

# Heather Millar

## Curriculum Vitae

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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2020 – **Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science, University of New Brunswick Fredericton.
- 2019 – 2020 **SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow**, Institute for Science, Society, and Policy, University of Ottawa.
- 2018 - 2019 **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Environmental Governance Lab at the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy and the Department of Political Science, University of Toronto at Scarborough.

### EDUCATION

- 2019 **Ph.D., Political Science, University of Toronto**  
Dissertation: *Managing uncertainty: risk narratives and learning in provincial hydraulic fracturing regulation in Canada 2006 – 2016*.  
Committee: Linda White (supervisor), Grace Skogstad, Andrea Olive  
Examiners: Kate Neville (internal), Kathryn Harrison (external, UBC)  
Field Exams: Comparative Politics and Public Policy
- 2010 **Masters in Public Policy, School of Public Policy, Simon Fraser University**  
Major Research Project: *Re-Housing Street-Involved Youth in Metro Vancouver*.  
Fields of Study: public policy analysis, economics, Canadian political systems, and quantitative and qualitative research methodologies.
- 1998 **B.A., First Class Honours, Simon Fraser University**  
Major Fields: English literature and women's studies.

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Canadian politics; comparative public policy; climate and energy politics; policy learning; social acceptance of new technologies; policy feedback; provincial and territorial politics.

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Lesch, Matthew, and **Heather Millar**. 2022. "Crisis, uncertainty and urgency: processes of learning and emulation in tax policy making." *West European Politics*. 45 (4) 930-952.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/01402382.2021.1949681>

- Janzwood, Amy, and **Heather Millar**. 2022. “Bridge Fuel Feuds: The Competing Interpretive Politics of Natural Gas in Canada.” *Energy Research & Social Science* 88 (June): 102526. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.erss.2022.102526>.
- Millar, Heather**. 2021. “Interjurisdictional transfer of hydraulic fracturing regulations among Canadian provinces.” In *Provincial Policy Laboratories: Policy Diffusion and Transfer in Canada’s Federal System*. Brendan Boyd and Andrea Olive, eds. Toronto: University of Toronto Press. 49-68.
- Millar, Heather**, Eve Bourgeois, Steven Bernstein, and Matthew Hoffmann. 2021. “Self-reinforcing and self-undermining feedbacks in subnational climate policy implementation.” *Environmental Politics*. 30(5): 791-810. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09644016.2020.1825302>
- Millar, Heather**. 2020. “Problem Uncertainty, Institutional Insularity, and Modes of Learning in Canadian Provincial Hydraulic Fracturing Regulation.” *Review of Policy Research*. 37(6): 765-796. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ropr.12401>
- Millar, Heather**, Adrienne Davidson, and Linda A. White. 2020. “Puzzling Publics: the role of reflexive learning in universal pre-kindergarten policy innovation in Canada and the US.” *Public Policy and Administration*. 35(3):312-336. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0952076719889100>
- Millar, Heather**, Matthew Lesch, and Linda A. White. 2019. “Connecting models of the individual and policy change processes: a research agenda.” *Policy Sciences*. 52: 97-118. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11077-018-9327-3>
- White, Linda A., Adrienne Davidson, **Heather Millar**, Milena Pandey, Juliana Yi. 2015. “Policy logics, framing strategies, and policy change: lessons from universal pre-K policy debates in California and Florida.” *Policy Sciences*. 48(4): 395-413. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11077-015-9234-9>
- Doberstein, Carey, and **Heather Millar**. 2014. “Balancing a house of cards: throughput legitimacy in Canadian governance networks.” *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. 42 (2): 259–280. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0008423914000420>
- Millar, Heather**. 2013. “Comparing accountability relationships between governments and non-state actors in Canadian and European international development policy.” *Canadian Public Administration*. 56 (2): 252–269. <https://doi.org/10.1111/capa.12017>

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Millar, Heather**. *Fracking Uncertainty: the politics of risk in Canadian provincial hydraulic fracturing regulation 2006-2016*. (Book manuscript)
- Millar, Heather**. *Stuck in the Middle? The politics of deep decarbonization in New Brunswick’s electricity sector*. (Book chapter)

## **POLICY RESEARCH REPORTS**

Craft, Jonathan, Evert Lindquist, Justin Longo, and **Heather Millar**. 2019. *Making Digital Happen: Ontario's Public Service and the Challenges of Digital Governance*. Policy Ready Report. Toronto: University of Toronto.

