

Resume of research contributions*

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Post-graduate academic positions

July 1, 2017-December 31, 2023 Professor, Political Science, University of Alberta
July 1, 1997-June 30, 2017 Associate Professor, Political Science, University of Alberta
August 1, 1991-June 30, 1997 Assistant Professor, Political Science, University of Alberta
January – May 1998 Visiting Professor, Centre d'Analyse et d'Intervention
Sociologiques, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France
January 1990-June 1991 Post-doctoral fellow, Centre de Recherches en Sciences Sociales
de Travail, Université de Paris Sud (XI), Paris, France

Post-secondary education

1990 Doctor of Philosophy, Department of Political Studies, Queen's University,
Kingston, Ontario (defended in November 1989)
Dissertation title: *The Prospects for Ecosocialism: An Investigation of the Relations
between the Environmental Movement and Two Industrial Unions in Canada*
1984 Master of Arts (Thesis) Department of Political Studies, Queen's University,
Kingston, Ontario (defended in October 1983)
Dissertation title: *The Development of Rural Classes in El Salvador, 1832-1932*
1980 B. A. Honours, Distinction (Political Science, History, Economics), University of
Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Scholarly Publications

Books

The Contested Future of Higher Education: Lessons from Alberta. London, UK: Taylor &
Francis, March 2025. [Editor and contributor]
First World Petro-Politics: The Political Ecology and Governance of Alberta. Toronto:
University of Toronto Press, 2016. [Editor and contributor]
Environmental Conflict and Democracy in Canada. Vancouver, BC: University of British
Columbia Press, 2009. [Editor and contributor]
The Politics of Sustainable Development: Citizens, Unions, and the Corporations. Montreal;
New York; London, U.K.: Black Rose Books, 1998. [Sole Author]

Journal Special Issue [editor]: The Restructuring of Higher Education in Alberta,
Canada, *Review of Education, Pedagogy, and Cultural Studies* (spring 2024). Issue

includes articles by Laurie Adkin, Marc Schroeder, Carolyn Sale, Deb Verhoeven and Ben Eltham, and Fiona Nicoll.

Research Reports and Briefs

Unjustified: The Kent report's exoneration of the violation of protestors' Charter rights at the University of Alberta in May 2024. Toronto: Centre for Free Expression, Metropolitan University of Toronto, Toronto, ON., March 18, 2025.

CAUA Brief to the Board of Governors on University of Alberta Investment Policy. Report and appendices. Climate Action Coalition--University of Alberta, January 30, 2025.

Higher Education: Corporate or Public? The UCP's Restructuring of Post-Secondary Education in Alberta. Edmonton: Parkland Institute and Corporate Mapping Project, May 2022. With William K. Carroll, David Chen, Mike Lang, and Mark Shakespear.

A Cap on Greenhouse Gas Emissions from the Oil and Gas Sector. Written brief and oral testimony for the House of Commons Standing Committee on Natural Resources, Parliament of Canada, March 28, 2022.

Knowledge for an Ecologically Sustainable Future? Innovation Policy and Alberta Universities. Edmonton, AB: Corporate Mapping Project and Parkland Institute, June 2020. With Laura Cabral.

Transdisciplinary Ecological and Social Sustainability: A proposal for a signature area of teaching and research at the University of Alberta. November 2018. With Jennifer Welchman.

Socio-Ecological Sustainability and Governance: A Proposal for a signature area of teaching and research at the University of Alberta. January 27, 2017.

Refereed Journal articles

“Cracking foundations, contested futures: Post-secondary education in Alberta at the end of the Holocene.” *Review of Education, Pedagogy, and Cultural Studies* (published online 10 Dec 2023).

<https://www.tandfonline.com/action/doSearch?AllField=Alberta&SeriesKey=gred20>

“Technology innovation as a response to climate change: The case of the Climate Change Emissions Management Corporation of Alberta.” *Review of Policy Research* vol. 36, no. 5 (July 2019).

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/ropr.12357>.

“Crossroads in Alberta: Climate Capitalism or Ecological Democracy.” *Socialist Studies* vol. 12, no. 1 (Spring 2017), 2-31.

<https://www.socialiststudies.com/index.php/sss/article/view/27191/20045>

“Can public engagement democratize environmental policymaking in a resource-dependent state? Comparative case studies from Alberta, Canada,” co-authored with Lorelei L. Hanson, David Kahane, John R. Parkins & Steve Patten. *Environmental*

Politics vol. 26, no. 2 (2017). Published online: 27 Oct 2016.

