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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

2020-Present- **Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology**- University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. (Supervisor: Dr. Emine Fidan Elcioglu & Dr. Ellen Berrey)

Comprehensive Examinations: Political Sociology; Immigration, Race and Ethnicity

2018-2020- **Master of Arts in Sociology**- Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Thesis: "Tradition and Authoritarianism as a Solution to Social Decay- An Analysis of Canadian Right- Wing Extremism Online". (Supervisor: Dr. Fiona Martin)

2014-2018 – **Honor's in Sociology**, St. Thomas University, Fredericton, Canada
Thesis: "We have to stop Islam or say goodbye to civilisation": Facebook Posts and the Crisis of Whiteness in Canadian Society." (Supervisor: Dr. Gül Çalışkan). **Minor:** Criminology

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Sociology, Far-Right Extremism, Masculinity, Race, Activism, Qualitative Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Halpin, Michael, **Kayla Preston**, Dem Lockyear & Finlay Maguire (2024) "A solider and a victim: Masculinity, violence, and incels celebration of December 6th." *Canadian Sociological Review*, <http://doi.org/10.1111/cars.12460>

Preston, Kayla (2023) "Justifying Contentious Social and Political Claims Using Mundane Language: An Analysis of Canadian Right-Wing Extremism" *Current Sociology*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/00113921231182183>

Halpin, Michael, Norann Richard, **Kayla Preston**, Meghan Gosse & Finlay Maguire (2023) "Men who Hate Women: The Misogyny of Involuntarily Celibate Men" *New Media & Society* <https://doi.org/10.1177/14614448231176777>

*Media coverage on Newsweek, PsychPost and The Conversation

Preston, Kayla and Çalışkan, Gül (2022) “We Have to Stop Islam, or Say Goodbye to Civilization”: A Critical Discourse Analysis of the Pegida Canada Facebook Page.” *Journal of Critical Race Inquiry*. 9(1), 21-50

Preston, Kayla, Halpin, Michael and Maguire, Finlay (2021) “The Black Pill: New Technology and the Male Supremacy of Involuntarily Celibate Men.” *Men and Masculinities*. 24(5), 823-841.

*Media coverage on CTV news, The Conversation Canada, and Salon

Çalışkan, G. & **Preston, Kayla** (2017) “Tropes of fear and the crisis of the West: Trumpism as a Discourse of Post-Territorial Coloniality.” *Postcolonial Studies*. 20(2), 199-216.

Book Chapters

Preston, Kayla (*In Press – Forthcoming 2024*) “Community Building as a Response to Care in Studying the Far-Right” In Antonia Vaughan, Joan Braune, Meghan Tinsley and Aurelien Mondon (Eds.), *The Ethics of Researching the Far Right*. Manchester University Press.

Çalışkan, Gül, **Preston, Kayla**, Kinsman, Gary, Moussa, Ghaida and Amar Wahab. (2020) “Decolonial Intervention to Queer Necropolitics and Homonationalisms”. In Çalışkan, G. (Eds.), *Gendering Globalization Globalizing Gender: A Postcolonial Approach*. (pp. 40-60). Oxford University Press.

Çalışkan, Gül and **Preston, Kayla** (2020) “Introduction” In Çalışkan, G. (Eds.), *Gendering Globalization Globalizing Gender: A Postcolonial Approach*. (pp. x-xiv). Oxford University Press.

Encyclopedia Entries and Book Reviews

Preston, Kayla and Halpin, Michael (2021) “Social isolation in the elderly, global presence, consequences, and possible solutions” In *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Critical Perspectives on Mental Health*. Palgrave

Preston, Kayla (2019) [Review of the book *Nervous States: How Feeling Took Over the World* by William Davies]. *Canadian Journal of Sociology*, 44(4), 463-466.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Preston, Kayla “Fight forever, Republicans”: Divisions in Digital GOP Spaces and Reactions to Political Loss” Submitted to *Socius*

Preston, Kayla. “Authoritarianism as a Solution to Social Decay- An Analysis of the Canadian Far Right Online” [Draft Available]

