

Curriculum Vitae: Maxime Héroux-Legault

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Employment

Concordia University **Limited Term Appointment Faculty**
08/2017-Ongoing

Education

University of Toronto **PhD in Political Science**
2012-Ongoing

Université de Montréal **Master's in Political Science**
2010-2012

Université de Montréal **Bidisciplinary Bachelors in Political Science and Philosophy (Dean's list)**
2007-2010

Doctoral Dissertation

Title: Can Uninformed Voters pick the right party? Theory, Assessment, and Solutions.

Committee: Peter J. Loewen (University of Toronto), Lawrence Leduc (University of Toronto), Laura B. Stephenson (Western Ontario University)

My doctoral dissertation focuses on the manner in which political knowledge conditions the vote choice of citizens. The analysis relies on survey data and experiments from Canada and the Comparative Study of Electoral Systems. I find that political knowledge impacts how voters make their voting decision; voters with different degrees of political knowledge rely on different criteria when casting a vote. Knowledgeable voters rely to a greater degree on information pertaining to ideology and issues, which means that they have a greater ability to identify and vote for the party and candidate that best represent their political preferences and interests. I also identify institutions that mitigate and exacerbate differences in the vote of voters with different levels of political knowledge. This project links together and contributes to the literatures on vote choice, political knowledge, and democratic theory.

A draft of the full doctoral dissertation is complete and has been submitted to the thesis committee. Only the defense remains. I am very confident that the dissertation will be completed by December 2017.

PublicationsPeer-Reviewed

1. Maxime Héroux-Legault. 2017. "The Evolution of Methodological Approaches in the Canadian Journal of Political Science." *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 50: 121-142.
2. Adrienne Davidson, Matt Lesch, Maxime Héroux-Legault, Tanya Whyte, Karol Czuba, Zain Asaf, Alesha Porisky. 2017. "Advancing the Study of Political Cleavages through Experimentation: Revisiting Regionalism and Redistributive Preferences in Canada." *Regional and Federal Studies* 27: 1-23.
3. Maxime Héroux-Legault. 2016. "Substate Variations in Political Values in Canada." *Regional and Federal Studies*, 26:171-197.
4. Peter Loewen, Maxime Héroux-Legault, Carolina de Miguel. 2015. "Nationalism and Ethnic Heterogeneity: The Importance of Local Context for Nationalist Party Vote Choice." *Electoral Studies*, 39:129-141.
5. André Blais, Jean-Benoît Pilet, Karine Van der Straeten, Jean-François Laslier, Maxime Héroux-Legault. 2014. "To Vote or to Abstain? An Experimental Study of First Past the Post and PR

Elections.” *Electoral Studies* 36: 39-50.

6. André Blais, Maxime Héroux-Legault, Laura Stephenson, William Cross and Elisabeth Gidengil. 2012. “Assessing the Psychological and Mechanical Impact of Electoral Rules: A Quasi-Experiment.” *Electoral Studies* 31: 829–837.

Revise and Resubmit

1. Maxime Héroux-Legault. 2016. “The Decline of the Bloc Québécois during the Harper Decade.” In *Regional Dynamics, Institutional Change, and Policy Development in the Harper Era*, Julie Simmons and Jim Farney, eds. University of Toronto Press.
2. Maxime Héroux-Legault. 2016. “Public Opinion in Quebec under the Harper Conservatives.” In *Canadian Political Science Review*.

Working Papers

1. Peter Loewen, Daniel Rubenson and Maxime Héroux-Legault. 2016. “Introduction: Duty and Choice in the World’s Electoral Systems.” in *Duty and Choice*, Peter J. Loewen and Daniel Rubenson, eds. University of Toronto Press.

Other Publications

1. Maxime Héroux-Legault. 2011. « Layton, le Québécois. » *L’actualité fédérale*. 2 (3).
2. Maxime Héroux-Legault. 2011. « La vraie raison de la vague orange. » *La Presse*. Montréal. May 13th : A23.

Awards and Scholarships

- SSHRC CGS Doctoral Award (2013-2016) (Total: \$105,000)
- ICPSR Scholarship (\$5,000)
- Royal Bank scholarship (\$5,000)
- Ken Bryden scholarship (\$2,000)
- FQRSC doctoral scholarship (2012-2015) (Total: \$60,000)
- SSHRC scholarship for the Master’s (2010 – 2011) (Total: \$17,500)
- Scholarship from the Canada Research Chair in Electoral Studies- UdeM (2010-2012) (\$23,000)
- Canada Millennium Scholarships (2009) (\$2000)
- Scholarship from the Caisses Desjardins de Vaudreuil-Soulanges (2009) (\$1500)
- Excellence scholarship from the Political Science and Philosophy program (2007) (\$2000)

Previous Work Experience

Instructor

- POL222: Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning I, University of Toronto, Summer 2017
- POG446: Voters, Elections and Parties, Ryerson University, Fall 2016

Research Assistantships:

- Under the supervision of Dr. Peter Loewen, University of Toronto, 2012 – 2017
- Under the supervision of Dr. André Blais, Canada Research Chair in Electoral Studies, 2010 – 2012
- Under the supervision of Dr. Martial Foucault, Université de Montréal, 2010

Teaching Assistantships:

- POL232: Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning II, University of Toronto, Winter of 2016
- POL322: Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning, University of Toronto, Summer of 2015

- POL1803 : Introduction to Quantitative Analysis, Université de Montréal, Summer of 2011
- POL1803 : Introduction to Quantitative Analysis, Université de Montréal, Summer of 2010

Editorial Experience:

- Editorial Assistant, Canadian Journal of Political Science, June 2015 – June 2017