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09644016.2016.1244967>.

"The Challenge of Care: Early Childhood Education and Care in Canada and Québec," co-authored [60/40] with Yasmeen Abu-Laban, *Studies in Political Economy* no. 81 (Spring 2008), 49-76.

"Environmental politics, political economy, and social democracy in Canada," review essay in *Studies in Political Economy* no. 45 (Fall 1994), 130-169.

"Labour, Ecology, and the Politics of Convergence in Canada," 48-73, *Socialist Studies Annual* no. 4: *Social Movements/Social Change: The Politics and Practice of Organizing*, edited by Frank C. Cunningham, Sue Findlay, Marlene Kadar, Alan Lennon and Ed Silva. Toronto: Socialist Studies Society/Between the Lines, 1988. Co-authored [60/40] with Catherine Alpaugh, Great Lakes Institute, Windsor University.

"The Chilean Left and the Question of Democratic Transition," *IDS Bulletin* (Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University, England) vol. 16, no. 2 (April 1985), 40-45. Co-authored [60/40] with Catherine Hyett, Queen's University.

Book Chapters

"Extraction First: the anti-environmental policies of the UCP government," in Trevor Harrison and Ricardo Acuna, eds., *Anger and Angst: Jason Kenney's Legacy and Alberta's Right*. Montreal: Black Rose Books, 2023.

"Political Ecology," in Janine Brodie, Sandra Rein, and Malinda Smith, eds. *Critical Concepts*, 6th edition, Oxford University Press, 2022.

"Hegemony and Counter-hegemony," in Patricia Ballamingie and David Saznto, eds. *Showing Theory to Know Theory: Understanding Abstractions in Critical Social Science through Illustrative Vignettes*. Rebus Community. March 2022.

<https://showingtheory.net/>

"Petro-Universities and the Production of Knowledge for a Post-Carbon Future," in William K. Carroll, ed. *Regime of Obstruction: How Corporate Power Blocks Energy Democracy*. Edmonton: Athabasca University Press, 2020.

"Political Ecology and Counter-hegemonic Politics," in William K. Carroll and Kanchan Sarker, eds. *A World to Win: Contemporary Social Movements and Counter-hegemony*, 93-110. Winnipeg: Arbeiter Ring Press, 2016.

"Ecology and Governance in a First World Petro-State," in Laurie E. Adkin, ed. *First World Petro-Politics: The Political Ecology and Governance of Alberta*, 3-50. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2016.

"Alberta's Neo-liberal Environment," in Laurie E. Adkin, ed. *First World Petro-Politics: The Political Ecology and Governance of Alberta*, 78-113. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2016.

"Turning up the Heat: Hegemonic Politics in a Petro-State," with Brittany J. Stares [Adkin 60/Stares 40], in Laurie E. Adkin, ed. *First World Petro-Politics: The Political Ecology and Governance of Alberta*, 190-240. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2016.

"'All Against the Haul': The Long Road to the Athabasca Tar Sands," with Benjamin Courteau [Adkin 70/Courteau 30], in Laurie E. Adkin, ed. *First World Petro-Politics*:

