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EDUCATION

McGill University

PhD in Political Science

Major Fields: Canadian (passed with distinction) & Comparative Politics

Committee: Daniel Béland (supervisor), Debra Thompson, & Alison Smith

Montréal, QC

exp. 2028

University of British Columbia

MA in Political Science

Supervisor: Carey Doberstein

Vancouver, BC

University of Alberta

BA (Honors) in Political Science

Certificate in Applied Social Science Research

Edmonton, AB

PUBLICATIONS

Published

- [2] **Kael Kropp**. 2026. "Spatial Exclusion on Public Land: Fragmented Governance and Vancouver's Golf Courses." *Cities* 179, no. 107476. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cities.2026.107476>.
- [1] Carey Doberstein, Katelynn Kowalchuk, and **Kael Kropp**. 2025. "The Political Character of Agency and Board Appointments in Alberta." *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 59, no. 1: 98–119. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0008423925100553>.

Under Review

- [2] **Kael Kropp**, "Disability Citizenship in Multilevel Service Systems," invited chapter in an edited collection by Daniel Dickson and Michael Orsini.
- [1] Carey Doberstein, Katelynn Kowalchuk, and **Kael Kropp**, "Strategic Appointments to Arm's-Length Institutions: Timing and Priority for Political Control."

In Preparation

- [3] Marielle Charbonneau, **Kael Kropp**, Daniel Béland, & Samuel Ragot. "Framing Disability Policy Change: Rights, Charity, and the Canada Disability Benefit."
- [2] **Kael Kropp**, Eric Belanger, Charles Goulet, Catherine Ouellet, Teresa Pian. "Ideological Legibility in Local Elections: Evidence from Montréal's 2025 Mayoral Race."
- [1] **Kael Kropp**. "Localizing Disability Citizenship through Multilevel Service Systems: Evidence from Canada."

Reviews & Reports

- [4] **Kael Kropp**. Invited Review Essay, "Canadian Politics in the Trump Era." *Canadian Journal of Political Science* Special Issue, edited by Arjun Tremblay.'
- [3] **Kael Kropp**. "Review of Broken City: Land Speculation, Inequality, and Urban Crisis, by Patrick M. Condon." *Canadian Journal of Political Science*.
- [2] **Kael Kropp**. 2024. "Review of The Role of Canadian City Managers: In Their Own Words, by Michael Fenn, Gordon McIntosh, and David Siegel." *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 57, no. 3: 716–17. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0008423924000209>.
- [1] Sydney Bartos, **Kael Kropp**, and Karina Valcke-Beckett. 2023. Reducing Renters' Carbon Footprint in the City of Vancouver. *City of Vancouver, Green Buildings Department*.

Public Writing

- [3] Éric Bélanger, **Kael Kropp**, Teresa Pian, and Catherine Ouellet. “Pourquoi les électeurs votent-ils moins aux élections municipales?” *Policy Options*, September 21, 2026. <https://policyoptions.irpp.org/fr/2026/09/vote-elections-municipales/>.
- [2] **Kael Kropp**, Sydney Bartos, and Karina Valcke-Beckett. “Why Canada needs a rental unit energy report card program,” *Policy Options*, May 27, 2024. <https://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/may-2024/rental-unit-energy/>.
- [1] **Kael Kropp** and Stephen Raitz, “Golf courses aren’t a fair way to use Edmonton’s river valley,” *The Edmonton Journal*, April 8, 2024. <https://edmontonjournal.com/opinion/columnists/opinion-golf-courses-arent-a-fair-way-to-use-edmontons-river-valley>.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

