

Melanee Lynn Thomas

Curriculum Vitae February 2018

Current Position Associate Professor

Department of Political Science, University of Calgary, Calgary AB
2017-present

Past Positions Assistant Professor

Department of Political Science, University of Calgary, Calgary AB
2012-2017

Skelton-Clark Post-Doctoral Fellow in Canadian Affairs
Department of Political Studies, Queen's University
2011-12

Education

2006-12 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

2004-06 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 (Peer Reviewed)

Thomas, Melanee and Amanda Bittner (eds). 2017. *Mothers and Others: The Role of
Parenthood in Politics*. Vancouver: UBC Press.

Articles (Peer Reviewed)

- Thomas, Melanee. Accepted. "In Crisis or Decline? Selecting Women to Lead Provincial Parties in Government." *Canadian Journal of Political Science*
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0008423917001421>.
- Bodet, Marc André, Melanee Thomas, and Charles Tessier. 2016. "Come Hell or High Water: An Investigation of the Effects of a Natural Disaster on Incumbent Support." *Electoral Studies* 43(September): 85-94.
[doi:10.1016/j.electstud.2016.06.003](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2016.06.003)
- Thomas, Melanee. 2013. "Barriers to Women's Political Participation in Canada." *University of New Brunswick Law Review* LXIV(2013): 218-233.
- Thomas, Melanee and Marc André Bodet. 2013. "Sacrificial Lambs, Women Candidates, and District Competitiveness in Canada." *Electoral Studies* 32(1): 153-166.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2012.12.001>
- Thomas, Melanee. 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>
- Gidengil, Elisabeth, Melanee Thomas, and Janine Marshal. 2008. "The Gender Gap in Self-perceived Understanding of Politics in Canada and the United States." *Politics & Gender* 4(4): 535-561.

Book Chapters (Peer Reviewed)

- Thomas, Melanee and L.A. Lambert. 2017. "Communications of Parental Status in the 41st Canadian Parliament." In *Mothers and Others: The Role of Parenthood in Politics*, eds. Melanee Thomas and Amanda Bittner. Vancouver: UBC Press.
- Thomas, Melanee and Amanda Bittner. 2017. "The 'Mommy Problem'? Gender, Parental Status, and Politics." In *Mothers and Others: The Role of Parenthood in Politics*, eds. Melanee Thomas and Amanda Bittner. Vancouver: UBC Press.
- Bittner, Amanda and Melanee Thomas. 2017. "Gender, Parenthood, and Politics: What Do We Still Need To Know?" In *Mothers and Others: The Role of Parenthood in Politics*, eds. Melanee Thomas and Amanda Bittner. Vancouver: UBC Press.
- Thomas, Melanee. 2017. "Women and Federal Conservative Parties in Canada, 1993-2013." In *The Blueprint: Conservatives and Canadian Politics, 1993-2013*, eds. Joanna Everitt and J.P. Lewis. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

Book Chapters

- Thomas, Melanee, Allison Harell, and Tania Gosselin. 2018. "Gender, Premiers, and the News." In *Political Elites in Canada: Power and Influence in Instantaneous Times*, eds. Alex Marland, Thierry Giasson, and Andrea Lawlor. Vancouver: UBC Press.
- O'Neill, Brenda and Melanee Thomas. 2016. "Because It's 2015: Gender and the 2015 Federal Election." In *The Canadian Federal Election of 2015*, eds. Christopher Dornan and Jon H. Pammett. Toronto: Dundurn Press.

Marc André Bodet (Laval), François Gélinau (Laval), and Erin Tolley (Toronto)

-\$62 516

2016-18 Collaborator, “Who still thinks leaders must be men? A cross-national experiment-based study of societal attitudes about women in government,” National Science Foundation (NSF).