Language Proficiency

French, English – Fluent

Spanish – Intermediate

Software Experience:

Data Analysis:	STATA (Advanced)
	SPSS (Advanced)
	R (Intermediate)
Data Acquisition	Qualtrics (Advanced)
Typesetting	Microsoft Office (Advanced)
	LaTeX (Intermediate)

Methodological Training

1. Python programming, with Dr. Radhika Saksena (Princeton), McGill University, Summer 2014
2. ICPSR, Summer 2013
 - a. Mathematics for Social Scientists II
 - b. Maximum Likelihood Estimation
 - c. Regression III
 - d. Structural Equation Modeling
 - e. Simultaneous Equation Modeling
 - f. Multi-Level Models
3. Structural Equations Modeling, CIQSS, Dr. Daniel Coulombe, 2012
4. Multi-level models, Workshops on Social Science Research, Concordia University, Dr. Jeff Gill, 2011.

Citizenship

Canadian

Media Intervention

1. Interview, Radio-Canada (radio), Émission Génératrice – *La réforme du mode de scrutin*, May 18th 2012.

Conferences

1. Maxime Héroux-Legault. 2017. "The Crucial Importance of Intrinsic Benefits: A Theoretical Model Explaining the Acquisition and Heterogeneity of Political Sophistication." CPSA. Toronto.
2. Maxime Héroux-Legault. 2016. "Individual and Contextual Heterogeneity in Voting Behaviour: How Political Knowledge and Institutions Moderate the Voting Calculus." CPSA. Calgary.
3. Maxime Héroux-Legault. 2016. "Experimental Evidence for the Moderating Impact of Political Sophistication on the Voting Calculus." CPSA. Calgary.
4. Maxime Héroux-Legault. 2015. "Heterogeneity in Voting Behaviour." APSA. San Francisco.
5. Maxime Héroux-Legault. 2015. "Heterogeneity in Voting Behaviour." ECPR, Université de Montréal.
6. Maxime Héroux-Legault. 2015. "Public Opinion in Quebec under the Harper Government." CPSA. Ottawa.
7. Maxime Héroux-Legault. 2015. "Heterogeneity in Voting Behaviour." CPSA. Ottawa.

8. Maxime Héroux-Legault. 2015. "Heterogeneity in Voting Behaviour." Democracy at Crossroads Conference. Carleton University.
9. Peter Loewen, Maxime Héroux-Legault, Carolina de Miguel. 2014. "Local Conditions and Nationalist Voting: Evidence from the 2011 Canadian Vote Compass." APSA Conference. Washington.
10. Peter Loewen, Maxime Héroux-Legault, Carolina de Miguel. 2014. "Local Conditions and Nationalist Voting: Evidence from the 2011 Canadian Vote Compass." IPSA Conference. Montreal.
11. Peter Loewen, Maxime Héroux-Legault, Carolina de Miguel. 2014. "Local Conditions and Nationalist Voting: Evidence from the 2011 Canadian Vote Compass." CPSA Conference. Brock University.
12. André Blais, Jean-Benoît Pilet, Karine Van der Straeten, Jean-François Laslier, Maxime Héroux-Legault. 2014. "To Vote or to Abstain ? An Experimental Study of First Past the Post and PR Elections." MEDW Experiment Workshop. Montreal.
13. Maxime Héroux-Legault. 2013. "Regional Variations in Political Ideology in Canada." APSA Conference. Chicago.
14. Maxime Héroux-Legault. 2013. "Regional Variations in Political Ideology in Canada." CPSA Conference. Victoria.
15. Maxime Héroux-Legault. 2013. "Regional Variations in Political Ideology in Canada." Congrès SQSP. Montréal.
16. Peter Loewen, Maxime Héroux-Legault, Carolina de Miguel. 2013. "Local conditions and nationalist voting: Evidence from the 2011 Canadian Vote Compass." 2nd European Conference on Comparative Electoral Research. Rhodes, Greece.
17. André Blais, Jean-Benoît Pilet, Karine Van der Straeten, Jean-François Laslier, Maxime Héroux-Legault. 2013. "To Vote or to Abstain ? An Experimental Study of First Past the Post and PR Elections." MPSA. Chicago.
18. Simon Labbé-St-Vincent, Maxime Héroux-Legault. 2012. "The Causes of Political Participation." ESA RN32 political sociology conference. Milan University.
19. Maxime Héroux-Legault. 2012. "Regional Variations in Political Ideology in Canada." ESA RN32 political sociology conference. Milan University.
20. André Blais, Maxime Héroux-Legault, Laura Stephenson, William Cross. 2012. "Assessing the Psychological and Mechanical Impact of Electoral Rules: A Quasi-Experiment." MPSA Conference. Chicago.
21. André Blais, Maxime Héroux-Legault, Laura Stephenson, William Cross. 2012. "Assessing the Psychological and Mechanical Impact of Electoral Rules: A Quasi-Experiment." Making Electoral Democracy Work Conference. Barcelona.
22. André Blais, Jean-Benoît Pilet, Karine Van der Straeten, Jean-François Laslier, Maxime Héroux-Legault. 2012. "To Vote or to Abstain? An Experimental Study of First Past the Post and PR Elections." Making Electoral Democracy Work Conference. Barcelona.
23. Simon Labbé-St-Vincent, Maxime Héroux-Legault. 2012. "The Causes of Political Participation." SQSP. Ottawa.
24. Maxime Héroux-Legault. 2012. "Regional Variations in Political Ideology in Canada." CRESP. Université de Montréal.
25. Maxime Héroux-Legault. 2012. "Regional Variations in Political Ideology in Canada." ACFAS. Montreal.