendan McElroy.

- Literature review, data collection, and archival work in Russian.

The Cultural Politics of Infrastructure

Jan 2022

Research assistant to Professor Theresa Enright on her SSHRC-funded project.

- Conducted literature review, collected data, and conducted interviews.

Comparative Politics in Canada

Jan 2019

Research assistant to Professors Michelle Bonner and Rita Tremblay.

- Collected data on comparative politics researchers in Canada.

Teaching (Methods)

Network Analysis II, ICPSR Summer Program

2024 – 2026

Teaching assistant for Professors Olga Chyzh and Shahryar Minhas.

POL304: Quantitative Study of War

Winter 2025

Teaching assistant for Professor Mark Nieman.

POL304: Using Data to Understand Politics and Society

Winter 2024

Teaching assistant for Professor Olga Chyzh.

Teaching (Substantive)

POL380: Terrorism and Insurgency

Winter 2026

Teaching assistant for Professor Olga Chyzh.

POL212: Understanding War

Fall 2025

Teaching assistant for Professor Dani K. Nedal.

POL354: Russian Politics

Fall 2024, 2025

Teaching assistant for Professor Brendan McElroy.

POLA01: Revolutions

Fall 2024

Teaching assistant for Professor Lucan Way.

POL107: What Went Wrong? A Post Mortem of Political Disasters, Catastrophic Policy Failures, and Epic Marches of Folly

Fall 2023

Teaching assistant for Professor Lilach Gilady.

POL354: Russian Politics

Fall 2023

Teaching assistant for Professor Ed Schatz.

POL305: The International Politics of Authoritarianisms

Fall 2023

Teaching assistant for Semuhi Sinanoglu.

POL101: The Real World of Politics

Fall 2023

Teaching assistant for Professor Courtney Jung.

Service and Research Program Organization

Comparative Autocracy Student Research Cluster

University of Toronto

Co-Chair, Department of Political Science.

2022 – 2023

- Book talk: *Revolution and Dictatorship* by Dr. Lucan Way (November 2022).
- Book talk: *Outsourcing Repression* by Dr. Lynette Ong (December 2022).
- Thesis workshop: "State-Business Relations under Assad 1991-2011" by Gamal Mansour (January 2023).
- Paper workshop: "Moscow Must Pay: the economy of central control in Putin's Russia" by Samuel Morgan Martin (November 2023).

Professional Development

Bellingcat RUnet Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) Workshop

Aug 2023

Skills

Methods: Network analysis, Natural Language Processing, Spatial Statistics, Panel Data

Software: R, Python, vLLM

Languages

English: Native speaker

Russian: Intermediate