

Peter John Loewen, University of Toronto (July 2015)

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DATE OF BIRTH	13 February 1979. Calgary, Alberta. Canadian citizen.	
PRINCIPAL POSITIONS	University of Toronto (principal appointment at Mississauga) <i>Associate Professor, Department of Political Science</i> <i>Member, Faculty of Graduate Studies</i> Munk School of Global Affairs <i>Director, Centre for the Study of the United States</i>	July 2015 – present. July 2015 – present. July 2013 – present.
	Past Positions <i>Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science</i> <i>Associate Member, Faculty of Graduate Studies</i>	January 2010 – June 2015. July 2010 – present.
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS	McGill University, Montreal QC <i>Associate Member, Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship</i> E-GAP (Experiments in Governance and Politics) <i>Member</i> Simon Fraser University, Burnaby BC <i>Associate Member, Centre for Public Opinion and Political Representation</i>	September 2013 – present. October 2011 – present. October 2010 – present.
EDITORSHIPS	Canadian Journal of Political Science <i>Assistant Editor</i>	June 2012 – present.
PAST POSITIONS	University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC <i>Killam Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science</i> <i>Postdoctoral Fellow, Green College</i> Supervisor: Paul Quirk University of California, San Diego <i>Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science.</i> Supervisor: James Fowler	September 2008 – December 2009. September 2008 – October 2009. November 2008, March and December 2009.

RESEARCH
INTERESTS

Political psychology and behaviour, especially in Anglo-American democracies; public opinion; geopolitics; behavioural economics; experimentation.

EDUCATION
(PRINCIPAL)

Université de Montréal, Montréal, QC

PhD, Political Science

May 2002– June 2008.

- Title of Dissertation: “Experimentation and Political Science: Six Applications.”
- Supervisors: André Blais and Patrick Fournier.
- Judged in the top 5% of the discipline.
- Examination Fields: Political Behaviour, Comparative Politics.

Mount Allison University, Sackville, NB

BA, Political Science (Economics). First Class Honours

September 1998–May 2002

BOOK PROJECT

Loewen, Peter John, Christopher Dawes, and Raymond Duch. *The Behavioural Foundations of Partisanship, Participation, and Political Preferences in the Anglo-American Democracies*. This manuscript demonstrates that individual differences in basic preferences – for patience, risk, altruism, trust and fairness – matter for central variables of interest in political behaviour. Using laboratory and survey experiments in Anglo-American democracies, we show that political differences between individuals can in large part be explained by differences in their basic preferences, as elicited in behavioural economics tasks. We further show that these relationships are conditioned by the political institutions in each country. *To be submitted to Cambridge University Press in Spring 2016.*

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNALS

1. Peter Loewen, Carolina de Miguel, Maxime Heroux-Legault. Forthcoming. “Nationalism and Ethnic Heterogeneity: The Importance of Local Context for Nationalist Party Vote Choice.” *Electoral Studies*.
2. Loewen, Peter John, Lior Sheffer, and Kelly Hinton. 2015. “Beauty Contests and Strategic Inference: A Behavioural Foundation for Strategic Voting.” *Electoral Studies*. 38:38-45.
3. Loewen, Peter John, Royce Koop, Jaime Settle and James H. Fowler. 2014. “A Natural Experiment in Proposal Power and Electoral Success.” *American Journal of Political Science*. 58: 189-196.
4. Thomas, Paul, Peter John Loewen, and Michael MacKenzie. 2014. “Fair isn’t Always Equal: Constituency Population and the Quality of Representation in Canada.” *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. 46:273-293
5. Loewen, Peter John, Christopher Dawes, Nina Mazar, Magnus Johannesson, Phillip Koellinger, Patrik Magnusson. 2013. “The Heritability of Moral Standards for Everyday Dishonesty.” *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*. 93: 363-366
6. Dawes, Christopher, Peter John Loewen, Darren Schreiber, Alan N. Simmons, Taru Flagan, Richard McElreath, Scott E. Bokemper, James H. Fowler and Martin P. Paulus. 2012. “The Neural Basis of Egalitarian Behavior.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. 109(17):6479-83. doi: 10.1073/pnas.1118653109
7. Loewen, Peter John, Daniel Rubenson, and Arthur Spirling. 2012. “Testing the Power of Arguments with a Bradley-Terry Model: An Application to Electoral Reform.” *Electoral Studies*. 31: 212-221.
8. Loewen, Peter John and Chris Dawes. 2012. “The Heritability of Duty and Voter Turnout.” *Political Psychology*. 33:363-373. doi: 10.1111/j.1467-9221.2012.00881.x
9. Dawes, Chris, Peter John Loewen, and James H. Fowler. 2011. “Social Preferences and Political Participation.” *Journal of Politics*. 73:845-856.