Other Writing

Preston, Kayla (2022, February) “‘Freedom convoy’ rolls through Ottawa encouraging the participation of Canada’s far-right.” *The Conversation*. <https://theconversation.com/freedom-convoy-rolls-through-ottawa-encouraging-the-participation-of-canadas-far-right-175902>

- Reprinted in *The Tyee* <https://thetyee.ca/Analysis/2022/02/02/Canada-Far-Right-Finds-Moment/>

Preston, Kayla (2021, September 14). “With far right groups on the rise, we should keep an eye on populism this federal election.” *The Conversation*. <https://theconversation.com/with-far-right-groups-on-the-rise-we-should-keep-an-eye-on-populism-this-federal-election-166379>

Preston, Kayla (2020, June 23). “Racism & Hate Crimes in a Pandemic.” *Sociological Images*. <https://thesocietypages.org/socimages/2020/06/23/racism-hate-crimes-in-a-pandemic/>

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2023- **Program Summer Level Fellowship**- University of Toronto Department of Sociology (\$1,600)

2022- **Program Summer Level Fellowship**- University of Toronto Department of Sociology. (\$2,205)

2020- **Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships**- Doctoral- Social Science and Humanities Research Council- University of Toronto. 2020- 2023. (\$105,000).

2020- **C. David Naylor University Scholarship**- University of Toronto. September- April. (\$30,000).

2020- **S.D. Clark Fellowship** – University of Toronto. September-August. (\$1,200)

2020- **Sociology Admission Merit Award**- University of Toronto. September-August. (\$3,500)

2019- **Studentship**-Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security and Society- Balsillie School of International Affairs. (\$1,755).

2019- **Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant**- Dalhousie University- Faculty of Graduate Studies (\$500).

2018- **Canadian Graduate Scholarship- Master's Program**- Social Science and Humanities Research Council- Dalhousie University. September 2018-April 2019. (CND \$17,500)

2018- **Nova Scotia Graduate Scholarship**- Dalhousie University- September 2018- April 2020. (CND \$20,000)

2018- **Faculty of Graduate Studies Entrance Scholarship**- Dalhousie University. (Honourary)

2014 – 2018 – **Francis McLaughlin Scholarship**- St. Thomas University (CND \$25,656)

2014- **St. Thomas University Entrance Scholarship**- St. Thomas University (Honouray)

HONOURS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITIONS

2020- Conference Grant- European Association for the Study of Science and Technology and the Society for Social Studies of Science- (Virtual) Conference in Prague.

2019- SSHRC Storyteller Finalist- Social Science and Humanities Research Council

2017-2018- The University Medal of Academic Excellence - St. Thomas University

2017-2018- Dean's List- St. Thomas University

2017- 2018- The Sociology prize for Fourth Year- St. Thomas University

2016- 2017- Dean's List- St. Thomas University

2016-2017- The Sociology Prize for Third Year -St. Thomas University

2015-2016 – Dean's List- St. Thomas University

2014-2015 – Dean's List - St. Thomas University

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Conference Presentations

2023 *Paths Toward Populism: The Making of the Tea Party and the People's Party of Canada.* **Canadian Sociological Association.** June 1.

2022 *Twitter Versus Reddit - How the GOP Navigates Online Discourse and Support from their Base*” **Canadian Sociological Association.** May 17.

2021 “Justifying Contentious Social and Political Claims Using Mundane Language: An Analysis of Far Right Extremism”. **American Sociological Association Annual Conference.** August 7.

2021 “The Plight of Traditional Values and White Identity: An Analysis of Far Right Extremism Groups” **Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference.** August 4.

