

# Elissa Berwick

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## Academic Appointments

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### McGill University

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

Montréal, QC

2020-Present

### Brown University

Postdoctoral Fellow, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs

Providence, RI

2019-2020

## Education

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### Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Ph.D. in Political Science

Cambridge, MA

2012-2019

- Fields: Comparative Politics and Quantitative Methods
- Thesis: Substate Nationalism in the Age of the Nation-state

### Oxford University

MPhil in Politics

Oxford, UK

2010-2012

- Thesis: Strategic Choice in Anti-Imperial Nationalist Movements: Ireland, India and Egypt 1904-1914

### Yale University

Bachelor of Science

New Haven, CT

2005-2009

- Double Major in Political Science and Physics
- Honors in Political Science

## Publications

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**Berwick, Elissa**, and Devin Caughey. 2025. "MODGIRT: Multidimensional Dynamic Scaling of Aggregate Survey Data." *Political Analysis*

**Berwick, Elissa**. 2024. "Beyond Secession: Substate Nationalism and Support for Redistribution in Spain." *Comparative Politics* 56 (3): 395-417.

**Berwick, Elissa**, and Fotini Christia. 2018. "State Capacity Redux: Integrating Classical and Experimental Contributions to an Enduring Debate." *Annual Review of Political Science* 21 (1): 71-91

## Research

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### Partition and Political Violence in Ireland 1920-1921

Working Paper

- Analysis of the effect of partition on political violence in Ireland based on a quasi-natural experiment
- Introduces two original datasets of political violence incidents during the Irish War of Independence

### Independence referendums and national identity

Research Project

- Examines how referendum participation shaped the intensity and expression of territorial identity
- Compares independence referendums conducted in Quebec (1980 and 1995) and Scotland (2014)

### The Crisis of Empire and Anti-Colonial Nationalism in Ireland, India and Egypt 1905-1922

Working Paper

- Comparison of anti-colonial nationalist movements in Ireland, India, and Egypt in the early 20th century
- Examines radicalization of anticolonial nationalist repertoires

## Software

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### **cjoint: AMCE Estimator for Conjoint Experiments**

*R package version 2.1.1*

Soubhik Barari, Elissa Berwick, Jens Hainmueller, Daniel Hopkins, Sean Liu, Anton Strezhnev, Teppei Yamamoto

2015-2023

- Allows researchers to estimate the causal effects of attributes in conjoint survey experiments by implementing the Average Marginal Component-specific Effects (AMCE) estimator
- <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=cjoint>

### **modgirt: Multidimensional ordinal dynamic IRT**

*R package*

Elissa Berwick, Devin Caughey, Tomoya Sasaki

2022-2025

- Tools for estimating multidimensional, ordinal dynamic group-level IRT model using cmdstan
- <https://github.com/devincaughey/dbmm>

## Grants and Awards

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### **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council**

*CAD 88,862*

Insight Grant

2024-2027

- Co-PI with Éric Bélanger

### **Fonds de recherche du Québec - Société et culture (FRQSC)**

*CAD 57,061*

Soutien à la recherche pour la relève professorale

2022-2026

### **McGill University**

*CAD 7,000*

Internal Social Sciences and Humanities Development Grant

2022-2023

### **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

*USD 1,000*

Political Methodology Research Grant

2019

### **Harvard Center for European Studies**

*USD 36,472*

Dissertation Completion Fellowship

2018-2019

### **Harvard Center for European Studies**

*USD 30,500*

Krupp Research Fellowship

2016-2017

### **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

*USD 3,500*

Center for International Studies Summer Study Grant

2015, 2016

### **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

Ithiel de Sola Pool Award

2013

## Presentations

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### **American Political Science Association**

- Philadelphia, 2024
- Montréal, 2022
- Zoom, 2020
- Boston, 2018
- San Francisco, 2017
- Philadelphia, 2016

### **Canadian Political Science Association**

- Montréal, 2024

### **Midwest Political Science Association**

- 2024
- 2018
- 2015

### **Society for Political Methodology**

- St. Louis, 2022

- Provo, 2018

### Visions in Methodology

- St. Louis, 2024
- Claremont Graduate University, 2021

### Invited talks

- Diamond-Brown Chair Inauguration, McGill, 2024
- Université de Montréal, 2022
- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 2022
- IPERG, University of Barcelona, 2021
- WZB Berlin Social Science Center, 2021
- University of British Columbia, 2018

## Teaching

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### Primary instructor

#### **POLI312: Intermediate Quantitative Political Science**

*McGill University*

Undergraduate methods course

*2021-Present*

- Continues regression based introduction to data driven quantitative political analysis

#### **POLI431: Nations and Nationalism**

*McGill University*

Undergraduate lecture course

*2021-Present*

- Students develop familiarity with the most important theorists of nationalism and their critics

#### **POLI618: Introduction to Quantitative Analysis**

*McGill University*

Graduate methods course

*2020-Present*

- Introduces tools of quantitative empirical research in political science using R

#### **POLI666: Causal Inference for Political Science**

*McGill University*

Graduate methods course

*2021-Present*

- Empirical strategies for applied research questions focusing on statistical methods used for causal inference

#### **INTL1040: Nationalism and the Nation State**

*Brown University*

Undergraduate seminar

*2020*

- Reading-intensive seminar for advanced undergraduates aimed at honing students' analytical and writing skills.

### Graduate student training

#### Advisor

- Natalie Delmonte
- Luisa Hinke Martinez

#### Thesis Committee

- Lucas Jerusalimiec
- Brooke Steinhauer
- Diya Jiang

#### Thesis Examiner

- Andréa Febres-Gagné
- Louis-Olivier Roy
- Katherine McCoy
- Shaden Hetu-Frankel

#### Oral Exam Committee

- Khaoula El Khalil
- Anastasia Leshchyshyn
- Marjolaine Lamontagne
- Scott Patterson

#### Placement Workshops

Workshop leader

*2024*

- Workshop on how to make an academic website using GitHub Pages and Quarto
- Workshop on campus visits and academic job talks

## Service

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### Toronto-Montréal Political Behavior Workshop

Conference organizing committee

2024

### Placement director

Department of Political Science

2024-Present

### Curriculum committee

Faculty of Arts

2023-Present

### Methods field coordinator

Department of Political Science

2022-2023, 2024-Present

### Internships, transfers, and exchanges advisor

Department of Political Science

2023-2024

### Events committee

Department of Political Science

2022-2023

### Summer math and R camp coordinator

Center for the Study of Democratic Citizenship

2022

### Diamond-Brown Chair search committee

Department of Political Science

2021-2022

### Journal reviewer

*American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Comparative Political Studies, European Journal of Political Research, Social Forces*

2019-Present

### Grant reviewer

*Swiss National Science Foundation, Dutch Research Council, McGill internal review for SSHRC*

2021-Present

## Affiliations

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### Chaire de recherche du Québec sur la démocratie, le vivre-ensemble et les valeurs communes

Québec Universities

Québec, Canada

2024-Present

### Center for the Study of Democratic Citizenship

Québec Universities

Montréal, QC

2020-Present

### Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs

Brown University

Providence, RI

2019-2020

### Center for European Studies

Harvard University

Cambridge, MA

2018-2019

### Political Methodology Lab

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Cambridge, MA

2016-2019

## Skills

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Languages **R, Quarto, RMarkdown, LaTeX**, Python, C++, HTML, Typst

Spoken Languages **English**, Spanish, French

Programs **RStudio, Excel**, Mathematica, Stata, SPSS