10. Loewen, Peter John and Daniel Rubenson. 2011. "For Want of a Nail: Negative Persuasion in a Party Leadership Campaign." *Party Politics*. 17:45-65.
11. Loewen, Peter John. 2010. "Antipathy, Affinity and Political Participation: How Our Concern for Others Makes Us Vote" *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. 43:661-687.
12. Loewen, Peter John and Frédéric Bastien. 2010. "(In)Significant Elections? By-elections in Canada from 1963 to 2008." *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. 43:87-105. **Nominated for best article in the 2010 volume.**
13. Blais, André and Peter John Loewen. 2009. "The French Electoral System and its Effects." Special issue on the French Fifth Republic in *West European Politics*. 35:345-359.
14. Loewen, Peter John, Henry Milner and Bruce Hicks. 2008. "Does Compulsory Voting Lead to More Informed and Engaged Citizens? An experimental test." *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. 41:3:655-672.
15. Loewen, Peter John and André Blais. 2006. "Did Bill C-24 Increase Turnout? Evidence from the 2000 and 2004 Canadian Elections." *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. 39:4:935-943.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

1. Loewen, Peter John and Michael MacKenzie. "Representation in a Federal System: A Field Experiment." **Revised and resubmitted.** *Journal of Experimental Political Science*.
2. Dawes, Christopher, Jaime Settle, Peter John Loewen and Matt McGue. "Genes, Psychological Traits, and Civic Engagement." **Revised and resubmitted** at *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B*.
3. Soroka, Stuart, Peter John Loewen, Patrick Fournier and Daniel Rubenson. "News Photos and Support for Military Action". **Revised and resubmitted.** *Political Communication*.
4. Bond, Marianne, Christopher Dawes, Magnus Johannesen, Eric Lindqvist, Peter John Loewen, Robert Ostling, and Frida Priks. "Generosity and Political Preferences." Under review at *Journal of Politics*.
5. Settle, Jaime, Christopher T. Dawes, Peter John Loewen and Costas Panagopolous. "Negative Affectivity, Political Contention and Turnout: A Genopolitics Field Experiment." Under review at *Political Psychology*.
6. Loewen, Peter John, Lior Sheffer, Stuart Soroka, Tamir Sheafer, and Stefaan Walgrave. "Are Politicians Better Decision Makers?" Under review at *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.
7. Amsalem, Eran, Tamir Sheafer, Stefaan Walgrave, Peter John Loewen, and Stuart N. Soroka. "Political Systems, Media Motivation, and Elite Discourse: Comparing Rhetorical Complexity in Three Countries." Under review at *Journal of Communication*.

REPRESENTATIVE WORKING PAPERS

1. Loewen, Peter John, Christopher Cochrane, and Gabriel Arsenault. "Empathy and Political Preferences."
2. Rubenson, Daniel and Peter John Loewen. "Sudden Institutional Changes Promote Pro-Sociality: Results from a large-scale randomized implementation of peri-urban property rights in Mongolia."
3. Rubenson, Daniel and Peter John Loewen. "Property Rights and Trust."
4. Loewen, Peter John, Lior Sheffer, and Gregory Eady. "Exogenous Evaluations of Human Facial Traits Predict Economic Behaviour and Standing."
5. Loewen, Peter John, Gregory Eady, and James Fowler. "Social Distance is more important than coethnicity for cooperative behaviour: results from experiments in rural Malawi."