- 2021 “Examining the Contentious Ideologies of Canadian Right-Wing Extremist Groups Using Boltanski and Thévenot’s Common Worlds.” **Qualitative Analysis Conference**. June 23.
- 2021 “Tradition and Authoritarianism as a Solution to Social Decay- An Analysis of Canadian Right- Wing Extremism Online.” **Canadian Sociological Association Annual Conference**. May 31-June 4.
- 2020 “The Far Right on Facebook: A Canadian Perspective.” **European Society of Criminology's Cybercrime Working Group and the American Society of Criminology's Division on Cybercrime (Virtual) Conference**. September 11
- 2020 ““It’s Over”: Involuntarily celibate men’s perception of women, social media, and the masculine order” European Association for the Study of Science and Technology and the Society for Social Studies of Science- (Virtual) Conference in Prague. August 20. *With Dr. Michael Halpin and Dr. Finlay Maguire
- 2020 “Having Hope When Studying Hate” **Workshop Series: The Ethics of Researching the Far Right. Sponsored by the British Sociological Association Post/Decolonial Transformations Study Group**. August 11.
- 2019 “Relating hegemonic whiteness to Definitions of Right-Wing Extremism in Canadian Extremist Groups.” **Canadian Sociological Association Annual Conference**. June 3-6
- 2019 “A Critical Discourse Analysis of The Online Presence Of Canadian Right-Wing Extremist Groups” **SSHRC Storytellers Showcase. SSHRC Congress**. June 3.
- 2019 “Relating hegemonic whiteness to Definitions of Right-Wing Extremism in Canadian Extremist Groups.” **The 36th Qualitative Analysis Conference: The Transdisciplinary Efficacy of Qualitative Methods: Studying Everyday Life, the Empirical Tradition Continues**. May 9-11.
- 2018 “We have to stop Islam or say goodbye to civilisation: A Critical Discourse analysis of Pegida Canada’s Facebook Posts.” **The 35th Annual Qualitative Analysis Conference: Creating, Negotiating, and Transcending Social Boundaries in Everyday Life**. May 16-18.
- 2018 “We have to stop Islam or say goodbye to civilisation: A Critical Discourse analysis of Pegida Canada’s Facebook Posts.” Sociology, 4th year. **St. Thomas University 15th Annual Student Research and Ideas Fair**. March 16th.
- 2017 “The Truth and the Other in Trump’s Speeches”. Sociology, 3rd year. **St. Thomas University 14th Annual Student Research and Ideas Fair**. March 17th.

Conference Participation

- 2021- **Session Chair**. Session Activism. The Qualitative Analysis Conference. June 23.
- 2019- **Session Chair**. Session 4.4 Bodies and Biopolitics. The 36th Qualitative Analysis Conference: The Transdisciplinary Efficacy of Qualitative Methods: Studying Everyday Life, the Empirical Tradition Continues.
- 2018- **Registration Volunteer**. The 35th Annual Qualitative Analysis Conference. St. Thomas University. May 16-18. Supervisor: Dawn Clark

2017 – **Panel Chair.** Queer Research Day. St. Thomas University/ University of New Brunswick. March 31. Supervisor: Dr. Erin Fredericks.

2017 – **Conference Assistant.** Queer Research Day. St. Thomas University/ University of New Brunswick. March 31. Supervisor: Dr. Erin Fredericks.

Guest Talks

2022- The Far Right, White Supremacy and Hateful Speech and Crimes.SOC212H1: Sociology of Crime and Deviance. University of Toronto

2020- Open Dialogue: Neighborly Relations: The Implications for Canada of the United States 2020 Presidential Election. Dalhousie University. October 28. (Panel Participant)

2019 - “Identity and Belonging: A Discourse Analysis of Canadian Right-Wing Extremism Online.” Guest presentation for Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology Course SOSA 2002 Thinking and Doing Sociology. April 8

INTERVIEWS WITH PRESS AND MEDIA COVERAGE

2024- “Unravelled:” *TVO*. Documentary premiering March 2024

2022- “U.S. Capitol hearings: Why should Canadians care? Extremism, security experts weigh in” *Global News*. Written by Noor Ibrahim. July 7. <https://globalnews.ca/news/8967764/us-capitol-hearings-canada-extremism-security/>

2022- “Are Populist Politicians Feeding Into Hate Ideology?” *640 Toronto Radio ON Point with Pierson*. June 14. <https://omny.fm/shows/on-point-with-alex-pierson/are-populist-politicians-feeding-into-hate-ideolog>

2022- “Why the ‘Freedom convoy’ protest on Parliament Hill may just be the beginning.” *Toronto Star*. Written by Steve McKinley. January 31.

