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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Public Policy; American Politics; Urban Politics; Immigration, Integration, and Citizenship
EDUCATION	University of Texas at Austin , Austin, TX, USA Summer 2024 (expected) Ph.D., Government Committee: Derek Epp (co-chair), Bryan Jones (co-chair), Roberto Carlos, Hannah Walker, and Abigail Williamson (external) Subfields: Public Policy, American Politics Dissertation: <i>Cities Creating Citizens? The Causes and Effects of Local Immigrant Integration Policies in U.S. Cities</i> University of British Columbia , Vancouver, BC, Canada 2017 M.A., Political Science Supervisor: Richard Johnston Thesis: <i>Are Canadians More Cosmopolitan than Americans? Evidence from Study Abroad Programs</i> University of Toronto - Mississauga , Mississauga, ON, Canada 2015 B.A., Political Science Minors: History, Philosophy
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research , Syracuse, NY 2022 Montreal-Leuven Winter School on Elections , Montreal, QB, Canada 2020
REFEREED ARTICLES	Dias, Megan , Epp, Derek, Roman, Marcel, Walker, Hannah. 2023. Consent Searches: Evaluating the Usefulness of a Common and Highly Discretionary Police Practice. <i>Journal of Empirical Legal Studies</i> . 1–57. Cameron, Maxwell., Dias, Megan , & Ejeckam, Chuka. The 2018 B.C. Referendum on Electoral Reform: The Challenges of Citizen Consultations. 2019. <i>Journal of Parliamentary and Political Law</i> . Vol 13, Special Issue, 75-86.
BOOK CHAPTERS	Buchanan, Ross, Dias, Megan , & Wlezien, Christopher. 2022. “On Collective Representation.” In Thomas Rudolph (ed.) <i>Handbook of Politics and Public Opinion</i> . Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.
WORKING PAPERS	Dias, Megan . “Examining Immigrant Political Integration through Local Policy Adoption and Feedback Effects.” (Under Review at <i>Policy Studies Journal</i>). Dias, Megan , Hayduk, Ron, & Marti, Olivia. The Causes and Consequences of Expanding the Right to Vote to Non-Citizens in San Francisco.(Under Review at <i>The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science</i> .) Williamson, Abigail, & Dias, Megan . Presidential Immigration Policy Approaches and City-Level Immigrant-Serving Practices Over Time.

Dias, Megan. “‘Immigrant’ is a dirty word; ‘New American’ is not”: The Social Construction of Immigrants in Red States.

Dias, Megan. Public Perceptions of Efforts to Integrate and Include Immigrants in American Cities.

NON-REFEREED
PUBLICATIONS

Derek, Epp, and **Dias, Megan.** Police traffic stops can alienate communities and lead to violent deaths like Tyre Nichols’ – is it time to rethink them?. 2023. *The Conversation*.

Hayduk, Ron, **Dias, Megan,** & Marti, Olivia. Immigrant Voting and the Movement for Inclusion in San Francisco. 2023. *Chinese for Affirmative Action*.

Dias, Megan & Do, Andrew. Voter suppression is real in the U.S. but let’s not get complacent in Canada. Take it from two Canadians in Texas. 2020. *Toronto Star*.

Cameron, Maxwell & **Dias, Megan.** B.C. referendum on proportional representation: step forward or missed opportunity? 2018. *Calgary Herald*.

Dias, Megan. Who’s Missing from BC’s Electoral Reform debate. 2018. *The Tyee*.

Dias, Megan. Electoral Reform in Canada: Lessons Learned. 2017. *Centre for the Study of Democratic Institutions, University of British Columbia*.

Dias, Megan. What Jagmeet Singh’s Historic NDP Leadership Win Means for Canada. 2017. *The Conversation*.

Dias, Megan, & Lore, Grace. Electoral Reform Agenda May Be Over, but Democratic Reform Is Not. 2017. *The Hill Times*.

Dias, Megan., McKay, Spencer, & Moscrop, David. Electoral Reform in Canada: Rapporteur’s Report. 2016. *Centre for the Study of Democratic Institutions, University of British Columbia*.

Dias, Megan. How to Include the Excluded in Electoral Reform. 2016. *Ottawa Citizen*.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Sessional Instructor, Introduction to Canadian Politics, Political Science Department, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada. Summer 2023.

Instructor, Future Global Leaders Program, Extended Learning, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada. Summer 2023.

ESL Instructor, Multicultural Refugee Coalition, Austin, TX. 2022 - 2023.