CHAPTERS

1. Fowler, James H., Peter John Loewen, Christopher T. Dawes, and Jamie Settle. 2011. "Games, Genes, and Political Participation." Eds. Rose McDermott and Pete Hatemi. *Man is by Nature and Nurture a Political Animal*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
2. Loewen, Peter John and André Blais. 2011. "Quarterly Allowances and Turnout: old and new evidence." *Parties and Election Finance: Consequences for Democracy*. Vancouver: UBC Press.
3. Blais, André and Peter John Loewen. 2007. "Electoral Systems and Democratic Satisfaction." *Democratic Reform in New Brunswick*. Ed. William Cross. Toronto: Canadian Scholars Press.
4. Blais, André, Peter John Loewen and Maxime Ricard. 2007. "The Government Life-Cycle." *Democratic Reform in New Brunswick*. Ed. William Cross. Toronto: Canadian Scholars Press.
5. Blais, André, Peter John Loewen, and Marc-André Bodet. 2004. "Strategic Voting." *Voters' Veto: How New Zealand Voted in 2002*. Ed. Jack Vowles. Auckland: Auckland University Press.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS

1. Koop, Royce and Peter John Loewen. 2010. "When to go local, when to go national: Determinants of Private Members Legislation in the 38th and 39th Parliaments." *Journal of Parliamentary and Political Law*. 4 (1): 95-106.
2. Loewen, Peter John, Daniel Rubenson, and Leonard Wantchekon. 2010. "Help Me Help You: Conducting Field Experiments with Political Elites." In the "Field Experiments in Comparative Politics and Policy" special issue of *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*.
3. Peter John Loewen. 2010. Review of *Voting and Collective Decision Making: Bargaining and Power*. Annick Laruelle and Federico Valenciano. Cambridge University Press. *Canadian Journal of Political Science*.
4. Loewen, Peter John. 2010. "Quasi-Experiments," "Random Assignment," and "Constant Causal Effect Assumption" in Albert J. Mills, Gabrielle Durepos and Elden Wiebe (eds.) *Encyclopedia of Case Study Research*, Thousand Oaks CA: Sage.
5. Loewen, Peter John. 2007. Review of *Problems and Methods in Political Science*. Eds. Ian Shapiro, Rogers Smith, and Tarek Masoud. Cambridge University Press. *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. 40:1:244-245.

CONSULTING REPORTS AND POLICY PAPERS

1. Fournier, Patrick and Peter John Loewen. 2012. "Aboriginal Electoral Participation in Canada."
2. Blais, André and Peter John Loewen. 2009 (revised 2011). "Youth Electoral Engagement in Canada." Research report prepared for Elections Canada.
3. Milner, Henry, Peter John Loewen and Bruce Hicks. 2008. "Compulsory Voting and Engaged Youth." Institute for Research on Public Policy "Policy Matters" Working Paper. 8:3. 48 pp.
4. Blais, André, Agnieszka Dobrzynska, and Peter John Loewen. 2007. "Potential Impacts of Extended Advance Voting on Voter Turnout." Research report prepared for Elections Canada.

RESEARCH GRANTS **Approx. \$650,000 as principal investigator.**

2015-2019 SSHRC Insight Grant. "The Local Parliament: voter preferences, local campaigns, and the parliamentary representation of voters." \$300,000.

2015-2017. Connaught New Researcher Award. "The Local Parliament: voter preferences, local campaigns, and the parliamentary representation of voters." \$10,000.

2015. SSHRC Connection Grant. “Inequality in the Anglo-American Democracies.” \$25,000.

2012-2017 Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation Early Researcher Award. “Understanding Electoral Behaviour and Public Attitudes from Large Self-Selected Samples.” \$100,000 (in addition to \$110,000 from departmental and industry contributions).

2012-2017 European Research Council Advance Grant. “Information-processing by individual political actors. The determinants of exposure, attention and action in a comparative perspective.” (Co-investigator; Stefaan Walgrave, Principal co-investigator) €2,500,000.

