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Curriculum Vitae

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Public opinion methodology; environmental politics; immigration; climate change migration; causal inference.

POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Fellow 2025 – present
2035 Initiative, University of California, Santa Barbara – Santa Barbara, CA

EDUCATION

Ph.D. 2025
*University of California, San Diego – La Jolla, CA
Department of Political Science*

M.A. 2021
*University of California, San Diego – La Jolla, CA
Department of Political Science*

B.A. (Hons.) 2010
*University of Toronto (Trinity College) – Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Maj: International Relations. Graduated with High Distinction*

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Bergquist, Parrish, **Gabriel De Roche**, Kathryn Harrison, Erick Lachapelle, Matto Mildenerger. 2022. “The politics of intersecting crises: The effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on climate policy preferences.” *British Journal of Political Science*. [\[link to article\]](#)

WORKING PAPERS

Mildenerger, Matto, Sara M. Constantino, Paasha Mahdavi, Parrish Bergquist, **Gabriel De Roche**, Emma Franzblau, Cesar Martinez-Alvarez, and Ingmar Sturm. “How publics in small-island states view climate change and international responses to it.” (*Revise-and-Resubmit at Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences [PNAS]*).

De Roche, Gabriel. “Preferences for the Admission of Climate Migrants in the United States.” Working paper.

De Roche, Gabriel, Cesar B. Martinez-Alvarez. “Climate change and migration in the world’s small-island states: evidence from a novel, large survey.” Working paper.

De Roche, Gabriel. “Admitting Climate Migrants: Experimental Evidence from a Survey of Ten Countries.” Working paper. *Presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.*

GRANTS & AWARDS

2022-2024 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada) Doctoral Fellowship (\$40,000 CAD)

2022-2025	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council's Canada Graduate Scholarship (\$105,000 CAD, <i>Declined</i>)
2021-2024	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (NSF GRFP, \$138,000)
2024	Dean's Office Grant for Fieldwork and Conference Travel
2021-2023	Fellowship, Unbound Philanthropy & US Immigration Policy Center at UC San Diego (\$15,000)
2020-2021	Research Grant for "Public Opinion and the Status of Climate Migrants", US Immigration Policy Center at UC San Diego (\$2,500)
2020-2021	UC San Diego Division of Social Sciences <i>Advancing Racial Justice</i> grant for "Best practices for advancing racial justice via social media: A partnership between UCSD political scientists and San Diego grassroots organizations" (with Marisa Abrajano [PI], LaGina Gause [PI], Zaire Bailey, Alison Boehmer, Nhat-Dang Do, Bianca Freeman, and Laura Uribe).
2010	Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Award (University of Toronto)
2006-2010	Dean's List & Trinity College In-Course Scholarships (University of Toronto)

TEACHING

As Discussion Section Leader and Teaching Assistant:

2020-2021:	Introduction to Comparative Politics
2019-2020:	Ethics and Society

As Teaching Assistant:

2020-2021:	Politics of Multiculturalism; Politics of Immigration; Policy Analysis; The US Presidency
2019-2020:	The EU in World Politics; How to Steal an Election; Politics of Immigration; Policy Analysis

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH & CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

2020-present	US Immigration Policy Center (San Diego, CA) Researcher. <i>Conducted nationally representative polling on migration policy preferences including questionnaire design, sample acquisition, and design of experiments embedded in the questionnaire; analyzed and presented results; drafted a policy brief for US senators and members of Congress.</i>
2021-2022	Black Census and Redistricting Hub (California) Consultant. <i>Using Maptitude GIS software, conducted analysis on existing and proposed electoral districts (federal & state) in the state of California; drew lines for proposed districts for submission to the state's independent commission on redistricting that balanced population, minority representation, and the contiguity of communities of interest.</i>

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS – NON-REFEREED & POLICY

- Mildenberger, Matto, **Gabriel De Roche**. 2025. "Climate Change and the BC Election: A Post-Mortem Analysis." Santa Barbara, CA: The 2035 Initiative. [\[link to report \(pdf\)\]](#)
- Wong, Tom K., **Gabriel De Roche**. 2024. *New American Voter Survey*. Chicago, IL and La Jolla, CA: National Partnership for New Americans (NPNA) and U.S. Immigration Policy Center (USIPC) at UC San Diego. [\[link to report\]](#)
- Wong, Tom K., **Gabriel De Roche**. 2024. *National Partnership for New Americans Voter Survey*. Chicago, IL and La Jolla, CA: National Partnership for New Americans (NPNA) and U.S. Immigration Policy Center (USIPC) at UC San Diego. [\[link to report\]](#)
- Wong, Tom K., **Gabriel De Roche**. 2024. "Democratic and Independent Voters Want President Biden to Advocate for Inclusive Immigration Policies." U.S. Immigration Policy Center (USIPC). [\[link to report\]](#)
- Wong, Tom K., **Gabriel De Roche**, Jack Trent Dorfman. 2022. "Voters Distrust Border Patrol Agency, Want More Oversight and Accountability." U.S. Immigration Policy Center (USIPC). [\[link to report\]](#)
- De Roche, Gabriel. 2021. "Canadians Support a Green Economic Recovery from the Pandemic." Ottawa, Canada: Smart Prosperity Institute. [\[link to article\]](#)
- De Roche, Gabriel. 2021. *Public Preferences for Admitting Migrants Displaced by Climate Change*. La Jolla, CA: U.S. Immigration Policy Center (USIPC). [\[link to report\]](#) [\[link to methodological appendix\]](#)

Wong, Tom K., Shelveen Ratnam, **Gabriel De Roche**. 2020. *Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Poll: North Carolina*. La Jolla, CA: U.S. Immigration Policy Center (USIPC).

