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CONTACT INFORMATION

Cornell University
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Associate, Cornell University
Supervisors: David G. Rand and Gordon Pennycook

September 2026–

EDUCATION

PhD, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto 2021-2026
Dissertation titled “*Thinking About Thinking: Considerations on the Processing of Incongruent Information*”
Committee: Eric Merkley, Daniel Rubenson, James N. Druckman, Chagai Weiss (Internal reader), Kevin Arceneaux (External reader)

MA, Department of Geography & Planning, University of Toronto 2019-2020
Dissertation titled “*Residential Segregation and Inequality: Considering Barriers to Choice in Toronto*”

BA, Bilingual (French), Hons. Major/Minor Economics & Psychology, York University 2012-2017
Academic Exchange at L’Institut d’études Politiques (Sciences Po) Strasbourg, 2015-2016

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political psychology; Political communication; Survey and experiments; Computational Social Science; Public Opinion; AI and politics; Digital Media; American politics; Comparative politics

CITIZENSHIP

USA; Canada

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Thomas Bergeron, Blake Lee-Whiting, and **Natasha Goel**. 2026. “[Perceiving Politics: Considering the Political Categorization of Faces](#).” *Journal of Experimental Political Science*.
2. Claretta Treger, Thomas Galipeau, Thomas Bergeron, Sarah Lachance, **Natasha Goel**, Mujahedul Islam, Blake Lee-Whiting, Beatrice Magistro, and Peter J. Loewen. 2026. “[Political Party or Policy Position? The Role of Policy Partisanship and Party Cues in Voter Decision Making](#).” *Polit Behav*.
3. **Natasha Goel** and Eric Merkley. 2025. “[The Nature of Online Talk: Incivility of Opposing Views and Affective Polarization](#).” *Polit Behav*, 47(4): 1483–1500.
4. **Natasha Goel**. 2023. “[Residential Segregation and Inequality: Considering Barriers to Choice in Toronto](#).” *The Canadian Geographer/Le Géographe canadien*, 67(3): 380-393.

UNDER REVIEW

1. **Natasha Goel**, Thomas Bergeron, Blake Lee-Whiting, Thomas Galipeau, Danielle Bohonos, Mujahedul Islam, Sonja Savolainen, Claretta Treger, and Eric Merkley. “Artificial Influence: Comparing the Effects of AI and Human Source Cues in Reducing Certainty in False Beliefs” [Revise & Resubmit at *PNAS Nexus*, [OSF pre-print](#)]
2. Eric Merkley and **Natasha Goel**. “The Relationship Between Polarization Misperceptions and Partisan Hostility is Reciprocal” [Revise & Resubmit at *Political Psychology*]
3. **Natasha Goel**. “Motivating Demand for Corrective Information”
4. **Natasha Goel**. “Threat Primes Do Not Reliably Bias Immigration Information Processing”