2011 SSHRC Grant for Workshops and Conferences. “Duty and Choice: A *festschrift* for André Blais.” \$15,900 (in addition to \$16,000 from other sources). Note: I was the sole recipient of this award, but it was won and administered with Daniel Rubenson.

2011-2014 SSHRC Standard Research Grant. “The Foundations of Political Behaviour” (Principal Investigator, with Christopher Dawes and Raymond Duch). \$154,000.

2011 SSHRC Institutional Grant. “Determinants of Public Goods Provision in Africa: Pilot Research on Ethnicity, Social Networks, and Collective Action” (with Kim Yi Dionne). \$1,100.

2010 SSHRC Institutional Grant. “Genopolitics Project (collaboration costs).” \$1,200.

2010 SSHRC Institutional Grant. “Beauty Contests, Preferences, and Strategic Voting.” \$2,300.

2009–2013 SSHRC, “Canadian Election Study” (collaborator; Patrick Fournier, Principal Investigator) \$850,000 from SSHRC and \$250,000 in external support; total \$1,100,000

2007 Institute for Research on Public Policy and Directeur Generale des Elections (Quebec), “Compulsory Voting and Informed Youth” (Co-investigator; Henry Milner, Principal Investigator) \$7,000.

HONOURS AND
AWARDS
(PRINCIPAL)

2014 Contemporary Achievement Award, Mount Allison University
2014 Dean’s Excellence Award
2012 Dean’s Excellence Award
2011 Dean’s Excellence Award
2011 Finalist, John McMenemey Prize for Best Article in the *CJPS* in 2010
2008-2010 Killam Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of British Columbia (\$98,000)
2008-2010 Killam Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Calgary (declined)
2008-2010 SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$81,000). *Finalist for best postdoctoral fellowship proposal.*
2004-2007 SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship (\$105,000)
2002–2007 Various departmental and faculty scholarships, Université de Montréal (>\$40,000)
1998-2002, Various academic scholarships. Student of the Year (1998), ‘Skip’ Fraser Memorial Award, for contributions to extra-curricular life (1998) Gold A Winner, awarded to four graduating students for contributions to University Life (2002), Political Science departmental award for top graduating student (2002), Mount Allison University

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS
(LAST FIVE YEARS)

**Paper presented by coauthor.* EGAP, Princeton University (2015); Behaviour Models of Politics, Duke (2015); American Political Science Association (2014); International Society for Political Psychology (2014); European Political Science Association (2014); American Political Science Association (2013); Comparative Agendas Project, Antwerp (2013); Council of European Studies, Amsterdam (2013); International Society of Political Psychology, Tel Aviv (2013); Trudeau

Foundation Conference on Electoral Districting, Montreal (2013); European Political Science Association, Barcelona, (2012); Canadian Political Science Association, Victoria (2013); American Political Science Association, Chicago (2013); Southern Political Science Association, Orlando (2013); European Political Science Association, Berlin, (2012); Canadian Political Science Association, Edmonton (2012); Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago (2012); American Political Science Association, Seattle* (2011); Canadian Political Science Association, Waterloo (2011); European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions, St. Gallen, Switzerland (2011); Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago* (2011); Prairies Political Science Association, Winnipeg (2010); Canadian Political Science Association, Montreal (2010); Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago* (2010); European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions, Munster (2010); American Political Science Association, Toronto (2009); West Coast Experimental Political Science Conference, La Jolla* (2009); Canadian Political Science Meeting, Ottawa (2) (2009); International Society for Political Psychology, Dublin (2009); Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago (2009); Canadian Political Science Association, Vancouver (2) (2008); Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago (2) (2008); International Society for Political Psychology, Paris* (2008); American Political Science Association, Chicago* (2007); Canadian Political Science Association, Saskatoon (2007); Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago (2007).