2022- “Ottawa braces for ‘significant’ trucker convoy disruptions as police warn of risks.” *Global News*. Written by Marie Woolf and Joan Bryden. January 26.

2021- Interview with 507 News Kitchener about Far-Right Populism. September 15.

2021 – “Here’s what happens – and what doesn’t – if Canada brands the Proud Boys, others as terrorists groups.” *The Star*. Written by Douglas Quan. January 27.

2020- “Facebook Disables Hundreds of Accounts Linked to Wet’suwet’en Support Rally.” *The Tyee*. Written by Amanda Follet Hosgood. September 21.

2019- “Why a Halifax student is researching the rising online presence of right-wing extremism in Canada.” *The Star*. Written by Yvette d’Entremont. May 30.

2019- “A disturbing tale well-told: Sociology student’s research video up for SSHRC Storytellers prize.” *Dal News*. Written by Ryan McNutt. May 22.

2017- ‘Trumpism’: student-professor duo have academic paper published.” *The Aquinian*. St. Thomas University Student Newspaper. Written by Cassidy Chisholm. October 2.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2023- **Graduate Research Assistant**. The Sociology of Anti-Muslim Racism. Assisted student research projects. Supervisor: Dr. Sarah Shah. University of Toronto

2021- **Graduate Research Assistant**. Focus concept model design and data visualization for Professor Patricia Landolt, University of Toronto

2021 - **Research Assistant**. Property Rights, Conspiracy Theory, and the Mobilization of Law. Supervisor: Dr. Ellen Berrey. May-August. University of Toronto

2019-2020 **Research Assistant**. Men in Social Isolation. Supervisor: Dr. Michael Halpin (Sociology), Dr. Finlay Macguire (Computer Science). Funded by SSHRC

2019- **Interviewer/Interview Supervisor**- Rural Futures Research Centre. Dalhousie University. January-July. Supervisor: Dr. Karen Foster

2016-2018 **Research Assistant**, for manuscript preparation on *Gendering Globalization Globalizing Gender: A Postcolonial Reader*. Supervisor: Dr. Gül Çalışkan.

2016 – **Research Assistant**. “Symbols and Humor as Works of Justice and Citizenship in the Gezi Protests of Istanbul.” And “Negotiating the PNP.” St. Thomas University, Fredericton. Supervisor: Dr. Gül Çalışkan, Sociology.

2015 -2016 – **Audio Transcriber**. Janine Muller, PhD Candidate, York University, Toronto, Canada

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Course Instructor

2022- Race and Ethnicity in Canada (SOC332)- University of Toronto Mississauga

2022- Social Inequality (SOC263) - University of Toronto Mississauga

Teaching Assistant

2024- **Teaching Assistant**- SOC254H1: Intermediate Qualitative Methods in Sociology. January-April. Supervisor: Cynthia Guzman. University of Toronto

2024- **Teaching Assistant**- SOC251H1: Contemporary Sociological Theory. January- April. Supervisor: Christian Carson. University of Toronto

