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## CURRENT POSITION

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**Postdoctoral Fellow**, Department of Political Science and Centre for International Studies (*CÉRIUM*), Université de Montréal 2011-2013

## EDUCATION

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**Doctor of Philosophy**, Sociology, McGill University 2005-2011

*Dissertation Title*: State Authority Structures and the Rule of Law in Post-Colonial Societies: A Comparison of Jamaica and Barbados

- *Committee*: Matthew Lange (chair), John A. Hall, Axel van den Berg
- *External Examiner*: Dietrich Rueschemeyer

*Comprehensive Exams*: Political Sociology and Development/Social Change

**Master of Arts**, Sociology, McGill University 2004-2005

**Bachelor of Arts**, Sociology, University of Calgary 1995-2000

**Bachelor of Commerce (with Distinction)**, University of Calgary 1995-2000  
Internship Program (12 months)

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Political Sociology, International Development, Comparative Politics, Political and Ethnic Violence, and Comparative Historical Research.

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Dawson, Andrew** (2010). "State Capacity and the Political Economy of Child Mortality in Developing Countries Revisited: From Fiscal Sociology towards the Rule of Law." *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 51 (6): 403-422.

Lange, Matthew and **Andrew Dawson** (2010). "Education and Ethnic Violence: A Cross-National Time-Series Analysis." *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* 16 (2): 216-239.

Lange, Matthew and **Andrew Dawson** (2009). "Dividing and Ruling the World? A Statistical Test of the Effects of Colonialism on Postcolonial Civil Violence." *Social Forces* 88 (2): 785-817.

**Dawson, Andrew** (2005). "The Socioeconomic Effects of Economic Liberalization Revisited: A Case for Democracy." *McGill Social Statistics Graduate Working Paper Series*. Pp. 1-39.

**PAPERS UNDER REVIEW / IN PROGRESS**

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**Dawson, Andrew.** “The Social Determinants of the Rule of Law: A Comparison of Jamaica and Barbados.” – Under review (revise and resubmit) at *World Development*.

**Dawson, Andrew.** “The Origins of Political Violence and Patronage Politics in Late Colonial Jamaica (1938-1962).” – In progress (draft version complete).

**Dawson, Andrew.** “State Legitimacy and the Rule of Law: A Cross-National Analysis.” – In progress.

**BOOK MANUSCRIPT**

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*The Politics-Violence Nexus: State Legitimacy and the Rule of Law.* – In progress.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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*Social Science History Association 2012 Annual Meeting* (Vancouver). “The Origins of Garrison Communities: The Development of Political Violence and Patronage Politics in Late Colonial Jamaica (1938-1962).”

*American Sociological Association 2012 Annual Meeting* (Denver). “The Social Determinants of the Rule of Law: A Comparison of Jamaica and Barbados.”

*L’Association francophone pour le savoir – ACFAS Congress 2012* (Montreal). “La sociologie historique et le développement: une comparaison de la primauté du droit entre la Barbade et la Jamaïque.”

*American Sociological Association 2008 Annual Meeting* (Boston). “Intolerance Education: An Investigation of the Effects of Societal Education on Ethnic Violence” (co-presented with Matthew Lange).

*American Sociological Association 2007 Annual Meeting* (New York). “The Colonial Roots of Conflict? A Statistical Test of the Effects of Colonialism on Postcolonial Civil Violence.”

*American Sociological Association 2006 Annual Meeting* (Montreal). “The Socioeconomic Effects of Economic Liberalization and Democratization in Developing Societies: A Cross-National Investigation.”

*Canadian Association for the Study of International Development 2006 Annual Conference* at the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences (Toronto). “The Relevance of Post-Development Theory for Development Practitioners and Academics.”

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

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*Centre for International Studies (CÉRIUM) Lecture Series.* “Les déterminants sociaux de la primauté du droit: une comparaison de la Jamaïque et la Barbade.” Université de Montréal, March 2012.

*Sociology Graduate Student Speaker Series.* “State Authority Structures and the Rule of Law in Post-Colonial Societies.” McGill University, Montreal, November 2011.

*The Social Statistics Speaker Series.* “Teaching Violence? A Statistical Analysis of the Impact of Education on Ethnic Violence.” McGill University, Montreal, October 2008 (co-presenter Matthew Lange).

*Montreal Research Group on Ethnic Conflict Speaker Series.* “Dividing and Ruling the World? A Statistical Test of the Effects of Colonialism on Postcolonial Civil Violence.” McGill University, Montreal, September 2007 (co-presenter Matthew Lange).

Discussant: *International Sociological Association*, Research Committee on Social Stratification. Panel: Inequality Across Institutional Contexts in Montreal, August 2007.