-Principal Investigators: Michelle M. Taylor-Robinson (Texas A&M), Nehemia Geva (Texas A&M)

2015-17 Supervisor/Principal Investigator, Eyes High Postdoctoral Fellowship Competition, Round 3 for “Psychological Orientations to Politics, Gendered Stereotype Threat, and Democratic Citizenship,” University of Calgary

-\$100 000

2015-20 Principal Investigator, “Psychological Orientations to Politics, Gendered Stereotype Threat, and Democratic Citizenship,” Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Insight Grant. With Allison Harell (UQAM) and Tania Gosselin (UQAM)

-\$213 546

-This application was ranked 3rd 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

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,” SSHRC 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 application was ranked 1st in the competition.

Honours, Prizes, and Awards

- 2017 Nominee, Students' Union Teaching Award (POLI 453)
- Nominations for this award come exclusively from students registered in this class.
- 2016 *Avenue Magazine* Top 40 Under 40, Class of 2016 (Calgary)
- 2016 Nominee, Students' Union Teaching Award (POLI 429)
- Nominations for this award come exclusively from students registered in this class.
- 2014 Jill Vickers Prize Winner, Canadian Political Science Association, for the best paper presented on gender and politics at the 2013 annual meeting. For "Private Mom vs. Political Dad? Communications of Parental Status in the 41st Canadian Parliament," with Lisa Lambert.
- Nominee, Students' Union Teaching Award (POLI 453)
- Nominations for this award come exclusively from students registered in this class.
- 2012 University of Lethbridge Students' Union Alumni Achievement Award
- 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.
- \$5000
- 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."

Academic Conference and Workshop Presentations (selected, past 5 years)

- Thomas, Melanee. 2018. "Rachel Notley: Critical Actor." Paper proposed for delivery to:
- The annual meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association (Regina, June 2018)
 - The annual meeting of the American Political Science Association (Boston, August 2018)

- Thomas, Melanee. 2018. "Young Canadian's attitudes about women in federal government: evidence from experiments in Alberta and Quebec." Paper proposed for delivery to the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, April 2018).
- Mahéo, Valérie-Anne, Guillaume Bogiaris, and Melanee Thomas. 2018. "Findings from an experiment in Quebec to study attitudes about women in national government vs. provincial government." Paper proposed for delivery to the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, April 2018).
- Chen, Philip, Melanee Thomas, Allison Harell, and Tania Gosselin. 2017. "Gender Stereotypes, Social Desirability, and the Foundations of Stereotype Threat." Paper prepared for delivery at:
- The annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association (Vancouver, April 2017)
 - The International Society of Political Psychology meeting (Edinburgh, June 2017)
 - The Gender and Political Psychology bi-annual workshop (New Orleans, October 2017)
 - Paper proposed for delivery at the 2018 Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting.
- Bodet, Marc André and Melanee Thomas. 2017. "How much of Electoral Politics is Local? Evidence from a Natural Experiment." Paper prepared for delivery at:
- The annual meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association (Toronto, May 2017)
 - The annual meeting of the American Political Science Association (San Francisco, August 2017)
 - The annual meeting of the Prairie Political Science Associations (Banff, September 2017)
- Thomas, Melanee, Allison Harell, Tania Gosselin, and Philip Chen. 2017. "Gender Mediation, Character, and Competence: Comparing News Coverage of Heads of Government in the Canadian Provinces." Paper prepared for delivery at:
- The annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, April 2017)
 - The European Conference on Politics and Gender (Lausanne, June 2017)
 - The New Directions in Canadian Political Behaviour workshop (Montreal, December 2017)
- Thomas, Melanee. 2016. "How is Political Personalization Gendered?" Invited presentation at the workshop on Political Personalization. Banff, Alberta.
- Thomas, Melanee, Allison Harell, and Tania Gosselin. 2016. "Gendered News Coverage of Canadian Premiers, 2010-2015." Paper prepared for delivery at the annual meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association. Calgary, Alberta.

