

Bradley Wood-MacLean

CONTACT INFORMATION

The University of Toronto
Department of Political Science
Sidney Smith Hall
100 St George St
Toronto, Ontario, M5S 3G3

E-mail: brad.woodmaclean@mail.utoronto.ca
Bluesky: [bradwoodmaclean.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/bradwoodmaclean.bsky.social)
X: [@BradWoodMacLean](https://twitter.com/BradWoodMacLean)
[Google Scholar](https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=bradwoodmaclean)
[LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/in/bradwoodmaclean)

EDUCATION

University of Toronto 2025 – Present
Ph.D., Political Science
Fields: Canadian Politics, Comparative Politics

University of British Columbia 2024 – 2025
MA, Political Science
Thesis: *The Material Origins of Place-Based Affective Polarization in Canada*
Supervisor: Sophie Borwein

Victoria College, University of Toronto 2020 – 2024
BA Hons., Political Science and History

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive: Political behaviour; Rural and urban politics; Immigration; Political communication; Canadian politics; Affective polarization; Satisfaction with democracy; Media
Methodological: Surveys; Experiments; Text-as-Data; Bayesian statistics

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Borwein, Sophie, Jack Lucas, and **Bradley Wood-MacLean**. 2026. “Place Consciousness and Voting in Canada.” *Canadian Journal of Political Science*: 1-14. [Link](#).

NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Chan, Esli, **Bradley Wood-MacLean**, Taylor Owen, Mathieu Lavigne 2026. “Survey on Canadians’ Preference for Social Media Age Verification Policies.” *Media Ecosystem Observatory*. [Link](#).

UNDER REVIEW

Wood-MacLean, Bradley, Salar Asadolahi, Matthew Polacko, Marc-Antoine Rancourt, and Michael J. Donnelly. “The Evolution of Immigration Rhetoric in Party Manifestos in Canada and the United States”

WORKING PAPERS

Wood-MacLean, Bradley, and Semra Sevi. “Are Young Canadians Shifting to the Right? Evidence from the Canadian Election Study, 2015–2025.”

Wood-MacLean, Bradley, Sophie Borwein, and Jack Lucas. “Place, Policy, and Politics in the Urban-Rural Divide.”

Wood-MacLean, Bradley. “The Material Origins of Place-Based Affective Polarization in Canada.”

Wood-MacLean, Bradley. “Shifting the Needle: Abortion Support and Policy Feedback Loops: A Test of the Thermostatic Model of Public Opinion in the United States.”

Wood-MacLean, Bradley and J  r  mie Drouin. “Responsiveness by Design: Public Opinion, Party Platforms, and Parliamentary Speech in Canada.”

Drouin, J  r  mie, **Bradley Wood-MacLean**, and Randy Besco. “Elite Cues, Media, and Immigration Opinion in Canada.”

WORKS IN
PROGRESS

Wood-MacLean, Bradley, and Danielle Bohonos. “Access to Services in Canada.”

Hopkins, Vincent, **Bradley Wood-MacLean**, Irene Bloemraad, Antje Ellermann, Tridafilos Triadafilopoulos, and Mireille Paquet. “The Fuels and Frictions to Naturalization In Canada.”

Wood-MacLean, Bradley, J r mie Drouin, Thomas Galipeau, and Eric Merkley. “Historical vs. Contemporary Elite Cues: Exposure to Ronald Reagan and Support Tariffs in 2026.”

Galipeau, Thomas, Natasha Goel, **Bradley Wood-MacLean**, J r mie Drouin, and Eric Merkley. “What is News?”

Bohonos, Danielle, Thomas Bergeron, Joel Cant  Roche, J r mie Drouin, **Bradley Wood-MacLean**, and Michael J. Donnelly. “Competing Legitimacy in Canadian Substate Nationalism: Comparing Alberta and Qu bec Separatist Attitudes.”

Sevi, Semra, **Bradley Wood-Maclean**, J r mie Drouin, Aidee Colin Nunez, Rebecca Zhang, and Riya Cherian. “Social Identity or Policy Preferences.”

Datasets

Wood-MacLean, Bradley, and Danielle Bohonos. “Access to Services in Canada.”

Wood-MacLean, Bradley, Salar Asadolahi, Matthew Polacko, Marc-Antoine Rancourt, and Michael J. Donnelly. “The Evolution of Immigration Rhetoric in Party Manifestos in Canada and the United States”

CONFERENCES

Wood-MacLean, Bradley, Sophie Borwein, and Jack Lucas. “Party, Place, and Policy in the Urban-Rural Divide.” Canadian Political Science Association, Ottawa. 2026.

Wood-MacLean, Bradley. “The Objective Correlates of Place-Based Affective Polarization in Canada.” Canadian Political Science Association, Ottawa. 2026.

Wood-MacLean, Bradley, and Semra Sevi. “Are Young Canadians Shifting to the Right? Evidence from the Canadian Election Study, 2015–2025.” Canadian Political Science Association, Ottawa. 2026.