- The Political Ecology and Governance of Alberta*, 385-416. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2016.
- "In the Path of the Pipeline: Environmental Citizenship, Aboriginal Rights, and the Northern Gateway Pipeline Review," with Larissa Stendie [Adkin 40/Stendie 60], in Laurie E. Adkin, ed. *First World Petro-Politics: The Political Ecology and Governance of Alberta*, 417-455. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2016.
- "Alberta, Fossil Capitalism, and the Political Ecology of Change," with Byron Miller [Adkin 80, Miller 20], in Laurie E. Adkin, ed. *First World Petro-Politics: The Political Ecology and Governance of Alberta*, 527-560. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2016.
- "Democracy and the Albertan Petro-State," in Laurie E. Adkin, ed. *First World Petro-Politics: The Political Ecology and Governance of Alberta*, 561-599. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2016.
- "Environmental Movement in Canada," in Timothy Doyle and Sherilyn MacGregor, eds., *Environmental Movements around the World*, 131-161. Volume 1. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO/Praeger Publishers, November 2013.
- "Ecology, Democracy, Citizenship," in Laurie E. Adkin, ed., *Environmental Conflict and Democracy in Canada*, 1-15. Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 2009.
- "Democracy from the Trenches: Environmental Struggles and the Meaning of Citizenship," in Laurie E. Adkin, ed. *Environmental Conflict and Democracy in Canada*, 298-318. Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 2009.
- "Environment and Politics," chapter 18, in Janine Brodie and Sandra Rein, eds., *Critical Concepts: An Introduction to Politics*, 4th ed., 237-249. Toronto: Pearson Prentice Hall, 2008.
- "Civil Society," chapter 16 in Janine Brodie and Sandra Rein, eds., *Critical Political Concepts*, 3rd ed., 202-213. Pearson Education Canada (Division of Prentice Hall Canada, Inc.), 2004.
- "Ecology, Political Economy, and Social Transformation," in Wallace Clement and Leah F. Vosko, eds., *Changing Canada: Political Economy as Transformation*, 393-421. Montreal & Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2003.
- "The Rise and Fall of New Social Movement Theory?" in Abigail B. Bakan and Eleanor MacDonald, eds., *Critical Political Studies (Debates and Dialogues from the Left)*, 281-318. Montreal & Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2002.
- "New Social Movements" chapter 20 in Janine Brodie, ed., *Critical Concepts: An Introduction to Politics*, revised 2nd ed., 309-324. Toronto: Prentice Hall Canada, Inc., 2001.
- "Democracy, Ecology, Political Economy: Reflections on Starting Points," in Fred P. Gale and R. Michael M'Gonigle, eds., *Nature, Production, Power: Towards an Ecological Political Economy*, 59-82. Cheltenham, Glos.: Edward Elgar, 2000.
- "New Social Movements," chapter 16 in Janine Brodie, ed., *Critical Concepts: An Introduction to Politics*, 285-302. Prentice Hall Canada, Inc., 1999.
- "Ecological politics in Canada: Elements of a Strategy of Collective Action," in Roger Keil, David V. J. Bell, Peter Penz and Lisa Fawcett, eds., *Political Ecology: Global and Local*, 292- 324. London and New York: Routledge, 1998.

"Ecology and Labour: Towards a New Societal Paradigm," in Colin Leys and Marguerite Mendell, eds., *Culture and Social Change*. Montreal and New York: Black Rose Books, 1992.

"Counter-hegemony and environmental politics in Canada," in William K. Carroll, ed., *Organizing Dissent: Contemporary Social Movements in Theory and Practice*, 135-156. Toronto: Garamond Press, 1992.

Recorded Interviews

- Interviewed by Ryan Katz-Rosene and Peter Andree for *Studies in Political Economy*: "Canada's ecological political economy and the climate crisis: an interview with Dr. Laurie Adkin." *Studies in Political Economy* vol. 102, issue 1 (2021).
- Interviewed by researchers at UBC March 21, 2019 for report on transition strategy for oil sands workers, commissioned by the AFL, supervised by George Hoberg at UBC School of Public Policy and Global Affairs.
- Two-hour video-taped interview by Prof. Sheena Wilson for the Sustainability Council and iDoc (Future Energy Systems Initiative) about my research and teaching at the University of Alberta. Nov. 26, 2019.
- Misc. interviews by documentary film makers

Book Reviews

Discussant for panel review of *Refusing Ecocide: From Fossil Capitalism to a Liveable World* by William Carroll (Routledge 2025). Canadian Sociology Association, November 22, 2025. <https://www.csa-scs.ca/resources/meet-the-author-refusing-ecocide-from-fossil-capitalism-to-a-liveable-world>

Review of *Climate Justice and the University: Shaping a Hopeful Future for All*. By Jennie C. Stephens (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2024). *British Journal of Sociology* vol. 76, issue 5 (December 2025): 1214-1215. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-4446.70047>

Review of *Coming to Terms with Nature, Socialist Register 2007*, edited by Leo Panitch and Colin Leys (London: The Merlin Press; New York: Monthly Review Press; Halifax: Fernwood Publishing, 2006), in *Labour/Le Travail* vol. 63 (Spring 2009), 293-297.

Review of Sandra Burt and Lorraine Code, eds., *Changing Methods: Feminists Transforming Practice* (Peterborough, Ontario: Broadview Press, 1995), in *Canadian Journal of Political Science* vol. 29, issue 1 (March 1996), 188-189.

