

# The Politics of Race, Ethnicity, Indigeneity, and Gender in Contemporary Canadian Electoral Politics



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**February 24-25, 2020**

**MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY**

There has been discussion surrounding diversity, Indigeneity, race, and ethnicity in Political Science (in Canada, CPSA, the ISA) for some time. We are grateful to the individuals who have spearheaded these important conversations in the past and paved the way for continued dialogue. This workshop offers the opportunity, almost a decade after the founding of the section “Race, Ethnicity, Indigenous Peoples and Politics” in the Canadian Political Science Association to think about the future of scholarship and the discipline. In 2006 the CPSA struck a diversity task force, in 2016 the CPSA struck a reconciliation committee. Their contributions have been essential to the development of the discipline. And yet, there is still much to do. The goals of this workshop are two-fold; first, to engage in continued discussion around research, and teaching of ethnicity, race, and Indigeneity in Canadian politics; second, to contribute to our understanding the role of allies and settlers in our discipline and research.

We would like to thank the Office of the Provost and VP Academic and Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences and the Scholarship in the Arts fund for generously supporting this event, and the NEXUS Centre and the Merb'ys for partnering up with us.

We respectfully acknowledge the territory in which we gather as the ancestral homelands of the Beothuk, and the island of Newfoundland as the ancestral homelands of the Mi'kmaq and Beothuk. We would also like to recognize the Inuit of Nunatsiavut and NunatuKavut and the Innu of Nitassinan, and their ancestors, as the original people of Labrador. We strive for respectful relationships with all the peoples of this province as we search for collective healing and true reconciliation and honour this beautiful land together.

## Workshop Program

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 24**

**LOCATION: IIC-3001**

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9:00-9:15 WELCOME – with short hello from Newfoundland and Labrador Human Rights Commission  
CHAIR: Amanda Bittner

9:15-10:30 UNDERSTANDING RACIAL ATTITUDES THROUGH SURVEY RESEARCH

CHAIR: Sarelle Azuelos

- a. Randy Besco & Scott Matthews - Racial spillover in Canada: Jagmeet Singh and the 2019 election
- b. Fan Lu - Language bias in surveying bilingual visible minorities
- c. Laura Stephenson - Minority Groups in the 2019 Canadian Election: Preliminary Reflections from the CES

10:30-10:45 coffee break

10:45-12:00 INSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES AND RACISM

CHAIR: Jiya Chandan

- a. Kiera Ladner - Digital sovereignties, Miyo We'citowin: MMIWG & Walking With Our Sisters
- b. Delores V. Mullings - Is Resistance futile? Navigating anti-Black racism in the Canadian Human Rights Adjudication Process
- c. Sobia Shaikh and Jennifer Selby - Creating space for countering anti-Muslim racism in NL politics

12:00-1:00 LUNCH - Encounters with White Male Supremacy in the Classroom: Reflections On Race, Gender, and Pedagogy (ETHEL TUNGOHAN, keynote)

1:00-1:15 SHORT PERSONAL BREAK

1:15-2:45 CULTIVATING AN ACADEMIC PIPELINE FOR DIVERSE SCHOLARS

CHAIR: Gillian Pearson

- a. Malinda Smith – Cultivating an Academic Pipeline for Diverse Scholars
- b. Amanda Bittner – What can we do, how can we work together to make things better

2:45-4:00 INCUBATOR PANEL

CHAIR: Christabel Baah

- a. Carol-Lynne D'Arcangelis - Gender, Indigenous Self-determination and Electoral Politics
- b. Rebecca Major - The Role and Influence of Indigenous Women in Canadian Electoral Politics
- c. Jennifer Selby - The Work of "Religious Symbols" and the Erasure of Indigeneity in the CAQ's Bill 21
- d. Renan Levine - Anti-Semitism, Islamophobia and Support of Israelis & Palestinians in a Polarized America

7:00 pm – Reception at Bittner's house for workshop participants (by invitation only)

**TUESDAY FEB 25**

**LOCATION IIC-3001**

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**9-10:15 WAYS OF UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF RACE AND GENDER**

**CHAIR:** Brooke Steinhauer

- a. Melanee Thomas - Competition and Gendered Backlash: Failure, Sexism, and Consequences for Politics
- b. Jennie Sweet-Cushman - Legislative vs. Executive Political Offices: How Gender Stereotypes Can Disadvantage Women in Either Office
- c. Sonja Boon & Deirdre Connolly - The Knot Itself: Tangling with Multiculturalism
- d. Elizabeth Goodyear-Grant, Rebecca Wallace, and Amanda Bittner - It's not just 'let's eat bacon and shoot stuff': Focus Groups to Determine People's Impressions of Sex and Gender

**10:15-11:30 LEGISLATURES, CANDIDATES, RACE, AND ETHNICITY**

**CHAIR:** Katherine McLaughlin

- a. Erin Tolley - Race, Gender and Candidate Recruitment in Canadian Politics
- b. Lisa Jo Van den Scott & Emma L. Martin - Women Leaving and Losing in Politics: Eulogy Work on a Public Stage
- c. Laura Kwak - Playing by the Racial Rule(s): On the emergence and contributions of Conservative racialized parliamentarians

**11:30-11:55 ALLIES AND SETTLERS IN ACADEMIA**

**CHAIR:** Holly Fox

- a. Jennifer Simpson, Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences
- b. Amanda Bittner

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**LUNCH TIME KEYNOTE: What the Oceans Remember: Speculating on Archival Silences (SONJA BOON)**

**LOCATION: NEXUS CENTRE, SN-4022**

**12:00-1:30**

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1:30-1:45 Wrap up and thank you