Wood-MacLean, Bradley, and Semra Sevi. “Are Young Canadians Shifting to the Right? Evidence from the Canadian Election Study, 2015–2025.” C-Dem: Consortium on Electoral Democracy, Toronto. 2026.

Wood-MacLean, Bradley, and Semra Sevi. “Are Young Canadians Shifting to the Right? Evidence from the Canadian Election Study, 2015–2025.” *Poster*. MapleMeth, Toronto. 2026.

Wood-MacLean, Bradley, Salar Asadolahi, Michael J. Donnelly, Marc-Antoine Rancourt, and Matthew Polacko. “Immigration Rhetoric in Canadian and American Major Party Manifestos.” Canadian Political Science Association, Toronto. 2025.

AWARDS AND
GRANTS

R.F. Harney Graduate Research Fellowship in Ethnic, Immigration, and Pluralism Studies (\$1,000), Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy 2026

Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15,000), Ontario Graduate Scholarship Program 2026

Conference Travel Grant (\$700), University of Toronto 2026

Honourable Mention (\$1,000*), C-Dem Canada Election Study Hackathon 2025
*Declined travel grant funding

Ken Bryden Scholarship in Canadian Government and Politics (\$5,000), University of Toronto 2025

Graduate Student Travel and Research Dissemination Fund (\$500), 2025

University of British Columbia

Faculty of Arts Graduate Award (\$5,000), University of British Columbia	2024
Frances Joan Lambier Scholarship (\$8,000), Victoria College	2024
Dean's List Scholar , University of Toronto	2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
Jackman Scholar-In-Residence Fellowship (\$1,000), Victoria College	2023
Hardy and Mildred Wright Hill Scholarship (\$1,000), University of Toronto	2023
William Critchon Webster Scholarship (\$2,000), Victoria College	2022
Dr. Goldwin S. French Scholarship (\$1,000), University of Toronto	2021

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant , University of Toronto, Department of Political Science POL 222: Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning I	Fall 2025
Teaching Assistant , University of British Columbia, Department of Political Science POLI 381: Managing Quantitative Data in Political Science POLI 110: An Introduction to Scientific Political Analysis	Winter 2025 Fall 2024, Winter 2025
Tutor , University of Toronto, Department of Political Science POL 478: Data Visualization POL 222: Introduction to Quantitative Methods I POL 232: Introduction to Quantitative Methods II	Winter 2024 Winter 2023, Fall 2023, Winter 2024 Winter 2023, Fall 2023, Winter 2024

RESEARCH
ASSISTANCE/
FELLOWSHIPS

Research Fellow Media Ecosystem Observatory (MEO) (PI: Eric Merkley)	Jan. 2026 – present
Research Fellow Policy Elections and Representation Lab (PEARL) , University of Toronto (PI: Eric Merkley)	Sep. 2025 – present
Research Assistant University of Toronto (PI: Semra Sevi)	Sep. 2025 – Jun. 2026
Research Assistant Behavioural Public Policy Lab, University of British Columbia (PI: Vincent Hopkins)	Apr. 2025 – Sep. 2025
Research Assistant University of British Columbia (PI: Sophie Borwein)	Sep. 2024 – Apr. 2025
Research Assistant University of Toronto (PI: Michael J. Donnelly)	Jun. 2024 – Aug. 2024
Jackman Scholar-in-Residence Fellow University of Toronto (PI: Michael J. Donnelly)	May 2024 – Jun. 2024
Research Assistant University of Toronto (PI: Seva Gunitsky)	Sep. 2023 – Jun. 2024
Research Assistant University of Toronto (PI: Nhung Tuyet Tran, History)	May 2023 – Aug. 2023

ADDITIONAL
TRAINING

Panel on Research Ethics TCPS 2: CORE 2022	2026
University of British Columbia Quantitative Analysis of Text Workshop	2025

Gathering Data Workshop

SERVICE	Canadian Politics Subfield Representative University of Toronto, Graduate Association of Students of Political Science	2025 – Present
	Data Committee Member Policy, Elections, and Representation Lab	2025 – Present
	Programming Committee Coordinator Policy, Elections, and Representation Lab	2025 – Present
AFFILIATIONS	Doctoral Fellow , Media Ecosystem Observatory	2026 - Present
	Doctoral Fellow , Policy, Elections, and Representation Lab	2025 - Present
	Research Assistant , Behavioural Public Policy Lab	2025 - Present
	Research Assistant , Bridging Divides	2025 - Present
SOFTWARE	R (Advanced Proficiency); R Markdown (Advanced Proficiency); L ^A T _E X (Advanced Proficiency); Stata (Intermediate Proficiency); Python (Intermediate Proficiency); HTML (Intermediate Proficiency); Qualtrics (Advanced Proficiency); JavaScript (Intermediate Proficiency)	
LANGUAGES	English (native), French (novice), Scottish/Canadian Gaelic (novice)	

Last Updated: July 1st, 2026