WORKS IN PROGRESS	1. Gabrielle Lim and Natasha Goel. “Data Types and Government Access in Social Media Privacy Policies” 2. Helen Hayes, Natasha Goel, and Sequoia Kim. “Silencing Journalists: Attitudes Toward Journalist Harassment on Social Media”																												
BOOK CHAPTERS	Helen Hayes and Natasha Goel. “Media Influence on Trust in Online Remote Voting.” In <i>Trust and Trustworthiness: Evaluations of Online Voting</i>. McGill-Queen’s University Press [<i>Under contract</i>] Eric Merkley and Natasha Goel. “The Comparative Correlates and Effects of Anti-intellectualism in Canada and the United States” In <i>The Routledge Handbook of Anti-Intellectualism</i>.																												
NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS	1. Randy Besco and Natasha Goel. December 4, 2025. “Who Changed Their Minds? Two Shifts in Canadian Public Opinion on Immigration: 1995-2005 and 2023-24,” <i>Institute for Research on Public Policy (IRPP)</i>. 2. Natasha Goel. September 2025. “Here to Stay: Understanding Immigrant Retention in Canada”, <i>Institute for Canadian Citizenship (ICC)</i>. 3. Natasha Goel. June 26, 2025. “Can ChatGPT Change Your Mind? Perhaps, Studies Show”, <i>Tech Policy Press</i>. 4. Natasha Goel. 2021. “From Crisis to Opportunity: Challenges Today and Futureproofing for Tomorrow,” <i>Economic Blueprint Institute</i>.																												
SELECT AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS	<table> <tr> <td>Department of Political Science Special Opportunities Fund, 2026</td><td>\$1,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>A. W. Johnson Graduate Scholarship, 2026</td><td>\$3,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Royal Bank Graduate Fellowship in Public And Economic Policy, 2025</td><td>\$8,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS), 2025-2026</td><td>\$15,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Department of Political Science Dissertation Research Funding, 2025</td><td>\$8,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Media Ecosystem Observatory Travel and Conference Award, 2024</td><td>\$1,550</td></tr> <tr> <td>Media Ecosystem Observatory Research Fellowship, 2024-2025</td><td>\$18,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy Research Fellowship, 2023-2024</td><td>\$36,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Department of Political Science Summer Methods Funding, 2023</td><td>\$3,500</td></tr> <tr> <td>SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship—Doctoral, 2022-2026</td><td>\$110,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Department of Political Science Doctoral Recruitment Award, 2021</td><td>\$6,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Joseph A. May Scholarship, 2020</td><td>\$1,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship— Master’s, 2019-2021</td><td>\$23,300</td></tr> <tr> <td>Department of Geography and Planning Entrance Award, 2019</td><td>\$5,000</td></tr> </table>	Department of Political Science Special Opportunities Fund, 2026	\$1,000	A. W. Johnson Graduate Scholarship, 2026	\$3,000	Royal Bank Graduate Fellowship in Public And Economic Policy, 2025	\$8,000	Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS), 2025-2026	\$15,000	Department of Political Science Dissertation Research Funding, 2025	\$8,000	Media Ecosystem Observatory Travel and Conference Award, 2024	\$1,550	Media Ecosystem Observatory Research Fellowship, 2024-2025	\$18,000	Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy Research Fellowship, 2023-2024	\$36,000	Department of Political Science Summer Methods Funding, 2023	\$3,500	SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship—Doctoral, 2022-2026	\$110,000	Department of Political Science Doctoral Recruitment Award, 2021	\$6,000	Joseph A. May Scholarship, 2020	\$1,000	SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship— Master’s, 2019-2021	\$23,300	Department of Geography and Planning Entrance Award, 2019	\$5,000
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Course Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto <table> <tr> <td>POL342H1: Topics in Methods I (Political Psychology)</td><td>Spring 2026</td></tr> <tr> <td>POL314H1: Public Opinion and Voting</td><td>Summer 2025</td></tr> </table> Teaching Assistant, Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, University of Toronto <table> <tr> <td>PPG2003: Capstone Course</td><td>Winter 2024, Winter 2025</td></tr> <tr> <td>PPG2018: The Role of Government</td><td>Winter 2023, Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025</td></tr> </table> Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto <table> <tr> <td>POL222: Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning I</td><td>Fall 2023, Fall 2024</td></tr> <tr> <td>POL218: State, Society and Power in Comparative Perspective</td><td>Fall 2022</td></tr> </table>	POL342H1: Topics in Methods I (Political Psychology)	Spring 2026	POL314H1: Public Opinion and Voting	Summer 2025	PPG2003: Capstone Course	Winter 2024, Winter 2025	PPG2018: The Role of Government	Winter 2023, Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025	POL222: Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning I	Fall 2023, Fall 2024	POL218: State, Society and Power in Comparative Perspective	Fall 2022																
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	POLB50: Canadian Government and Politics	Fall & Winter, 2021-2022
	Teaching Assistant, Department of Geography & Planning, University of Toronto	
	GGR221: New Economic Spaces	Winter 2020
RESEARCH ASSISTANCE/ FELLOWSHIPS	Research Assistant, Bridging Divides Project, Toronto Metropolitan University	2025-2026
	PI: Phil Triadafilopoulos (University of Toronto)	
	Fellow, Media Ecosystem Observatory (MEO), McGill University	2024-2026
	PI: Aengus Bridgman (McGill University)	
	Fellow, Policy, Elections & Representation Lab (PEARL), University of Toronto	2022-2026
	PI: Eric Merkley (University of Toronto), 2024-2026	
	PI: Peter John Loewen (Cornell University), 2022-2024	
	Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto	2021-2026
	PI: Eric Merkley (University of Toronto)	
	PI: Randy Besco (University of Toronto)	
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA)	2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
	Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP)	2023, 2025
	Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	2024, 2025, 2026
	Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA)	2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
	Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science	2026 (Poster)
	Toronto-Montreal Political Behavior Workshop	2024, 2025, 2026 (Poster)
	Urban Affairs Association (UAA)	2022
SELECT INVITED TALKS	True Stories: News, disinformation + life in an unreal age, West End Phoenix	2025
	“Trust and Polarization,” Symposium on Election Security and Emerging Threats, Tufts University	2025
	“Disinformation, Elections, and Democracy,” POL 106: Contemporary Challenges to Democracy: Democracy in the Social Media Age, University of Toronto	2024
	“Public Trust in News in Canada,” Trust Project Workshop: Growing News Audience and Trust, Globe and Mail Centre	2024
	School of Cities: Seminar on AI and the City, University of Toronto	2024
SERVICE	Peer review: Political Behavior, Journal of Information Technology & Politics, PNAS Nexus, Quality & Quantity, Social Media + Society	
	Founder of Women in Academia Mentorship (WAM) Network, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto	2023–2026
	Data Management Committee, PEARL, University of Toronto	2023–2026
	Comparative Politics Representative, Graduate Association of Students in Political Science, University of Toronto	2023–2024

ADDITIONAL TRAINING	Summer Academy on Large Language Models for Social Science, Columbia University	2026
	ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan	2025
	Courses: Causal Inference for Social Sciences; Measurement, Scaling, and Dimensional Analysis, Machine Learning: Applications in Social Science Research; Multilevel Models I: Introduction and Application; Introduction to Python.	
SKILLS	Software and Tools: Qualtrics, R, Stata, Python, LaTeX	
	Languages: English (fluent), French (intermediate)	
MEDIA APPEARANCES	The Globe and Mail, CBC News Canada, Yahoo News Canada, Toronto Star	
REFERENCES	Daniel Rubenson, Professor of Political Science, University of Toronto	
	Eric Merkley, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Toronto	
	James N. Druckman, Professor of Political Science, University of Rochester	
	Nicholas Valentino, Professor of Political Science, University of Michigan	