* Indicates presenting author

- [17] Carey Doberstein, Katelynn Kowalchuk,* and **Kael Kropp**.* 2026. “Governance and Partisanship in British Columbia’s Agency and Board Selections.” Paper presentation, Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Ottawa, ON.
- [16] **Kael Kropp**. 2026. “Governing Care at Arm’s Length: Fiscal Federalism and the Contracting State in Disability Social Services.” Paper presentation, Political Studies Association Annual Meeting, Oxford, UK.
- [15] **Kael Kropp** and Brooke Steinhauer. 2025. “Party Structures and Policy Outcomes: Evaluating the Institutional Conditions for Gender-Responsive Policymaking in Canadian Local Politics.” Paper presentation, Prairie Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Banff, AB.
- [14] Brooke Steinhauer and **Kael Kropp**. 2025. “Party Influence on Gender Representation in Canadian Municipal Politics.” Paper presentation, Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON.
- [13] Carey Doberstein, Katelynn Kowalchuk, and **Kael Kropp**. 2025. “Governance and Partisanship in Alberta’s Agency and Board Selections.” Paper presentation, Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON.
- [12] Carey Doberstein, Katelynn Kowalchuk,* and **Kael Kropp**.* 2024. “The Political Character of Agency and Board Appointments in Alberta.” Research presentation, Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship (CSDC) Political Behaviour Lab, McGill University, Montréal, QC.
- [11] Alexandra Hays-Alberstat and **Kael Kropp**. 2024. “Mapping Health: Transit Systems and Their Influence on Vaccine Distribution in Alberta.” Paper presentation, Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montréal, QC.
- [10] **Kael Kropp**. 2024. “Portfolio and Place-Based Approaches to Urban Public Administration in Canada.” Paper presentation, Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montréal, QC.
- [9] **Kael Kropp**. 2024. “Is Hosting a Losing Game? Assessing Financial Collaboration Models to Maximize Olympic Host Cities’ Local Economic Benefits.” Paper presentation, McGill Institute for the Study of Canada (MISC) Graduate Workshop: Understanding Canada, Montréal, QC.
- [8] **Kael Kropp** and Alexandra Hays-Alberstat. 2024. “Ticket to Immunization? Exploring Transit Access and Vaccine Coverage in Alberta’s Largest Cities.” Paper presentation, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC.
- [7] **Kael Kropp**. 2024. “How Local Politicians Navigate Interests and Institutions Responsible for Land Use: The Case of Vancouver’s Langara Golf Course.” Paper presentation, Bell Chair Graduate Conference in Canadian Politics, Ottawa, ON.
- [6] **Kael Kropp**. 2023. “Settler-Colonial Urbanism and the Spatial Politics of Golf Course Development.” Paper presentation, Prairie Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Banff, AB.
- [5] **Kael Kropp**. 2023. “Beyond the Green: Golf Courses as Social Objects in Settler-Colonial Cities.” Paper presentation, UBC Political Science Graduate Students’ Association Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC.
- [4] **Kael Kropp**. 2022. “Interdisciplinarity in Undergraduate Research and Publication.” Paper presentation, National Student Journal Forum, Toronto, ON.
- [3] **Kael Kropp**. 2022. “Queering Aisles Through the British Isles: Lessons for Improving Canadian LGBT2SQ+ Parliamentary Representation.” Paper presentation, University of Alberta Political Science Honors Research Conference, Edmonton, AB.

- [2] **Kael Kropp**. 2022. “The United Conservative Party’s Approach to Youth Sexual-Minority Policy in Alberta Schools.” Paper presentation, Festival of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities, Edmonton, AB.
- [1] **Kael Kropp**. 2022. “A Guide to Gay Government.” Paper presentation, Festival of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities, Edmonton, AB.

INVITED TALKS

- [4] **Kael Kropp**. 2026. “Institutions and Institutionalism.” Invited guest lecture, Political Science 221: Government of Canada, McGill University, Montréal, QC.
- [3] **Kael Kropp**. 2026. “100 jours après l’élection du 2 novembre 2025: Réflexions et analyses.” Invited panelist, Chair sur la démocratie, le vivre ensemble et les valeurs communes au Québec, Centre Sanaaq, Montréal, QC.
- [2] **Kael Kropp**. 2025. “The Spatial Politics of Golf Courses.” Invited talk, Political Science Students’ Association, McGill University, Montréal, QC.
- [1] **Kael Kropp**. 2025. “Getting the Best out of Your Supervisor.” Invited panelist, SKILLSETS (Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies), McGill University, Montréal, QC.

