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## CURRICULUM VITAE

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Faculty Lecturer, McGill University. 2022-Present.  
     Political Science Department, 2022-Present  
     Jewish Studies Department, 2024-Present.
- Program Director, McGill Political Science Canada-Israel Exchange. 2022-Present  
     In partnership with Hebrew University and the Schwartz-Reisman Foundation
- Instructor of Record, Binghamton University. 2018-2022.

### EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Political Science, Binghamton University. 2022.
  - Dissertation: *Religion, State, and Modernity: Defining the Contours of Desecularization*.
- M.A. Political Science, Binghamton University. 2019.
- Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. 2019.
- B.A. Political Science and Journalism, *summa cum laude*, Purchase College. 2015.

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Substantive: Religion and Politics, Democratic Institutions, Political Economy, Israeli Politics, American Politics, Institutions, Behavior
- Methods: Mixed-Method Design, Survey Experiments, Multilevel Modeling, Interview Research, Participant Observation

### WRITING

#### Peer-reviewed publications

- Szendro, Brendan. 2025. "Defining the Contours of Desecularization: A multilevel study of social identity and religious practices." *Political Studies*, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/00323217251323404>
- Szendro, Brendan. 2025. "Globalization and Religious Resurgence: A comparative analysis." *Politics and Religion*, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1755048324000324>
- Szendro, Brendan. 2025. "No Politics Under God: Modeling Kahanist Infrastructure in Relation to Israeli Institutions." *Forthcoming at Israel Studies Review*.
- Szendro, Brendan. 2021. "Community, Faith, and Public Violence: assessing the county-level impact of religion on mass shootings in America." *Journal of Crime and Justice*, DOI: [10.1080/0735648X.2021.1990786](https://doi.org/10.1080/0735648X.2021.1990786).

- Szendro, Brendan. 2021. “Suicide, Social Capital, and Hate Group Formation.” *World Affairs*, DOI: [10.1177/00438200211053889](https://doi.org/10.1177/00438200211053889).

#### Invited for Revisions

- “The Politics of Place in Multi-National Settings: Evidence from the UK.” *With* B. Kal Munis and Joseph B. Phillips.

#### Currently under Review

- “Crowding Out the Market: State religious policy and social capital among religious adherents.”
- “Material Entrenchment and Democratic Viability: Evidence from Israel.”

#### Working papers

- “Anti-Semitism and the Problem of Innumeracy: A misperception correction approach.” *With* Geoff Haddock, Joseph B. Phillips, Travis Proulx, and Thomas Vaughan-Johnston.
- “Buying Out the Market: State religious policy and democratic values among religious adherents.”
- “Christian Fundamentalism and Outgroup Tolerance: The Moderating Role of Group Decline” with Richard Burke and Joseph B. Phillips.
- “Religious Bottlenecks in the Information Age: Market concentration as a mediation effect.”
- “Religious Identity and Institutional Trust: conditions of vaccine refusal among religious adherents in the United States.” *With* Mert Can Bayar.
- “Within or Outside the Law: Israeli constitutionalism and the entrenched status of religion.”

#### Other Projects

- “Affluence Threat: Property norms and police brutality in the United States.” [Draft available on SocArXiv.](#)
- *Religion, State, and Modernity: Defining the Contours of Desecularization.* Monograph proposal under preparation.
- *Israeli Institutional Constraints and the Religious “Status Quo.”* Monograph proposal under preparation.

#### Other Publications

- “Israel’s Religious Zionists Gained Ground in the November Election.” *The Washington Post* – Published December 16, 2022.
- “How Israel’s missing constitution deepens divisions between Jews and with Arabs.” *The Conversation* – Published June 16, 2021.
- “The Israeli Right vs. Global Judaism,” *The Forward* – Published October 25, 2017.
- “More Thoughts on Autism in Academia,” *The Duck of Minerva* – Published May 4, 2017.