Review of Barbara J. Nelson and Najma Chowdhury, eds., *Women and Politics Worldwide* (New Haven & London: Yale University Press, 1994), in *Canadian Journal of Political Science* vol. 28, issue 3 (September 1995), 583-585.

Review of John Richards and Don Kerr, eds., *Canada, What's Left?* (Edmonton: NeWest Press, 1986), in *Labour/Le Travail* vol. 23 (1989), pp. 309-311.

Reprints

"Ecology and Labour: Towards a New Societal Paradigm," in Peter Waterman and Ronnie Munck, eds. *Labour Worldwide in the Era of Globalisation*, 199-217. Houndmills, Basingstoke, and London, UK: Macmillan Press Ltd. U.K., 1998. [This is an abridged and updated version of the chapter from *Culture and Social Change*, Colin Leys and Marguerite Mendell, eds. (Montreal: Black Rose Books, 1992).]

Reviews of my work

David Laycock, review of *Anger and Angst: Jason Kenney's Legacy and Alberta's Right*, in *Alberta Views*, September 1, 2023, <https://albertaviews.ca/anger-and-angst/>

Kevin Taft, review of *Regime of Obstruction: How Corporate Power Blocks Energy Democracy*, *Alberta Views*, October 1, 2021. <https://albertaviews.ca/regime-obstruction-corporate-power-blocks-energy-democracy/>

Nathan Lemphers, review of *First World Petro-Politics: The Political Ecology and Governance of Alberta*, in *Environmental Politics in Review of Policy Research* Vol 34 Issue 5 (September 2017).

Heather Menzies, "Books for Change . . . A review of three books' approach to the current crisis—financial, environmental, and democratic," *Sentinel*, January 8, 2017, <https://watershedsentinel.ca/articles/books-for-change/> [review of Ian Angus, *Facing the Anthropocene*, Joyce Nelson, *Beyond Banksters: Resisting the New Feudalism*, and Sarker and Carroll, eds., *A World to Win*]

Hill Times list of best 100 books of 2016 <https://www.hilltimes.com/2017/01/03/hill-times-list-best-books-2016/91612> (for *First World Petro-Politics*)

Emily Eaton, "Oil, Democracy, and Political Ecology in Alberta's Tar Sands," in *Journal of Canadian Studies* vol. 50, no. 3 (Fall 2016), 756-765. [review of *First World Petro-Politics*]

Terry Hathaway, review of *First World Petro-Politics: The Political Ecology and Governance of Alberta*, in *Environmental Politics* vol. 26, no. 2 (2017), pp. 367-369 | Published online: 31 Jan 2017]

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09644016.2017.1281393>.

James B. Johnson, review of *First World Petro-Politics: The Political Ecology and Governance of Alberta*, in *Journal of Political Ecology* vol. 23 (2016), pp. 502-505.

George Hoberg, review of *First World Petro-Politics: The Political Ecology and Governance of Alberta*, in *Alberta Views* January-February 2017, p. 58.

Graeme Auld, review of *Environmental Conflict and Democracy in Canada*, in *Review of Policy Research* vol. 28, issue 1 (January 2011), 112-117.

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1541-1338.2010.00482.1.x/abstract>.

Victor Lau, review of *The Politics of Sustainable Development in Briarpatch* vol. 27, issue 5 (June 1998).

Milton Fisk, review of *Politics of Sustainable Development: Citizens, Unions, and the Corporations* (Montreal; New York; London: Black Rose Books, 1998), in *Canadian Journal of Political Science* vol. 34 issue 3 (September 2001), 635-37.

Srivastava, Sarita, review of *Organizing Dissent: Contemporary Social Movements in Theory and Practice*, ed. William K. Carroll (Toronto: Garamond Press, 1992), in *Critical Sociology* Vol. 23, no. 2 (July 1997), 133-135.

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/089692059702300210>

Other publications and recorded presentations 2020-2026

2026

Empire, ecology, and Canada's foreign policy 'reset'. *Canadian Dimension* January 26, 2026. <https://canadiandimension.com/articles/view/empire-ecology-and-canadas-foreign-policy-reset>

"Campus surveillance and stifling dissent" talk to Neighbours for Palestine: Waterloo Region Speakers Series, May 5, 2025.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gEmtv1dAkjU>

2025

["University crackdown on Palestine solidarity encampments a grievous violation of Charter freedoms,"](#) *Canadian Dimension*, March 9, 2025.