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

2026	Most Outstanding Teaching Assistant , McGill Arts Undergraduate Society	—
	Teaching Assistant of the Year , McGill Political Science Students’ Association	—
2025	Research-to-Impact Public Scholar Award , School of Population and Global Health	\$3,000
	Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel Award , McGill University	\$750
2024	Canada Graduate Scholarship - Doctoral , Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council	\$120,000
	FRQSC Doctoral Training Award , Fonds de recherche du Québec (Declined)	\$100,000
	Graduate Research Excellence Fellowship , McGill University	\$2,968
	Graduate Student Stipend , McGill University	\$10,000
	Diversity Microgrant , Employment and Social Development Canada	\$3,000
	Academic Achievement Award , Alberta Golf Foundation	\$2,000
2023	Graduate Research Excellence Fellowship , McGill University	\$20,800
	James R. and Frances K. Mallory Graduate Award , McGill University	\$4,200
	Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel Award , McGill University	\$750
2022	Rhodes Scholarship - Finalist , The Prairie Region	—
	Canada Graduate Scholarship - Master’s , Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council	\$17,500
	Killam Fellowship , Fulbright Canada	\$12,000
	Faculty of Arts Outstanding Leadership Medal , University of Alberta	\$500
	Jason Lang Scholarship , Government of Alberta	\$1,000
	First Place Prize , Vancouver CityStudio HUBBUB Policy Competition	—
	Academic Achievement Award , Alberta Golf Foundation	\$1,750
2021	Roger S. Smith Undergraduate Researcher Award , University of Alberta	\$5,000
	Undergraduate Academic Scholarship , University of Alberta	\$1,500
	Undergraduate Leadership Scholarship , University of Alberta	\$1,000
	Campus Community Involvement Award , State University of New York	\$3,500
	Education Abroad Individual Award , University of Alberta	\$2,550
	Jason Lang Scholarship , Government of Alberta	\$1,000
	Independent Research Award , Organization for Arts Students & Interdisciplinary Studies	\$910
	Student Life and Learning Enrichment Fund , University of Alberta	\$800
2019	Jason Lang Scholarship , Government of Alberta	\$1,000
2018	Alexander Rutherford Scholarship , Government of Alberta	\$2,500

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Institutional Affiliations

Department of Equity, Ethics and Policy, <i>McGill University</i>	2025 – present
Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship	2024 – present

Research Assisting

Éric Belanger, Montréal Municipal Election Study	2026 – present
Daniel Béland, McGill Institute for the Study of Canada	2023 – present
Carey Doberstein, University of British Columbia	2022 – 2026
Alison Smith, University of Toronto	2022 – 2023

TEACHING ASSISTANCE

McGill University

Political Science 427: The Politics of Social Policy in Canada (Guest Lecturer) • Guest lecturer (1 × 80-minute lecture): Disability social policy and employment insurance.	Winter 2026
Political Science 379: Urban Politics (Teaching Assistant) • Guest lecturer (4 × 80-minute lectures): theories of multilevel and urban governance.	Winter 2026
Political Science 221: The Government of Canada (Teaching Assistant)	Fall 2025
Political Science 348: Gender and Canadian Politics (Teaching Assistant)	Fall 2024

University of British Columbia

Political Science 101: The Government of Canada (Senior Teaching Assistant)	Winter 2023
Political Science 302: Public Administration in Canada (Teaching Assistant)	Fall 2022

ACADEMIC & VOLUNTEER SERVICE

2026	Board of Directors , Canadian Political Science Association Undergraduate Liaison , McGill Graduate Association of Political Science Students
2025	Board of Directors , Canadian Political Science Association Co-President , McGill Graduate Association of Political Science Students
2024	Co-President , McGill Graduate Association of Political Science Students Canadian Politics Subfield Coordinator , McGill Graduate Association of Political Science Students
2023	Department Coordinator , McGill Graduate Association of Political Science Students Conference Chair & Organizer , UBC Political Science Graduate Student Association Annual Conference Graduate Student Mentor , UBC Undergraduate Research Experience (REX) Program
2022	Graduate Student Representative , UBC Political Science Graduate Student Association Editor-in-Chief & Co-Founder , Crossings: An Undergraduate Arts Journal Vice President (Academic) , Organization for Arts Students and Interdisciplinary Studies Committee Member , University of Alberta Dean of Arts Hiring Committee Committee Member , University of Alberta Arts Faculty Council Committee Member , University of Alberta Academic Affairs Committee

SKILLS

Programming, Data & Statistical Tools: R, $\text{\LaTeX}$, Python, Nvivo, ArcGIS, Microsoft Access, GitHub
Key Methods: Focus Groups, (Semi-)Structured Interviews, Participatory Action Research, Survey Design
Languages: English, French (Beginner)