- Thomas, Melanee and Marc André Bodet. 2015. "Gender, Competitiveness, and Candidate Nomination in the Canadian Provinces." Paper prepared for delivery at the biannual meeting of the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States. Las Vegas, NV.
- Thomas, Melanee. 2015. "Women Premiers in Canada." Paper prepared for delivery at the European Conference on Politics and Gender. Uppsala, Sweden.
- Thomas, Melanee Allison Harell, and Tania Gosselin. 2015. "Gendered Stereotype Threat and Psychological Orientations to Politics." Paper prepared for delivery at the European Conference on Politics and Gender. Uppsala, Sweden.
- Thomas, Melanee Allison Harell, and Tania Gosselin. 2014. "Gender and Psychological Orientations to Politics." Paper prepared for delivery at the Visions In Methodology (VIM) Conference. Hamilton, Ontario.
- Thomas, Melanee. 2014. "Women Premiers in Canada." Paper prepared for delivery at the Joint Sessions of the European Consortium of Political and Social Research. Salamanca, Spain.
- Thomas, Melanee. 2013. "Gender and Conservatives Parties: 1993-2011." Paper prepared for delivery at the annual meeting of the Atlantic Provinces Political Science Association. Charlottetown, PEI.
- Thomas, Melanee, Allison Harell, and Tania Gosselin. 2013. "Gender and Stereotype Threat." Paper prepared for the Gender and Political Psychology workshop. Naperville, IL.
- Thomas, Melanee, Jason Roy, and Shane Singh. 2013. "Assessing the impact of candidate sex on vote choice: To 'affinity' and beyond!" Prepared for the delivery at the annual meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association. Victoria, British Columbia.
- Thomas, Melanee and L.A. Lambert. 2013. "Private Mom vs. Political Dad? Communications of Parental Status in the 41st Parliament." Prepared for the delivery at the annual meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association. Victoria, British Columbia.
- Thomas, Melanee Jason Roy, and Shane Singh. 2013. "Assessing the impact of candidate sex on vote choice: To 'affinity' and beyond!" Prepared for the delivery at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.
- Hanes, Douglas and Melanee Thomas. 2013 "Did Feminism Really Change? Second- and Third- Wave Feminism and the Gender Gap in Political Interest." Paper prepared for delivery at the European Conference on Politics and Gender. Barcelona, Spain.
- Thomas, Melanee and L.A. Lambert. 2012. "Private Mom vs. Political Dad? Presentations of Parental Status in the 41st Canadian Parliament." Paper prepared for the Mothers and Others workshop. Banff, Alberta.

Jansen, Harold, Melanee Thomas, and Lisa Young. 2012. "Who donates to Canada's political parties?" Prepared for the delivery at the annual meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association. Edmonton, Alberta.

Consulting Reports, Policy Papers, and Reviews

Thomas, Melanee. 2016. "Gender and Democratic Participation." Policy Brief prepared for Status of Women Canada.

Thomas, Melanee. 2012. "Women and Political Participation in Canada." Policy Report prepared for Status of Women Canada.

Moreau, Julie and Melanee Thomas. 2009. "Women and Legislative Representation: Opportunities and Obstacles Around the Globe." [*Feminist Collections* 30\(4\): 1-5.](#)

Testimony

2016 Invited Expert Testimony on Electoral Reform before the House of Commons' Special Committee on Electoral Reform

Invited Lectures

2017 Mothers & Others: The Role of Parenthood in Politics, presented at the Bell Chair in Canadian Parliamentary Democracy. Carlton University, Ottawa

Assessing Canada at 150: Gender, Suffrage, and Political Participation. Keynote Lecture delivered at *Governance in Crisis? The Politics of Participation and Polarization* conference, Queen's University, Kingston

2016 University of Calgary 50th Anniversary Vancouver Celebration
University of Calgary Toronto Alumni Meeting
Canadian Study of Parliament Group Conference on Electoral Reform

Status of Women Alberta Learning group

2015 Business and Professional Women's Association of Calgary Annual General Meeting

2014 Simon Fraser University Department of Political Science Speakers' Series
University of Bristol School of Sociology, Politics, and International Studies
Speakers' Series