INVITED
PRESENTATIONS
(SINCE 2006 AND
UPCOMING)

Queen's University (2015); Conference on Political Elites, Yale University (2014); Melbourne School of Government (2014); Faculty Workshop, School of Law, University of Toronto (2014); Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship, McGill University (2014); Graduate Student annual conference, Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship, Quebec City (2014); Elections BC Conference on voter turnout, University of British Columbia (2014); Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto (2013); Green College, University of British Columbia (2013); True European Voter Project, Rhodes, Greece (2013); Mount Allison University TedX (2013); Satisfaction with Democracy workshop, University of London (2013); Carleton University (2013); McGill University (2012); Stony Brook University (2012); WZB Berlin-ELECDEM Data Linkages Workshop (2012); Georgia State University (2012); Australian National University (2012); University of Copenhagen (2012); Lund University (2012); Research Institute of Industrial Economics, Stockholm (2012); Université de Montréal (2011); Political Behaviour Group, University of Western Ontario (2011); Human Nature Group, University of California San Diego (2011); Political Economy Group, University of Western Ontario (2011); School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Toronto, (2011); Wilfrid Laurier University (2011) Texas A&M (2011); Green College (2011); Memorial University party politics workshop (2010); Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona (2010, 2007); Swiss Political Science Association, Geneva (2010); Rights and Democracy, Montreal (2009); University of Calgary (2009); Waseda University, Tokyo (2009); Simon Fraser University (2009); University of British Columbia (2008); Wilfrid Laurier University (2008, 2006); University of Toronto (2008); Université de Montréal (2008); BAR Lab, UBC (2008); McGill University (2008); Mount Allison University (2008); Ratio Institute, Stockholm (2008); University of Manchester (2008); Queen's University, Kingston (2008); Russian Consulate, Montreal (2007).

TESTIMONY

Invited Testimony on Bill C-16 (Advanced Voting Opportunities) before the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs. November 2007.

SERVICE

- Manuscript Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *Public Opinion Quarterly*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Politics*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Electoral Studies*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*; *Political Studies*; *Legislative Studies Quarterly*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *Canadian Journal of Political Science*; *Latin America Politics and Society*; *Twin Research and Human Genetics*; *Swiss Political Science Review*; *Canadian Political Science Review*; *Journal of Legislative Studies*; *Political Behavior*; *Acta Politica*; *Canadian Public Policy*; *Economics and Politics*; *Social Science Quarterly*; *International Journal of Electronic Governance*, *New Media and Society*, *American Review of Canadian Studies*, *University of Toronto Press*, *Journal of*

Comparative Policy Analysis, Time Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences.

- Placement Director, Political Science, 2012-present
- Member, Search Committee, Political Science, Fall 2014
- Co-Convenor, Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop, Fall 2014, Fall 2015
- Member, Search Committee, Munk School of Global Affairs, Winter 2014
- Member, Search Committee, Political Science & SPPG, Fall 2013
- Co-Convenor, Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop, Fall 2013
- Convenor, Annual seminar for Canadian Politics PhD students, Winter 2012
- Member, Search Committee, University of Toronto-Mississauga, Canadian Politics, Fall 2011
- Member, Departmental Chair Search Committee, University of Toronto-Mississauga, Winter 2011
- Member, Undergraduate Ethics Review Committee, University of Toronto-Mississauga, Fall 2010 to present
- Member, Search Committee, University of Toronto-Mississauga, Canadian Politics, Fall 2010
- Reviewer, Sigel best paper award, International Society for Political Psychology, 2010
- President, Green College Dining Society. April 2009 to October 2009.
- Member, Green College Membership Committee. September 2008 to September 2009.
- Member, Green College Residents' Council. April 2009 to October 2009.
- Co-organizer of a day-long workshop on Experimental Methods in Political Science at the 2008 annual meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association.
- Organized a day-long workshop on Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models at 2005 annual meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association.
- Organized a panel on Rational Choice Theory and Applications at the 2004 annual meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association.
- Member of American Political Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association; Canadian Political Science Association; International Society for Political Psychology.

COMPUTER AND
LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Statistical Packages: Stata, R, SPSS.
- Applications: L^AT_EX
- Languages: English (mother tongue); intermediate French.