

Curriculum Vitae

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Research Interests

Canadian and comparative political economy, public policy, quantitative and mixed methods, game theory, public finance, redistribution and welfare, innovation, trade, industrial policy and technological change.

Appointments

- Assistant Professor (Status Only), University of Toronto Scarborough, 2025–present
- Research Chair, Employment and Social Development Canada, 2024–present
- Principal Investigator, Canadian Agendas Project, 2023–present
- Research Advisor, Employment and Social Development Canada, 2022–present
- Visiting Fellow, Harvard University Department of Government (supervisor: Peter A. Hall) 2020–21

Education

- 2019 PhD Political Science, University of Toronto (supervisor: Grace Skogstad)
- 2013 MA Political Science, Simon Fraser University (supervisor: Michael Howlett)
- 2011 BA Political Science (maj), History (maj), Simon Fraser University

Citizenship

Canadian

Teaching Experience

Munk Graduate School of Global Affairs and Public Policy

- *Governing transformative innovation* (GLA 2082 | winter 2023 | winter 2024 | winter 2025)
- *Comparative public policy* (PPG 2008 | fall 2021)
- *The policy process* (PPG 1001 | fall 2019)

University of Toronto Scarborough, Department of Political Science

- *Supervised research: computational text analysis* (POLD 95 | fall 2020)
- *Directed readings in game theory* (POLD 98 | fall 2020)
- *Public policy making* (PPGC 66 | winter 2019 | winter 2020 | fall 2020)
- *Public policy in Canada* (PPGC 67 | fall 2018 | winter 2020)
- *Political analysis* (POLC 78 | summer 2019 | fall 2019)
- *Topics in politics: politics and innovation* (POLC 40 | summer 2019)
- *Canadian and comparative politics: innovation and industrial policy* (POLD 51 | winter 2019)

University of Toronto, Department of Political Science

- *Comparative public policy* (POL 317 | summer 2018)

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2024 Wilder, M., Rosalle, R., & Bishop, A. Eco-welfare states and just transitions: a multi-method analysis and research agenda. *Circular Economy and Sustainability*, 4(1), 2241-65.
- 2019 Skogstad, G., & Wilder, M. Strangers at the gate: the role of multidimensional ideas, policy anomalies and institutional gatekeepers in biofuel policy developments in the United States and European Union. *Policy Sciences*, 52(3), 343-66.
- 2018 Wilder, M. Debating basic income. *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, 51(2), 279-303.
- 2017 Wilder, M. Comparative public policy: origins, themes, new directions. *Policy Studies Journal*, 45(S1), 47-66.

Refereed Journal Articles (continued)

- 2017 Craft, J., & Wilder, M. Catching a second wave: context and compatibility in advisory system dynamics and management. *Policy Studies Journal*, 45(1), 215-39.
- 2016 Wilder, M. Whither the funnel of causality? *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, 49(4), 721-41.
- 2015 Wilder, M. Ideas beyond paradigms: relative commensurability and the case of Canadian trade-industrial policy, 1975-1995. *Journal of European Public Policy*, 22(7), 1004-21.
- 2015 Wilder, M., & Howlett, M. Bringing the provinces back in: re-evaluating the relevance of province-building to theories of Canadian federalism and multi-level governance. *Canadian Political Science Review*, 9(3), 1-34.
- 2014 Wilder, M. & Howlett, M. The politics of policy anomalies. *Critical Policy Studies*, 8(2), 183-202.
- 2013 Wilder, M., & Hira, A. Institutional stickiness and coordination issues in an idiosyncratic environment: the grape and wine industry in Ontario Canada. *Prometheus: Critical Studies in Innovation*, 31(4), 345-67.

