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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT

2019 – 2021 Postdoctoral Fellow, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Department of Social Science, York University, Canada

PREVIOUS POSITION

2018 - 2019 Research Associate, *Alternative Visions: The Politics of Motherhood and Family among Indigenous, Immigrant, Racialized and Low-Income Activist Women's Groups in Canada*

EDUCATION

2013 – 2018 Doctor of Philosophy, Political Studies, Queen's University, Canada
Dissertation: *Cross-Movement Coalitions and Sexuality Politics: How activists resist political homophobias in East Africa*

2011 – 2012 Master of Arts, Political Science, University of Toronto, Canada

2007 – 2011 Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Political Science, University of Guelph, Canada

PUBLICATIONS (Peer-reviewed)

Emma Paszat. Forthcoming 2020. "Sexuality politics, scientific manipulation, and the Anti-Homosexuality Act, 2014." *Sexualities*.

Emma Paszat. 2017. "Why 'Uganda's Anti-Homosexuality Bill'? Rethinking the 'coherent' state." *Third World Quarterly* 38(9): 2027-2044.

Under review

"Legislation versus Rhetoric: complicating politicised homophobias in Africa"

Manuscripts in progress

Politicized Homophobias and Resistance in Africa – book manuscript

“Inconsistent Engagement: Rwanda’s approach to lgbt rights internationally and at home” – to be submitted for review in November 2019

“Responding to repression: Coalition formation against politicised homophobias in Uganda” – to be submitted for review in December 2019

HONOURS AND GRANTS

- 2019 Fraser Taylor Paper Prize, Canadian Association of African Studies, 2018 Conference
- 2017 – 2018 Queen’s Graduate Award, Queen’s University
- 2016 – 2017 Queen’s Graduate Award, Queen’s University
- 2015 – 2017 W.C. Good Memorial Fellowship, Doctoral Fellowship (C\$40,000)
- 2015 “Gender and the ‘Black Box’: A Gendered Assessment of the Political Science Discipline in Canada”, CPSA 2015 Poster Prize Finalist
- 2015 – 2016 Queen’s Graduate Award, Queen’s University
- 2015 – 2016 Timothy C.S. Franks Research Travel Award, Doctoral Award
- 2014 – 2016 Field Research Fund, Political Studies Department, Queen’s University
- 2014 – 2015 Timothy C.S. Franks Research Travel Award, Doctoral Award
- 2014 – 2015 Huntley Macdonald Sinclair Travelling Scholarship, Doctoral Award
- 2014 – 2015 R.S. McLaughlin Fellowship, Queen’s University
- 2014 – 2015 Queen’s Graduate Award, Queen’s University
- 2013 – 2014 Graduate Entrance Tuition Award, Queen’s University
- 2011 Graduated “with distinction”, University of Guelph
- 2011 “Human Rights or Homophobia: Tools of Legitimacy in South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Namibia” nominated for the John F. Melby Thesis Prize, University of Guelph
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INVITED TALKS

“Politicized Homophobias and Resistance in Africa.” York University, Socio-Legal Studies Speaker Series, 7 October 2019.

“Cross-Movement Coalitions and Sexuality Politics: How activists resist political homophobias in East Africa.” University of Guelph, Department of Political Science, 22 January 2019.

“Resisting through political channels: How lgbt activists challenge political homophobias.” University of Toronto, Department of Political Science, 23 November 2016.

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS (Selected)

2019. "Legislation versus Rhetoric: analysing differences between political homophobias in Sub-Saharan Africa." International Studies Association. Toronto, Canada, 30 March. * Nominated for the ISA LGBTQA Caucus Emerging Scholar Paper Award, TBA March 2020

2018. "How lgbt movements counter political homophobias." Canadian Association of African Studies Annual Conference. Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, 4 May. * Winner of the Frasier Taylor Prize

2017. "Beyond criminalization: Analysing the status of lgbt communities and activism in Rwanda." Gender and Sexuality in Africa: Transdisciplinary Conversations Symposium. Dartmouth University, New Hampshire, USA, 4 November.

2017. "Explaining Differing Government Responses to Gender and Sexual Minority Populations." Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference. Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 31 May.

2017. "'The struggle continues': re-examining how lgbt movements obstruct political homophobias". Queen's University, Political Studies Graduate Student Association Annual Conference. Kingston, Ontario, Canada, 12 May.

2017. "Conducting field research on sensitive topics in East Africa". Tales from the Field: The Graduate Student Experience, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, 7 March.

2016. "Understanding Changing Government Responses to Gender and Sexual Minority Populations in East Africa." African Studies Association Annual Conference. Washington DC, USA, 2 December.