De Roche, Gabriel. 2008. "Counter-Terrorism: Transport Security" in *2007 Heiligendamm G8 Summit Final Compliance Report*. Toronto, ON: University of Toronto G8 Research Group.

De Roche, Gabriel. 2008. "Global Partnership against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction" in *2007 Heiligendamm G8 Summit Final Compliance Report*. Toronto, ON: University of Toronto G8 Research Group.

De Roche, Gabriel. 2007. "A History of Canadian Citizenship." Institute for Canadian Citizenship. [\[link\]](#)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS – MEDIA & COMMENTARY

De Roche, Gabriel. 2023. "In selecting Bonnie Crombie, Ontario's Liberals choose the path of restoration – and least resistance." *The Globe and Mail*, 4 December. [\[link\]](#)

Wong, Tom K., **Gabriel De Roche**, Jesus Rojas Venzor. 2021. "The migrant 'surge' at the U.S. southern border is actually a predictable pattern." *The Washington Post (Monkey Cage)*, 23 March. [\[link\]](#)

De Roche, Gabriel. 2018. "Ontario's Liberals face annihilation. Here's what happened, and what happens next." *Macleans Magazine*, 5 June. [\[link\]](#)

De Roche, Gabriel. 2018. "The art of the political flip-flop." *Macleans Magazine*, 17 May. [\[link\]](#)

De Roche, Gabriel. 2018. "Just how 'pro-business' is Doug Ford, really?" *Macleans Magazine*, 2 May. [\[link\]](#)

CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association:

2023: "Migration Aspiration in the World's Small-Island States: Evidence from a Novel, Large Survey"

2022: "Admitting Climate Migrants: Experimental Evidence from a Survey of Ten Countries"

2021: "The Climate Migrant Mismatch: Public Preferences for Admitting Migrants Displaced by Climate Change"

2020: "The effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on climate concern and climate policy preferences."

Canadian Political Science Association

2024: "Migration Aspiration in the World's Small-Island States: Evidence from a Novel, Large Survey"

Political Economy of Climate and the Environment Conference:

2023: "Migration Aspiration in the World's Small-Island States: Evidence from a Novel, Large Survey"

UCSD Migration Research Conference, Interdisciplinary Perspectives

2022: "Admitting Climate Migrants: Experimental Evidence from a Survey of Ten Countries"

Midwest Political Science Association:

2021: "Climate Migration: a Mismatch between Public Opinion and Migration Policies."

Western Political Science Association:

2021: "The effectiveness of grassroots organizing on social media." (*Presented by co-author*)

Global Conference on Environmental Taxation:

2020: "The effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on climate concern and climate policy preferences." (*Presented by co-author*)

Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC):

2021: "The effectiveness of grassroots organizing on social media." (*Presented by co-author*)

Panellist at the US Immigration Policy Center's *Strategy Conference on Climate Displaced Persons* (October 2021)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Account Director, Public Affairs and Corporate Communications 2016 - 2019
Hill+Knowlton Strategies — Toronto, Ontario, Canada

- Designed and led government relations and public policy programs for national and international clients, including managing national teams of consultants. Extensive work in public opinion research including questionnaire design and data-informed communications and government relations programs.

Senior Advisor to the Minister 2010 - 2016
Government of Ontario — Toronto, Ontario, Canada

- *Office of the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care*: led public opinion research program, behaviour-change marketing initiatives, communications on the 2014-15 Ebola crisis, among other duties.
- *Office of the Minister of Economic Development and Trade*: led development of Ontario's first International Trade Strategy, FDI-attraction, Ontario's assent to the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between Canada and the European Union, multiple trade missions, among other duties.
- *Office of the Minister of Children and Youth Services*: led communications on the province's response to high-profile incidents of youth violence, speechwriting and media relations, among other duties.
- *Office of the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration*: participated in policy development on immigrant settlement and labour market integration, led speechwriting and communications.

Other professional & internship experience 2007 - 2009
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Munk Debates; Institute for Canadian Citizenship; Atlantic Council of Canada (now NATO Association of Canada); University of Toronto G8 Research Group (Team Leader & Analyst, Compliance Unit); Attaché Journal of International Affairs (Co-Editor-in-Chief and Member of the Editorial Board)

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

UCSD Police Accountability Board Working Group – 2023

UC San Diego Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration Politics Workshop (Coordinator) – 2022-23

OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE

Soundstreams, a contemporary music company (Board of Directors and Chair of the Board's Audience Development Committee) Toronto, Canada – 2016-19

Business for the Arts (Committee Member, ArtsScene Toronto), Toronto, Canada – 2017-19

LEAP: Pecaut Centre for Social Impact (Pro bono government relations consultant and member of the Investment Committee), Toronto, Canada – 2016-19

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (incl. Migration & Citizenship section); Canadian Political Science Association

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages:

English (native), French (working proficiency).

Computational skills:

R, LaTeX, Maptitude (GIS), CrowdTangle (Meta), Qualtrics.

Citizenship:

United States and Canada.