**Millar, Heather**. 2009. *ReHousing Vancouver's Street-Involved Youth*. CPRN Research Report. Ottawa: Canadian Policy Research Networks.

**Millar, Heather**. 2003. *Successful Stewardship and Conservation Organizations—Case Studies and Best Practices*. Commissioned Research for the Leading Edge National Stewardship Conference. Victoria: Land Trust Alliance of BC.

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

- 2022 Teaching and Learning Priority Fund Grant, UNB Centre for Enhanced Teaching and Learning
- 2021 Harrison McCain Foundation Young Scholar Award
- 2021 Smart Prosperity Institute Greening Growth Partnership (University of Ottawa)
- 2021 University Research Fund (UNB)
- 2019 SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 2015 Dissertation Research Travel Award, Department of Political Science
- 2015 Ontario Graduate Scholarship
- 2014 A. W. Johnson Graduate Scholarship for the Study of Canadian Government and Public Administration
- 2014 Ontario Graduate Scholarship
- 2010 Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarship
- 2010 Best Capstone Award, Simon Fraser University MPP Program
- 2009 SSHRC Canada Master's Scholarship
- 2008 Pacific Century Graduate Scholarship, Simon Fraser University
- 2008 Special Graduate Entrance Scholarship, Simon Fraser University
- 1997 Open Scholarship, Simon Fraser University
- 1993 Kenneth Strand National Entrance Scholarship, Simon Fraser University

## **INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- 2022 *Stuck in the Middle? The politics of deep decarbonization in New Brunswick's electricity sector*. Canadian Political Science Association 2022 Conference. May 31-June 3. Online.

- 2021 *The Competing Interpretive Politics of Shale Gas: Lessons from the Canadian Case.* (w/ Amy Janzwood). Canadian Political Science Association 2021 Conference. June 7-10. Online.
- Siting Renewable Energy in North America.* North American Colloquium Climate Series. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan, MI. April 20. Online.
- New Brunswick: Different Future(s).* St. Thomas University Frank McKenna Centre for Communications and Public Policy Speaker Series, St. Thomas University, NB. March 15. Online.
- 2020 *Fracking Uncertainty: The Politics of Risk in Canadian Provincial Hydraulic Fracturing Regulation.* Feminist Lunch Series, Faculty of Arts, University of New Brunswick, NB. November 24. Online.
- Fracking Uncertainty: The Politics of Risk in Canadian Provincial Hydraulic Fracturing Regulation.* Department of Political Science's Speakers Series. Memorial University of Newfoundland, NL. November 20. Online.
- 2019 *EGL in Conversation: What's Next for Climate Change After the Election.* Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy. Toronto, ON. November 19.
- Strengthening Public Confidence in New Technologies and Energy Transition Policy.* Quest Canada Smart Energy Leaders Dialogue. Halifax, NS, October 23-24.
- Beware of Cheap Imitations: Tracing the Role of Ideas, Heuristics, and Attention in Processes of Emulation.* (w/ Matthew Lesch). International Conference on Public Policy 2019 Conference. Montreal, QC, June 26-28.
- Coalition building and normalization in Ontario's provincial climate policy 1998-2018.* (w/Eve Bourgeois). Canadian Political Science Association 2019 Conference. Vancouver, BC, June 4-6.
- Let's Call the Whole Thing Off: Let's call the whole thing off: the role of coalition building and risk perception in Ontario's provincial climate policy 1998-2018.* (w/Eve Bourgeois). Western Political Science Association 2019 Conference. San Diego, CA, April 17-20.
- 2018 *Getting Past 'Talking Past Each Other': Learning, Framing, and Policy Making.* (w/ Adrienne Davidson and Linda A. White). American Political Science Association 2018 Conference. Boston, MA, August 30-September 2.
- Risky Business: policy uncertainty, institutional insularity, and learning in Canadian provincial energy policy making 2006-2016.* International Workshop on Public Policy. Pittsburgh, PA, June 26-28.
- What the frack do we know? Interjurisdictional transfer of hydraulic fracturing regulations among Canadian provinces.* Canadian Political Science Association 2018 Conference. Regina, SK, May 30-June 1.