2016. "The uneven professionalization of lgbt activism in Uganda and Rwanda; potential for alliance building over economic precarity?" Reimagining Global Solidarities for LGBTQI 'empowerment' in Africa, Queen's University, Kingston, Canada, 22-23 October.

2016. "Gender and the 'Black Box': A Gendered Assessment of the Political Science Discipline in Canada." With Bailey Gerrits. Co-authored equally. Gender Equity and Social Justice in Education, St Michael's College, University of Toronto. Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 18 March.

2015. "Understanding Government Responses to Most-At-Risk-Populations." Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research. Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, United States, 18 June.

2015. "Human Rights and Homonationalism: Evaluating International Interventions on Uganda's Anti-Homosexuality Bill." The Africa Day Symposium, Queen's University, Kingston, Canada, 26 March.

2014. “The Limits of Global Human Rights Promotion: Analysing the Relationship between LGBTI Rights Advocacy at the Global and Local Levels.” International Political Science Association 23rd World Congress. Montreal, Quebec, Canada, 24 July.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2016 – 2017 Doctoral Research Affiliate, Gender Centre, University of Rwanda, Kigali, Rwanda
- 2016 – 2017 Senior Research Assistant: Professor Margaret Little, Sir Edward Peacock Chair in Gender and Politics, Political Studies Department, Queen’s University
- 2015 – 2016 Doctoral Research Affiliate, Makerere Institute for Social Research with Dr. Stella Nyanzi, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda
- 2013 – 2015 Senior Research Assistant: Professor Margaret Little, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Insight Grant 4A, “Contested Visions of Motherhood: Class, Race and Second Wave Women’s Movements in Canada”
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Fellow (course instructor), Queen’s University:

2018 POLS 403: Gender and Politics: Questions and Challenges

Invited Guest Lecturer, Queen’s University:

2017 POLS 347: The Politics of Africa (Fall), 90-minute lecture; 60 students
Topic: The Politics of Gender and Sexual Diversity in Africa

2017 POLS 347: The Politics of Africa (Fall), 90-minute lecture; 60 students
Topic: Gender and Politics in Africa

2016 DEVS 492/866: Degrowth in Africa (Winter), 30-minute lecture; 20 Students
Topic: Methodology and field research in Eastern Africa

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Queen’s University:

- The Politics of Africa (Grading, office hours, Fall 2016, Fall 2017)
- American Elections (Grading, office hours, Winter 2016, Fall 2016)
- Comparative Politics – Regimes (Tutorials, grading, office hours, Winter 2016)
- Strategies of Political Research (Tutorials, grading, office hours, Winter 2015)
- Women, Gender, and Politics (Tutorials, grading, office hours, Fall 2014)

- Introduction to Politics & Government (Tutorials, grading, office hours, Fall 2013, Winter 2014)

SERVICE

Queen's University

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| 2017 – 2018 | Graduate Student Representative, Appointments and Staffing Committee, Department of Political Studies |
| 2016 – 2017 | Secretary-Chair, Political Studies Graduate Student Association, Department of Political Studies |
| 2015 | Graduate Student Representative, Department of Political Studies Sir Edward Peacock Grant Committee |
| 2014 – 2015 | Doctoral Representative, Department of Political Studies Graduate Committee |

University of Guelph

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| 2010 – 2011 | Political Science Peer Contact, Department of Political Science |
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ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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| 2016 | Participant, Course Design @Queen's, training session on course design, Queen's University, Kingston, Canada |
| 2016 | Participant, SGS 901, 12-week course on teaching and learning pedagogies, assessment, active learning, class planning, learning preferences, Queen's University, Kingston, Canada |
| 2015 | Participant, Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, The Maxwell School, Syracuse University, United States |
| 2015 | Participant, Doing Field Research in Africa, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada |
| 2015 | Participant, Positive Space Training, Queen's University |

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2016 Conference Steering Committee Member, Reimagining Global Solidarities for LGBTQI ‘empowerment’ in Africa, 22-23 October, Kingston, Canada
- 2016 Volunteer, Ontario Universities Taking Action Against Sexual Violence Conference, 10-11 August, Kingston, Canada
- 2015 – 2016 Conference Organizing Committee Member, The Politics of Borders and Belonging at Home and Abroad, Political Studies Graduate Student Association, 6 May, Kingston, Canada
- 2015 – 2016 Queen’s Coordinator, Queen’s African Studies Network, Board Member, Queen’s University, Kingston, Canada
- 2015 Project Assistant, Kingston Youth Sexual Violence Prevention Assessment, Kingston, Canada
- 2012 – 2013 Research Analyst, The Canadian Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, Parliamentary Division, The Munk School, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada
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REFERENCES

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