

# Melanee Lynn Thomas

Curriculum Vitae July 2016

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**Current Position** Assistant Professor  
Department of Political Science, University of Calgary, Calgary AB  
2012-present

**Positions Held** Skelton-Clark Post-Doctoral Fellow in Canadian Affairs  
Department of Political Studies, Queen's University  
2011-2012

Visiting Scholar, Laurier Institute for the Student of Public Opinion and  
Policy Research (LISPOP)  
June 2011

## Education

2006-2012 Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science, McGill University, Montreal QC, Canada

- Dissertation Title: "Gender and Psychological Orientations to Politics"
- Supervisory Committee: Elisabeth Gidengil, Stuart Soroka, and Dietlind Stolle
- Examination Fields: Comparative Politics, Canadian Politics

2004-2006 Master of Arts, Political Science, University of Calgary, Calgary AB, Canada

- Thesis Title: "The Political Disengagement of Canada's Young Women"
- Thesis Advisor: Lisa Young

1999-2003 Bachelor of Arts (Great Distinction), Political Science, University of Lethbridge,  
Lethbridge AB, Canada

## Research Interests

Canadian Politics, Political Psychology and Behaviour, Gender and Politics, Public Opinion and  
Policy, Research Methodology, Comparative Politics

## Teaching Interests

Research Methods, Gender and Politics, Representation, Elections, Canadian Politics

## Publications

### Books

Forthcoming *Mothers and Others: Understanding the Impact of Family life in Politics*, co-  
edited with Amanda Bittner. Vancouver: UBC Press.

### Articles (Peer Reviewed)

Forthcoming "Come Hell or High Water: An Investigation of the Effects of a Natural Disaster  
on Incumbent Support," with Marc André Bodet and Charles Tessier. *Electoral  
Studies*.

- 2013 "Barriers to Women's Political Participation in Canada." *University of New Brunswick Law Review* LXIV(2013): 218-233.
- 2013 "Sacrificial Lambs, Women Candidates, and District Competitiveness in Canada," with Marc André Bodet. *Electoral Studies* 32(1): 153-166.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2012.12.001>
- 2012 "The Complexity Conundrum: Why Hasn't the Gender Gap in Subjective Political Competence Closed?" *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 45(2): 337-358. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S0008423912000352>
- 2008 "The Gender Gap in Self-perceived Understanding of Politics in Canada and the United States," with Elisabeth Gidengil and Janine Marshal (Giles). *Politics & Gender* 4(4): 535-561.

Book Chapters (Peer Reviewed)

- Forthcoming "Communications of Parental Status in the 41<sup>st</sup> Canadian Parliament," with L.A. Lambert. In *Mothers and Others: Understanding the Impact of Family life in Politics*, Melanee Thomas and Amanda Bittner, editors. Vancouver: UBC Press.
- Forthcoming "The "Mommy Problem"? Gender, Parental Status, and Politics," with Amanda Bittner. In *Mothers and Others: Understanding the Impact of Family life in Politics*, Melanee Thomas and Amanda Bittner, editors. Vancouver: UBC Press.
- Forthcoming "Gender, Parenthood, and Politics: What Do We Still Need to Know?" with Amanda Bittner. In *Mothers and Others: Understanding the Impact of Family life in Politics*, Melanee Thomas and Amanda Bittner, editors. Vancouver: UBC Press.
- Forthcoming "Women and Federal Conservative Parties in Canada, 1993-2013." In *The Blueprint: Conservatives and Canadian Politics, 1993-2013*, Joanna Everitt and J.P. Lewis, editors. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

Book Chapters

- 2016 "Because It's 2015: Gender and the 2015 Federal Election," with Brenda O'Neill. In *The Canadian Federal Election of 2015*, Christopher Dornan and Jon H. Pammett, editors. Toronto: Dundurn Press.
- 2015 "Gender and Election 2015: Continuity with No Real Change." In *Canadian Election Analysis: Communication, Strategy, and Democracy*, Alex Marland and Thierry Giasson, editors. Vancouver: UBC Press.
- 2014 "Women (Not) in Politics: Women's Electoral Participation," with Lisa Young. In *Canadian Politics, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition*, edited by James Bickerton and Alain-G Gagnon.