Guest lecturer: “Comparative Historical Methodology” for the undergraduate Research Methods course in sociology. Concordia University, Montreal, March 2007.

*Faculty of Arts New Graduate Student Orientation Session.* “The Dos and Don’ts of Conducting Conferences as a TA.” McGill University, Montreal, September 2005.

**FELLOWSHIPS, HONOURS AND AWARDS**

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- Postdoctoral Fellowship, *Le Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture* (\$64,000) 2011-2013
- Postdoctoral Fellowship, Centre for International Studies (CÉRIUM), Université de Montréal (\$20,000) 2011-2012
- Arts Graduate Student Travel Award (\$2,000) 2010
- Department of Sociology Summer Fieldwork Stipend (\$4,500) 2009-2010
- Doctoral Research Scholarship, *Le Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture* (\$60,000) 2007-2010
- McGill Major/Harold H. Helm Fellowship (\$20,000; declined) 2007-2009
- Centre for Developing-Area Studies Graduate Fellowship (\$1,000) 2008-2009
- McGill Graduate Studies Fellowship (\$5,000) 2005-2006
- Faculty of Arts Top-Up (Recruitment) Award (\$5,000) 2005-2006
- Dean’s List (Faculty of Management) 2000
- Louise McKinney Scholarship (\$2,500) 1999-2000
- Dean’s List (Faculty of Social Sciences) 1999-2000
- The University of Calgary Merit Award (\$800) 1996-1997
- Dean's List (Faculty of Social Sciences) 1996-1997

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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- Dissertation Field Research**, Barbados and Jamaica 2009-2010
- Conducted archival research at the University of the West Indies (Barbadian and Jamaican campuses), the Barbados Department of Archives, the Barbados Museum and Historical Society, the National Library of Jamaica and the Jamaica Archives Office. Established contacts with local scholars and research institutions.
- Research Assistant**, McGill University, Montreal, QC 2006-2010
- Dr. Matthew Lange: Assisted with statistical modelling, analysis and write-up of two papers on ethnic conflict in addition to statistical assistance with Dr. Lange's book manuscripts.
- Research Assistant**, McGill University, Montreal, QC 2006
- Dr. James Ron: Assisted in revising the interview schedule for Dr. Ron's project on the transnational human rights network; conducted 21 semi-structured interviews of human rights activists from many countries; transcribed all 21 interviews; used both ATLAS ATI and SPSS to perform data entry and analysis.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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- McGill University, Instructor**, Montreal, QC 2009
- Sociology of the Welfare State (SOCI 304)
- McGill University, Teaching Assistant**, Montreal, QC
- Sociology of the Welfare State (SOCI 304) 2008
  - Social Movements (SOCI 386) 2006
  - Gender and Work (SOCI 321) 2005/2006
  - Sociology of Development and Underdevelopment (SOCI 254) 2004

**ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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- Manuscript Reviewer** 2011-2012
- American Journal of Sociology
  - World Development
  - Effective States and Inclusive Development Research Centre
  - McGill Sociological Review
- McGill Sociological Review**, Montreal, QC 2008-2011
- Founding Steering Committee member ([www.mcgill.ca/msr](http://www.mcgill.ca/msr))
- McGill Graduate Sociology Association**, Montreal, QC 2004-2010
- President (2005-2008)
  - Presented on "Strategies and Tips for Writing Comprehensive Examinations" for the Graduate Student Colloquium of the Department of Sociology
  - Graduate student representative in the department faculty meetings

**ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (Continued)**

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**CDAS Graduate Community on Governance and Civil Society,** 2008  
Montreal, QC

- Co-founder of an online community in association with the Centre of Developing-Area Studies at McGill University that connects graduate students from different disciplines who work on issues of governance and civil society in Canadian universities ([www.igloo.org/cdasgraduategovernance](http://www.igloo.org/cdasgraduategovernance))

**Bowness High School,** Calgary, AB 2002-2004

- Delivered interview and resume seminars to high school students as part of their Career and Life Management course

**United Way Campaign,** Calgary, AB 2001-2004

- Served in the Imperial Oil United Way campaign in various capacities: technical support of the donation database, community care project volunteer, live auctioneer, event organizer and department team captain

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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- American Sociological Association
  - Comparative/Historical Sociology Section
  - Political Sociology Section
  - Sociology of Development Section
- Canadian Sociological Association
  - Political Sociology Cluster
- Social Science History Association
- Canadian Association for the Study of International Development

**LANGUAGES**

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- English: Native Language.
- French: Conversation/Reading: Fluent; Written: Intermediate.

**REFERENCES**

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