2013 Southern Alberta Council on Public Affairs
Birkbeck College, University College London

2012 Queen's University Department of Political Studies Speakers' Series

2011 Laurier Institute for the Study of Public Opinion and Policy (LISPOP)
Lecture

Courses Taught

First year undergraduate

- POLS 211: Canadian Government (Queen's University)

Second year undergraduate

- POLI 321: The Canadian State (University of Calgary)
- POLI 399: Quantitative Research Methods (University of Calgary)

Third year undergraduate

- POLI 429: Electoral Behaviour (University of Calgary)
- POLI 453: Women and Politics (University of Calgary)

Fourth year undergraduate

- POLS 485: Seminar in Gender and Politics (Queen's University)
- POLI 531: Representation, Political Parties, and Elections (University of Calgary)

Graduate seminars

- POLI 623: Canadian Political Process (University of Calgary)
- POLI 631: Representation, Political Parties, and Elections (University of Calgary)
- POLI 691: Quantitative Analysis in Political Science (University of Calgary)

Graduate Supervision

2017 Meagan Cloutier (MA supervisor)

2016 John Santos (MA supervisor)

2015 Ryan Pike (MA co-supervisor) **Complete**
Thesis title: "The Impact of Media on Political Knowledge"

2013 Elizabeth Pando (PhD, supervisory committee)

Graduate Thesis Examination

2017 Julie Harris (Music, MMus): internal/external examiner, second recital

2016 Robin Currie-Wood (Political Science, MA): internal examiner
Lorena Kembel (Sociology, MA): external examiner
Julie Harries (Music, MMus): internal/external examiner, first recital

2014 Ryan Pike (Political Science, MA): so-supervisor
Elizabeth Pando Burciaga (Political Science, PhD): committee member

2013 Kimberly Pavelich (Strategic Studies, MSS): internal/external examiner
2012 Jessica Naidu (Culture and Society, MA): examination committee member

Honours Students

2018 Jesse Stilwell
2017 Steven Nuss
2015 Holly Barker

Administrative Service

Social Science and Humanities Research Council

2017-18 Insight Grant Committee member (2017-18 competition)

Faculty of Arts, University of Calgary

2017 – present Research Committee
Merit Committee

2015 – present Equity and Diversity Committee
SSHRC mentorship program

2013 – present Ethics Committee

Department of Political Science, University of Calgary

2017 – present Executive Committee

2015-17 Graduate Committee

2015-16 Research Committee (co-chair)

2014-15 Undergraduate Committee

2013-14 Communications Committee
Awards Committee

2012-13 Undergraduate Committee

Other Service

- Manuscript Reviewer: *Oxford University Press, University of Toronto Press, McGill-Queen's University Press, The Journal of Politics, Politics & Gender, Public Opinion Quarterly, Political Behavior, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Political*

Research Quarterly, Canadian Journal of Political Science, Scandinavian Political Studies, Parkland Institute, The Social Science Journal, Politics, Groups, and Identities

- Media commentary (approx. 30 interviews for the 2015 federal election, 70 for the 2015 provincial election, and approx. 50/year in local, national, and international media).

2017	Programme Co-Chair, Political Participation Section, European Conference on Politics and Gender, with Conny Roggeband (2017)
2014-16	Board Member, University of Calgary Academic Women's Association
2014	Parkland Institute: advisory board and institute review committee
2013-present	Treasurer, Prairie Political Science Association
2012	Women and Politics Section Best Paper Award Committee, American Political Science Association

Outside Professional Activities

2016-19	Member, Provincial Audit Committee, Government of Alberta
2016	Advisor/consultant, Status of Women Canada Academic Advisor, <i>Apathy is Boring</i> project with Elections Alberta Academic Advisor, Vox Pop Labs for My Democracy.ca tool

Professional Memberships

Canadian Political Science Association, Prairie Political Science Association

Contact Information

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Citizenship: Canadian

Languages: English, Intermediate French