Reports and Reviews

- 2012 “Women and Political Participation in Canada.” A report to Status of Women Canada
- 2009 “Women and Legislative Representation: Opportunities and Obstacles around the Globe,” with Julie Moreau. [\*Feminist Collections\* 30\(4\): 1-5.](#)

Conference Presentations (past 5 years)

Prairie Political Science Association (2016); Canadian Political Science Association (2016 x 3); Prairie Political Science Association (2015); European Conference on Politics and Gender (2015 x 2); Prairie Political Science Association (2014); European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions (2014); Atlantic Provinces Political Science Association (2013); Prairie Political Science Association (2013); Gender and Political Psychology Workshop (2013); Canadian Political Science Association (2013 x 3); Midwest Political Science Association (2013); European Conference on Politics and Gender (2013); Mothers & Others Workshop (2012); Canadian Political Science Association (2012 x 2); American Political Science Association (2012); Canadian Political Science Association (2011); Midwest Political Science Association (2011)

**Research Grants**

- 2015-17 Supervisor, Eyes High Postdoctoral Fellowship Competition, Round 3  
-\$100 000
- 2015-20 Principal Investigator, “Psychological Orientations to Politics, Gendered Stereotype Threat, and Democratic Citizenship,” Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Insight Grant. With Allison Harell (UQAM) and Tania Gosselin (UQAM)  
-\$213 546  
-This application was ranked 3 of 78 in the competition.
- 2014 University of Calgary SSHRC Enhancement Grant  
-\$3000
- 2013 University of Calgary Faculty of Arts Seed Grant, “Stereotype Threat and Democratic Citizenship,” in collaboration with the Calgary Behaviour and Experimental Economics Laboratory (CBEEL)  
-\$3500 total (\$2500 Seed Grant, \$1500 CBEEL)
- 2013 University of Calgary New Faculty Start Up Grant, “Stereotype Threat and Democratic Citizenship.”  
-\$5000
- 2012-13 Principal Investigator, “Mothers and Others: Understanding the Impact of Family Life in Politics,” Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Aid to Workshops and Conference in Canada Grant. With Amanda Bittner (Memorial

University), Janine Giles (University of Calgary), and Lisa Lambert (University of Calgary)

- \$24 993, in addition to \$8 900 from other sources.

- This was the top ranked application in the competition.

### **Invited Lectures**

University of Calgary 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Vancouver Celebration (2016); University of Calgary Toronto Alumni Meeting (2016); Simon Fraser University Department of Political Science Speakers' Series (2014); University of Bristol School of Sociology, Politics, and International Studies Speakers' Series (2014); Gender and Politics Research Group, Birkbeck College, University College London (2013); Laurier Institute for the Study of Public Opinion and Policy (LISPOP) Lecture, Wilfred Laurier University (2012); Queen's University (2012); Champlain College (2011); McGill University (2010)

### **Awards**

- 2014 Jill Vickers Prize Winner, Canadian Political Science Association, for the best paper presented on gender and politics at the 2013 annual meeting. For "Communications of Parental Status in the 41<sup>st</sup> Canadian Parliament," with Lisa Lambert.
- 2011 Jill Vickers Prize Winner, Canadian Political Science Association, for the best paper presented on gender and politics at the 2010 annual meeting. For "Gender, Generation, and Political Engagement in Canada."
- 2009 Senior Women Academic Administrators in Canada Graduate Student Award of Merit, for outstanding leadership in the university or general community while maintaining exemplary academic records.
- 2008 Jill Vickers Prize Nominee, for the best paper presented on gender and politics at the 2007 annual meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association. For "Gender Differences in Internal Political Efficacy."

### **Courses Taught**

The Canadian Political Process (Calgary, 600-level), Electoral Behaviour (Calgary, 400-level), Representation, Political Parties, and Elections (Calgary, 500- and 600-level), Political Parties and Interest Groups (Calgary, 400-level) The Canadian State (Calgary, 300-level, Queen's, 200-level); Gender and Politics (Calgary and Queen's, 400-level), Empirical Research Methods (Calgary and McGill, 300-level)

### **Graduate Supervision**

- MA Supervisor – John Santos (2016 – present)
- MA Supervisor – Dylan Thiessen (2016 – present)
- PhD Supervisory Committee – Elizabeth Pando (2013-present)
- MA Co-Supervisor – Ryan Pike (2012-present)

### **Administrative Service**

*Faculty of Arts*

- Ethics Committee (2013 – present)

- Equity and Diversity Committee (2015 – present)
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*Department of Political Science*

- Graduate Committee (2015 to present)
- Research Committee, co-chair (2015-2016)
- Undergraduate Committee (2012-2013, 2014-2015)
- Communications Committee (2013-2014)

**Other Professional Activities**

- Manuscript Reviewer: *Oxford University Press, University of Toronto Press, Politics & Gender, Public Opinion Quarterly, Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly, Canadian Journal of Political Science, Scandinavian Political Studies, Parkland Institute, The Social Science Journal, Politics, Groups, and Identities, Journal of Politics*
- Treasurer, Prairie Political Science Association (2013-present)
- Programme Co-Chair, Political Behaviour Section, Canadian Political Science Association, with Amanda Bittner (2013)
- Parkland Institute: advisory board and institute review committee (2014)
- Board Member, University of Calgary Academic Women’s Association (2014)
- Women and Politics Section Best Paper Award Committee, American Political Science Association (2012)

**Professional Memberships**

Canadian Political Science Association, Prairie Political Science Association

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Citizenship	Canadian
Languages	English, Intermediate French