Book Chapters

- 2025 Skogstad, G., & Wilder, M. Economic governance in the Canadian federation. In H. Bakvis & G. Skogstad (Eds.), *Canadian federalism*, 5th ed. (pp. 165-90). University of Toronto Press.
- 2024 Wilder, M. Power to the stakeholders: how co-production turned around a green energy blunder in Ontario, Canada. In P. t'Hart et al. (Eds.) *Positive public administration: new directions in theory and practice*. (pp. 339-60). Edward Elgar.
- 2022 Wilder, M. From R&D to export: canola development as a “resilient success”. In E. Lindquist et al. (Eds.) *Policy success in Canada: cases, lessons, challenges* (pp. 286-306). Oxford.
- 2021 Wilder, M. Industrial policy. In A. Kellow, T. Porter & K. Ronit (Eds.), *The handbook of business and public policy* (pp. 309-24). Edward Elgar.
- 2020 Skogstad, G., & Wilder, M. Federalism and Canada’s economic union. In H. Bakvis & G. Skogstad (Eds.), *Canadian federalism*, 4th ed. (pp. 195-221). University of Toronto Press.
- 2017 Wilder, M. Policy paradigms and the formulation process. In M. Howlett & I. Mukherjee (Eds.), *The handbook of policy formulation* (pp. 433-48). Edward Elgar.
- 2016 Wilder, M., & Howlett, M. Province-building and Canadian political science. In C. Dunn (Ed.), *Provinces*, 3rd ed. (pp. 89-108). University of Toronto Press.
- 2015 Wilder, M. What is a policy paradigm? In J. Hogan & M. Howlett (Eds.), *Policy paradigms in theory and practice* (pp. 19-42). Palgrave.
- 2015 Wilder, M., & Howlett, M. Paradigm construction and the politics of policy anomalies. In J. Hogan & M. Howlett (Eds.), *Policy paradigms in theory and practice* (pp. 101-16). Palgrave.

Book Reviews

- 2019 Review of Bruno Wueest, The politics of economic liberalization (2018) *Swiss Political Science Review*, 25(2), 193-5.
- 2017 Review of Michael Atkinson et al., Governance and public policy in Canada: a view from the provinces (2013) *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, 50(2), 658-60.
- 2016 Review of Charles Conteh, Policy governance in multi-level subsystems: economic development policy and implementation in Canada (2013) *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, 49(4), 805-6.

Conference Papers

- Wilder, M. (2024, Jul 3). Political economy meets public policy: uniting theories of paradigm change with comparative analysis of net zero transitions. International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP), Chiang Mai, Thailand.
- Wilder, M. (2024, Jun 27). Using natural language processing to assess institutionalization of techno-economic paradigms: evaluating European Commission reports on the bioeconomy. International Workshop on Public Policy (IWPP4), Guadalajara, Mexico.
- Wilder, M., & McGowan, S. (2023, Sep 1). The green growth paradigm in the ‘hidden developmental state.’ American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meeting, Los Angeles, USA.

Conference Papers (continued)

- Wilder, M., & McGowan, S. (2023, Jun 1). Measuring the ‘developmental state’ in liberal countries: industrial policy agendas in Canada and the United States, 1989–2023. Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA) annual meeting, Toronto.
- Wilder, M. (2022, Nov 4). Developmental states in Canada: comparing federal and provincial policy agendas. Centre on Governance Workshop on Provincial States, Ottawa.
- Wilder, M., Bishop, A., & Rosalle, R. (2022, May 31). Disciplining conjectures about ‘eco-welfare states’ Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA) annual meeting (virtual).
- Wilder, M. (2021, Oct 1). Reassessing the effect of institutions and incentives on patterns of innovation. American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meeting, Seattle, USA.
- Wilder, M., Bognar, J., & Skogstad, G. (2021, Jul 8). Constructing the bioeconomy. International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP), Barcelona, Spain.
- Wilder, M. (2021, Jun 9). Public entrepreneurship in Canada: theory and evidence. Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA) annual meeting (virtual).
- Wilder, M., & McDougall, A. (2021, Jun 7). Does ease of product litigation affect innovation? Evidence from the agrochemical industry. Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA) annual meeting.
- Wilder, M. (2021, Mar 22). Can we afford to be more like Scandinavians? Institutions, incentives and innovation in the global political economy. Political Economy Workshop, Harvard University.
- Wilder, M. (2021, Feb 19). From R&D to export: canola development as a “resilient success.” Canadian Public Policy Network (CPPN) annual meeting (virtual).
- Wilder, M. (2019, Oct 4). The determinants of public spending in Canada: meta-analysis and data challenges. Canadian Public Policy Network (CPPN) inaugural meeting, Ottawa ON, Canada.
- Wilder, M., & Skogstad, G. (2018, Mar 16). Strangers at the gate: ideas, anomalies and biofuels policies in the United States and European Union. Public Policy Workshop. Toronto, Canada.
- Wilder, M. (2017, Oct 20). Policy regimes and niche advantage in the varieties of capitalism: theoretical synthesis and case studies. Biennial conference of the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS), Las Vegas, NV, USA.
- Wilder, M., & Skogstad, G. (2017, Jun 29). Paradigm flux: the contested politics of biofuel technologies in the US and EU. International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP), Singapore.
- Wilder, M. (2016, Sept 3). How big problems are solved (or not): runaway bandwagons and the construction of rationality in the face of ‘wicked’ ambiguity. American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA, USA.
- Wilder, M. (2015, Oct 17). Why do governments defect? Institutional weakness, cognitive bias and the rise of Canadian industrial subsidies. Association for Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS) Biennial conference, Las Vegas, NV, USA.
- Wilder, M., & Craft, J. (2015, Jul 2). Scaling up and across: policy advisory regimes. International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP), Milan, Italy.
- Wilder, M. (2015, Jun 2). In search of ‘dialectic’ process models: from funnel of causality to an integrated theory of policy regimes. Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA) annual meeting, Ottawa.
- Craft, J., & Wilder, M. (2014, Oct 17). Catching a ‘second wave’: theorizing advisory system dynamics and management. *Policy Studies Journal* workshop on the theoretical nexus between public policy and public administration, Tucson, AZ, USA.
- Wilder, M. (2014, Sept 5). Internationalization, institutional defection and policy divergence. European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) general conference, Glasgow, Scotland, UK.
- Wilder, M., & Howlett, M. (2013, Sept 1). The politics of anomalies: bricolage and the hermeneutics of paradigms. American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meeting, Chicago, IL, USA.