Teaching Assistant at the University of Texas at Austin:

The Politics of Voter Suppression. Fall 2021, Fall 2022.

Introduction to Public Policy Studies. Spring 2021.

American Elections and Campaigns. Fall 2020.

Introduction to American Government. AY 2019 - 2020.

Teaching Assistant at the University of British Columbia

Introduction to Canadian Government. Spring 2016 - Spring 2017.

Introduction to Politics. Fall 2015.

AWARDS

APSA Centennial Center Research Grant. AY 2023 - 2024.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Fellowship. AY 2021 - 2024.

At the University of Texas at Austin:

College of Liberal Arts Research Fellowship. Spring 2024.

Government Department Semester Fellowship. Spring 2024.

Thematic Continuing Fellowship Department Nominee. 2023.

Texas Politics Project Graduate Research Fellowship. Fall 2022, Spring 2023.

Graduate Professionalization Award. Spring 2020.

University Nominee - Trudeau Foundation Scholarship. 2019.

Department Fellowship Supplement. AY 2019 - 2024.

Provost Fellowship Supplement. AY 2019 - 2024.

At the University of British Columbia:

Graduate Student Fellowship. AY 2015 - 2016.

At the University of Toronto:

University of Toronto - Mississauga Student Union Award. 2015.

University of Toronto Chief Librarian Award. 2015.

University of Toronto Scholar's Award. AY 2012 - 2015.

Dean's List. AY 2012 - 2015.

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

Politics of Immigrant and Intergroup Experiences. Nashville, TN. 2023.

Western Political Science Association Conference. San Francisco, CA. 2023.

American Political Science Association Conference. Montreal, QC. 2022.

Justice and Injustice Conference. New Haven, CT. 2022.

INVITED
PRESENTATIONS

Understanding The Canadian Senate. Academic Explorations. University of British Columbia. *Lecturer.* 2023.

Representing Diversity in Canadian Politics. Institute for Future Legislators. University of British Columbia. *Moderator.* 2020.

U.S. Election Discussion Panel. Department of Political Science. University of British Columbia. *Moderator.* 2020.

British Columbia Election Discussion Panel. Department of Political Science. University of British Columbia. *Panelist.* 2020.

Special Parliamentary Committee on Electoral Reform. *Expert Witness.* 2016.

Townhall Meeting on Electoral Reform Options. Member of Parliament for West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country. *Panelist.* 2016.

Townhall Meeting on Electoral Reform Options. Member of Parliament for Pitt-Meadows-Maple Ridge. *Panelist.* 2016.

RESEARCH AND CONSULTING EXPERIENCE	Research Consultant	2023 - Present
	Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs City of San Francisco Project: "Assessing City's Pathways to Citizenship Program"	
	Graduate Research Fellow	2020 - Present
	Policy Agendas Project Department of Government University of Texas at Austin	
	Graduate Research Fellow	2021 - Present
	Public Policy Institute Department of Government University of Texas at Austin	
	Research Assistant	2022 - 2023
	Department of Political Science San Francisco State University Project: "Non-Citizen Voting in San Francisco"	
	Research Consultant	2021 - 2022
	Cities and Counties for Citizenship National Partnership for New Americans Project: "Five Insights to Advance Naturalization with Local Government"	
Graduate Research Assistant	Summer 2021	
Department of Government University of Texas at Austin Project: "Local Cooperation with ICE"		
Graduate Research Assistant	2015 - 2017	
Department of Political Science University of British Columbia Project: "The Canadian Party System: An analytic history"		
Graduate Research Assistant	2015 - 2017	
Centre for the Study of Democratic Institutions University of British Columbia Project: "Electoral Reform in Canada"		
Graduate Research Assistant	2016	
Department of Political Science Simon Fraser University Project: "Polling in the 2015 Canadian Election"		
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Facilitator	Summers 2017 - 2021
	The Summer Institute for Future Legislators University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada	
	Program Coordinator	2019 - 2020
The Institute for Future Legislators Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, ON, Canada		
Research Associate	2018	
The Institute for Canadian Citizenship Toronto, ON, Canada		

Research Associate 2017 - 2018
The Public Policy Forum
Ottawa, ON, Canada

Settlement Services Worker 2017
The British Columbia Association of Neighbourhood Houses
Vancouver, BC, Canada

“Get Out the Vote” Coordinator 2017
The North Shore Community Resource Centre
Vancouver, BC, Canada

SERVICE **Co-President**, Political Scientists of Color, University of Texas at Austin
Referee, Policy Studies Journal

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