["Why are we losing our heads over oil and gas tariffs?"](#) *Canada's National Observer*, February 5, 2025.

["Far-right attacks on EDI goals go unanswered by Alberta's post-secondary education leaders,"](#) *Canadian Dimension*, January 23, 2025.

["Trudeau's resignation: a right-wing propaganda coup d'etat,"](#) *Canada's National Observer*, January 15, 2025.

["An EDI policy, by any other name, appeases not the far-right,"](#) *Canadian Dimension*, January 8, 2025.

2024

["Opinion: A night in ER shows fallout of Alberta's health, social policies,"](#) *Edmonton Journal*, December 13, 2024.

["Israel lobby and its media enablers threatening academic freedom on campus,"](#) *Canadian Dimension*, February 21, 2024.

2023

["Believing women, believing Palestinians,"](#) *Canadian Dimension*. December 14, 2023.

2022

["Mr. Flanagan went to Egypt,"](#) blog, Climate Action Coalition—University of Alberta, November 19, 2022.

Panelist, [Public Forum on the Future of University Governance](#), Kule Institute Climate Resilience Scholars, University of Alberta, October 20, 2022.

["Acting like the house is on fire,"](#) blog, Arts Squared, May 3, 2022.

["Retelling the Story of the UCP Government's Budget and its Meaning for Post-Secondary Education in Alberta."](#) Parkland Institute blog. March 15, 2022.

2021

["The Assault on Higher Education,"](#) *Alberta Views* September 1, 2021.

Guest on the [Ryan Jespersen](#) podcast, "Real Talk," discussing the impacts of UCP government budget cuts to Alberta universities. March 2, 2021.

Guest on [Blue Sky](#), CBC Radio Saskatchewan. Topic: “How much influence does the oil and gas industry have in Saskatchewan?” February 11, 2021.

“[The corporate interests and ideologies shaping Alberta’s universities: What do they mean for our future?](#)” Invited talk to the Southern Alberta Council on Public Affairs, 21 January 2021.

[Written submission](#) to the federal/provincial joint review panel inquiry on the proposed Benga Mining Ltd. coal strip-mine on Grassy Mountain, January 13, 2021.

Guest on the [Ryan Jespersen podcast](#) about the crisis of legitimacy facing the Kenney government. January 5, 2021.

2020

“[Government takeover of post-secondary education: Upheaval at UAlberta.](#)” Blog, Parkland Institute blog. December 11, 2020.

Expert interviewee, the [EcoPolitics Podcast, episode 11](#), October 2020.

Panelist, [Climate Strike Canada: Just Recovery Teach-in](#), September 18, 2020.

“[The University of Alberta’s Commitments to Dismantling Racism](#),” blog, Climate Action Coalition—University of Alberta, September 13, 2020.

“[Accounting Questions](#),” Blog, Arts Squared. August 25, 2020.

“[Cronyism, patronage and destruction of democratic rights mark Kenney’s rule by decree](#),” *National Observer*, July 10, 2020. Co-authored with Ricardo Acuña.

“Should We Bail Out the Oil and Gas Industry? A Dialogue between Max Fawcett and Laurie Adkin,” *Alberta Views*, July 1, 2020.

Guest on the Ryan Jespersen radio show, discussing [research funding to Alberta universities](#). June 20, 2020.

[Open letter to Prime Minister Trudeau](#) on post-COVID economic development. (originator of letter, which was signed by 685 Canadian academics). Published in the *National Observer*, March 25, 2020.

“The Covid-19 Pandemic and the Deepening Climate Crisis,” Blog, [Climate Action Coalition—University of Alberta](#). March 13, 2020.

Panelist, “[Budget 2020 Post-mortem](#)” Forum on the February 27, 2020 budget of the UCP Government of Alberta, organized by the Parkland Institute, the Economics Society of Northern Alberta, and the Department of Political Science, University of Alberta, March 9, 2020.

“The limits of capitalism,” *The Bullet* (Socialist Project), January 8, 2020.
<https://socialistproject.ca/2020/01/the-limits-of-capitalism/>

*Multiple sections of the full CV have been omitted from this resume, which focuses on scholarly publications and recent public-oriented interventions (2020-2025). Omitted sections cover research collaborations, conference presentations, grants, teaching, supervisions, administrative service, professional service and associations, media work, and public and community service that pre-dates 2020.