- Getting Past 'Talking Past Each Other': the role of elite and public learning in universal pre-kindergarten policy making in Canada and the US.* (w/ Adrienne Davidson and Linda A. White). Canadian Political Science Association 2018 Conference. Regina, SK, May 30-June 1.
- Policy responses and public resistance to hydraulic fracturing and to wind energy.* Positive Energy Trust in Transition Workshop, Institute for Science, Society and Policy. Ottawa, ON, January 24-25.
- 2017 *Framing Risk: risk narratives and learning in Canadian provincial hydraulic fracturing policy 2006-2016.* Canadian Political Science Association 2017 Conference. Toronto, ON, May 30 – June 1.
- Hydraulic Fracturing Regulation in Canada.* Midwest Political Science Association 2017 Conference. Chicago, IL, April 7-10.
- 2016 *When quiet politics get louder: Explaining provincial regulatory responses to hydraulic fracturing in British Columbia and Alberta 2007-2014.* Canadian Political Science Association 2016 Conference. Calgary, AB, May 31 – June 2.
- 2015 *Fracking politics: A cross-provincial study of the regulation of hydraulic fracturing in Canada.* Canadian Political Science Association 2015 Conference. Ottawa, ON, June 2-4.
- The Bridge on Which We Work: Studying Individual and Institutional Decision-Making in Policy Process Theories* (w/Matthew Lesch and Linda A. White) Canadian Political Science Association 2015 Conference. Ottawa, ON, June 2-4.
- Fracking politics: the influence of policy-oriented learning and internal events on hydraulic fracturing policy change in New Brunswick.* UTM Public Policy Workshop on Hydraulic Fracturing. Mississauga, ON, April 10.
- 2013 *With a Little Help from My Friends: The Relative Role of Scientific Knowledge and Political Expertise in Canadian Tax Policymaking* (w/Matthew Lesch). International Conference on Public Policy. Grenoble, France, June 26-28.
- The Microfoundations of Evidence-Based and Participatory Styles of Policy Decision Making in GMO Food Policy in North America and the EU.* Canadian Political Science Association 2013 Conference. Victoria, BC, June 4-6.
- Balancing A House of Cards: Throughput Legitimacy in Canadian Governance Networks* (w/Carey Doberstein). Canadian Political Science Association 2013 Conference. Victoria, BC, June 4-6.
- 2012 *Comparing Modes of Governance, Accountability Frameworks, and Policy Learning in Canada: Affordable housing policy in Ontario and Alberta.* Canadian Political Science Association 2012 Conference. Edmonton, AB, June 13-15.
- Political Internationalization and Domestic Institutions, Interests, and Values: Explaining Changes in Canada's Development Assistance Policy 1987-2011.* Canadian Association of Programs in Public Administration 2012 Conference. Ottawa, ON May 28– 29.

*Who's the Principal? Comparing Accountability Relationships between Governments and Civil Society Actors in Canada and the EU.* European Community Studies Association-Canada Conference. Ottawa, ON April 27-28.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Course Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of New Brunswick, 2022  
Canadian Politics, Issues in Canadian Public Policy, Theories of the Policy Process

Course Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of New Brunswick, 2021  
Canadian Politics, United Nations, Canadian Environmental Policy

Course Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of New Brunswick, 2020  
Issues in Canadian Public Policy, Climate and Energy Policy.

Course Instructor, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto, 2020  
Comparative Public Policy.

Invited Guest Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto, 2018  
Canadian Public Policy.

Course Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto, 2015  
Comparative Public Policy.

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto, 2011 - 2015  
Canadian Environmental Policy, Canadian Public Policy, Public Policy Making, Statistics for Public Policy, Comparative Development in Political Perspective.

Teaching Assistant, School of Public Policy and Governance, U of T, 2013 – 2014; 2017  
Governance and Institutions, The Policy Process.

## **SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

2021-24      Board Director, Canadian Political Science Association  
Undergraduate Director, Department of Political Science, University of New Brunswick  
Reviewer, *Energy Research and Social Science, Canadian Journal of Political Science, Global Environmental Politics, Review of Policy Research*

2020      Reviewer, *International Review of Public Policy, Policy Sciences, Policy and Society, Public Management Review*

2019      Reviewer, *Canadian Journal of Political Science, McGill Journal of Sustainable Development Law*

2016      Reviewer, *Policy and Society*

- 2013-2014 Co-Chair, Graduate Association of Students of Political Science, University of Toronto, Toronto
- 2011-2013 Public Policy Area Representative, Graduate Association of Students of Political Science, University of Toronto
- 2011 Student Representative, Public Policy Hiring Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto
- 2009-2010 Board Treasurer, Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood House, Vancouver, BC
- 2007-2010 Board Director, Out on Screen, Vancouver, BC
- 2004-2007 Board President, Vancouver Fruit Tree Project Society, Vancouver, BC

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Canadian Political Science Association

American Political Science Association

International Public Policy Association

**REFERENCES**

Available upon request.