Reports

- Craft, J., Clasadonte, C., & Wilder, M. (2022). ‘Moving the digital dial’ and ‘Pulling back the curtain on digital transformation.’ [Policy Ready](#).
- Clasadonte, C., Wilder, M., & Craft, J. (2020). ‘Applying digital ways of working: redesigning Ontario’s environmental registry.’ [Policy Ready](#).

Awards, Achievements and Distinctions

2019	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Postdoctoral Fellowship	\$60,000
2019	Shortlisted, McMenemy Prize for best article in <i>Canadian Journal of Political Science</i>	
2017	Frank Peers Graduate Research Scholarship in the Department of Political Science	\$4,000
2016	A. W. Johnson Graduate Scholarship for the Study of Canadian Government	\$4,420
2016	Grand prize, Canadian Economics Association Progressive Economics Forum Graduate Student Essay Contest	\$1,000
2014	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Joseph-Armand Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship	\$105,000
2014	Grand prize, Canadian Economics Association Progressive Economics Forum Graduate Student Essay Contest	\$1,000
2012	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Joseph-Armand Bombardier Master's Scholarship	\$17,500

Project Management

2023	<i>Canadian Agendas Project</i> : a multi-university collective effort initiated in 2004 to gather, disseminate, and integrate Canadian policy data into the international database of the Comparative Agendas Project.
2021	<i>Political Map of Canada</i> Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Connection Grant 611-2020-0005: a two-year big data initiative to gather Canadian political information and make it available via an interactive online tool.

Programs

Wilder, M. (2024) Function to calculate Balassa index of innovation advantage in Python. [GitHub](#).
Wilder, M. (2024) Functions to calculate National Bureau for Economic Research (NBER) inverted Herfindahl indices of patent 'originality' and 'generality' in Python. [GitHub](#).
Wilder, M. (2024) Bhaskar test in Python. [GitHub](#).

Workshop Organization

Panel Co-Chair, *Consolidating our understanding of policy paradigms*, International Public Policy Association annual conference (ICPP7) Chiang Mai, Thailand, 3 July 2025.
Panel Co-Chair, *Political economy and public policy*, International Public Policy Association annual conference (ICPP5) Barcelona, Spain, 5 July 2021.
Panel Co-Chair, *Policy-making in a context of contested paradigms*, International Public Policy Association annual conference (ICPP3) Singapore, 29 June 2017.

Peer Review

Canadian Journal of Political Science (Cambridge University Press), *Circular Economy and Sustainability* (Springer), *Governance* (Wiley); *Government and Opposition* (Cambridge University Press) *International Review of Administrative Sciences* (Sage), *Journal of European Public Policy* (Routledge) *Policy and Politics* (Policy Press), *Policy and Society* (Oxford Academic), *Policy Sciences* (Springer), *Policy Studies Journal* (Wiley), *Public Administration* (Wiley), *Publius* (Oxford Academic), *Social Policy and Administration* (Wiley), *Territory, Politics, and Governance* (Taylor and Francis)

Professional Memberships

Association for Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS), American Political Science Association (APSA), Canadian Economics Association (CEA), Canadian Public Policy Network (CPPN), Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA), European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), International Public Policy Association (IPPA)