- 2023- **Teaching Assistant**- SOC408: The Sociology of Anti-Muslim Racism. September-December. Supervisor: Sarah Shah. University of Toronto Mississauga
- 2023- **Teaching Assistant**- SOC260H1: Political Sociology. September-December. Supervisor: Yoonkyung Lee. University of Toronto
- 2023- **Teaching Assistant**- SOC201H1: Classical Sociological Theory. September- December. Supervisor: Joesph Bryant. University of Toronto
- 2023- **Teaching Assistant**- SOC212H1: Sociology of Crime and Deviance. January-April. Supervisor: Storm Jeffers. University of Toronto
- 2022- **Teaching Assistant**- SOC212H1: Sociology of Crime and Deviance. January-April. Supervisor: Storm Jeffers. University of Toronto
- 2021- **Teaching Assistant**- SOCB42H3: Theory I: Discovering the Social. September-December. Supervisor James Braun. University of Toronto
- 2021- **Teaching Assistant**- SOC282H1: Introduction to Social Problems. September-December. Supervisor Dr. Lorne Tepperman. University of Toronto
- 2021- **Teaching Assistant**- SOC204H1: Introduction to Qualitative Methods. September-December. Supervisor Dr. Yoonkyung Lee. University of Toronto
- 2021- **Teaching Assistant** – SOCC04H3: Social Movements. January-April. Supervisor: Dr. Josh Harold. University of Toronto
- 2020- **Teaching Assistant**- SOCB30H3: Political Sociology. September-December. Supervisor: Dr. Josh Harold. University of Toronto
- 2020- **Teaching Assistant**- SOC455H5F: Comparative Indigenous Politics. September-December. Supervisor: Dr. Robin Gray. University of Toronto
- 2020- **Teaching Assistant**- GWST 1015: Gender and Diversity. January- April. Supervisor: Dr. Asha Jeffers
- 2019- **Teaching Assistant**- SOSA 1003: Introduction to Sociology. September-December. Supervisor: Dr. Tsafirir Gazit. Dalhousie University.
- 2019- **Teaching Assistant**- SOSA 3285: Sociology of the Law. January-April. Supervisor: Brett Richardson. Dalhousie University
- 2018- **Teaching Assistant**- SOSA 2502: Biomedicine Illness Experience. September-December. Supervisor: Dr. Emma Whelan. Dalhousie University.
- 2018- **Course Assistant**. Sociology of Time. St. Thomas University. Dean of Social Sciences Dr. Susan Machum. August 2018.
- 2017-2018- **Teaching Assistant**. Globalization and Gender and Senior Seminar. Dr. Gül Çalışkan. St. Thomas University.
- 2017-2018- **Teaching Assistant**- Introduction to Sociology. Supervisor: Dr. Gül Çalışkan. St. Thomas University.
- 2015-2018 – **Peer Tutor**. Courses Tutored: Introduction to Sociology, Sociology of Globalization, Gender and Globalization, Classical Sociological Theory, Modern Sociological Theory, Research Methods, Research Strategies. St. Tomas University, Fredericton, Canada. September-April.

MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATIONS

2021- Present **American Sociological Association**

2019- Present **Junior Affiliate- Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security and Society**

2019- Present **Informed Opinions Expert on Topics:** Right-wing extremism, online right-wing extremism, right-wing extremism on social media, whiteness, political ideology, internet forums, online research

2019- Present **Canadian Sociological Association**

2020- 2022 **Society for Social Studies of Science**

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2021- Present **Reviewer-** American Sociological Review, Social Media and Society, Men and Masculinities

2021 **Graduate Student Representative-** Hiring Committee for International Migration.
Department of sociology University of Toronto

2021 **Graduate Student Representative -** The Anti-Racism and Equity Committee University of Toronto Department of Sociology

2017-2018- **Student Assistant.** St. Thomas University Open House- Registrar's Office. June 2.

2017 -**Relief Library Assistant.** For St. Thomas University Sociology Department and Harriet Irving Library.

2015 – **Volunteer.** St. Thomas University Conversational Partners Program for International Students

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2019- Summer Academy Attendee- Canadian network for research on terrorism, security and society. July 6-12.

2019- Completion of Dalhousie University's Teaching Assistant Enrichment Program

2018- Teaching Assistant Professional Development Day. Hosted by the Dalhousie University Centre for Learning and Teaching. September 11.

2018- 7th Annual Atlantic Education Graduate Student Conference. Hosted by UNB Education. Fredericton, New Brunswick. June 23.

2018- She Can: Inspiring the Next Generation of Female Leaders, conference hosted by Equal Voice New Brunswick Chapter. January 20.

2017- Peer Tutor Training Session. September 29.

2017 –SSHRC Workshop, facilitated by the Office of Research Services at UNB. Singer Hall 161. June 22.

2017- Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans Course on Research Ethics (TCPS 2: CORE). February 28.

2016 – Peer Tutor Training Session. October 3.

2016- Resumes, References, and Cover Letters. September 28.

2015 – Peer Tutor Training Session. September 28.

LANGUAGE

English – Native fluency.

French – Aural comprehension.