### Media Appearances

- “Rouge, bleu... mais où est la vert?” *LeDélit* – Published October 30, 2024.
- “Nouvel espoir chez les démocrates,” *LeDélit* – Published August 9, 2024.
- “Démission des présidentes des universités Harvard et de la Pennsylvanie,” *LeDélit* – Published January 17, 2024
- “Israel Faces an ongoing constitutional crisis – without a constitution,” *The Washington Post* – Published July 12, 2023.
- “Understanding Israel-Palestine,” *KKFI 90.1FM* – Aired June 2, 2023.
- “What’s going on in Israel-Palestine, and what is the international community going to do about it?” *McGill Policy Association Journal* – Published February 12, 2023.
- “NYS Gov. Hochul leaves out BU in flagship university proposal.” *Pipe Dream* – Published February 3, 2022.
- “Heart of darkness: Research probes the intersection of religion, mass shootings, suicide and hate,” *BingUNews* – Published December 7, 2021.

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Midwestern Political Science Association – 2025
- American Political Science Association – 2024
- Association of Israel Studies – 2024
- Southern Political Science Association – 2022
- International Studies Association – 2021
- Midwestern Political Science Association – 2019

### TEACHING

#### Faculty Lecturer – McGill University

- JWST225, Religion and State in Israel – Winter 2025
- POLI311, Introduction to Quantitative Political Science – Winter 2025
- POLI210, Political Science Research Methods – Fall 2024
- POLI639, Graduate Seminar in U.S. Politics – Summer 2024
- POLI490, Independent Study – Fall 2023, Winter 2024 (individual students)
- POLI476, Religion and Politics – Fall 2023
- POLI339, Israel and Canada – Summer 2023 (at Hebrew University, Jerusalem)
- POLI473, Democracy and the Market – Winter 2023, 2024, 2025
- POLI325, Introduction to US Politics – Fall 2022, 2023, 2024

#### Instructor of Record – Binghamton University

- PLSC298, Globalization Backlash – Fall 2021
- PSLC389, Religion & State in The Modern World – Winter 2021, Spring 2022
- PLSC113, Introduction to Comparative Politics – Fall 2020 ([remote](#))
- PLSC380, Revolutions and Ideologies – Summer 2018 ([remote](#))

#### Teaching Assistant – Binghamton University

- PLSC113, Introduction to Comparative Politics – Fall 2018

- PLSC111, Introduction to American Politics – Spring 2018, Spring 2019
- PLSC115, Introduction to Ideas and Politics – Spring 2017
- PLSC117, Introduction to World Politics – Fall 2016, Fall 2017

#### Guest Lectures and Invited Talks

- “Buying out the Market: How States Co-Opt Religion”  
University of Rhode Island; April 25, 2025
- “McGill Journal of Political Science Roundtable on Academic Freedom and Neutrality.”  
McGill University; February 20, 2025
- “McGill Debating Union Speaker Series: Roundtable on Canada-US Relations”  
McGill University; February 6, 2025
- “Israel-Palestine and the War in Gaza”  
McGill University; November 7, 2023
- “The Arab-Israeli Conflict”  
University of Rhode Island; October 12, 2023
- “Modern Interpretations of Thomas Hobbes”  
Binghamton University; March 14, 2017

#### Awards

- 2023, “Best Course in Developed Areas,” voted on by the McGill Political Science Students Association (PSSA).
- 2022, “Career Champion” award in mentorship, professional development, and career exploration at the Fleischman Center for Career and Professional Development.

### OTHER

#### Service and Administration

- Program Director, Israel-Canada Exchange at McGill University – 2022-Present  
*Directed all travel, recruitment, and course arrangements; taught classes to Israeli and Canadian students in both Israel and Canada.*
- Administrative Assistant, Harpur College of Arts and Sciences – Spring 2020
- Technical Assistant, FREN-381B, Confronting the Other – Spring 2020
- Technical Assistant, ECON-443, Economics of Labor – Spring 2020
- Binghamton Graduate Student Organization representative – 2017-2018
- Research Assistant for Seden Akcinaroglu – Summer 2017

#### Professional Experience

- New York League of Conservation Voters
  - Writer, eco-weekly newsletter – 2012, 2013, 2015-2016.
  - Editor, eco-weekly newsletter – 2015-2016.

### SKILLS

#### Computers

- Proficient in R

- Proficient in Stata
- Proficient in LaTeX
- Proficient in Microsoft Office

#### Languages

- English – native speaker
- Hebrew – advanced reading, writing, and speaking
- Arabic – moderate reading, basic speaking
- Hungarian – moderate reading, basic speaking

#### REFERENCES

- Professor Dietlind Stolle, McGill University  
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