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**Career profile**

Multi-faceted public policy advisor, writer, and thinker, with a range of experience encompassing entrepreneurship, community outreach, teaching, academic research, writing and political advising. My varied skillset and experience allow me to adapt to new circumstances, and work in areas that combine theory and practice, as well as tactical and strategic thinking.

**Advisor in the Government of Ontario (2020-Present):** Presently, I serve the Solicitor General, Sylvia Jones as Senior Policy Advisor, leading the Corrections Ministry, Office of the Fire Marshall, Emergency Management, Coroners and Forensics. I advise the Minister on policy decisions, represent her in meetings, and brief her prior to Cabinet and Treasury Board. I also work closely with the Deputy Ministers and their Advisors to oversee the operations of the Ministry from a strategic perspective. Previously, I managed Issues and Legislative Affairs for Minister John Yakabuski in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

**Policy Researcher in PC Caucus Services and Communications lead on CPC Campaign (2019)**

As the Communications lead for Jane Michael’s 2019 Federal campaign, I wrote the candidate’s speeches, prepared her for debate and media questions, managed her social media, and crafted policy responses to local issues. As a Policy Researcher for PC Caucus Services, I assisted the Premier’s Office to understand and influence public opinion, and aided our Caucus members in re-election preparation. Activities included opposition research, issue-specific research, vetting candidates, preparing constituency information packages, and leading question period training with select MPPs.

**Graduate student in Philosophy, Research and Teaching Assistant (2017-2019):** As a Research assistant, I edited Academic manuscripts, and served as an assistant editor for an academic journal. As a Teaching Assistant, I led seminars in areas including Ethics, Political Philosophy and Theory, and Critical Thinking. My own work assessed the effectiveness of deliberative policy-making processes. I analyzed the tension between the competing goals of the theory and the realities of practical implementation.

**ESL teacher in South Korea (2015)**, **BA in Philosophy (2015-2017):** Taught students of varying ability from ages 9-15 in reading, writing, and speaking in a private academy; BA in Philosophy at U Waterloo.

**BBA graduate (2010-2014), and Owner/operator of a franchise of Student Works Painting (2010-2011)**; $70,000 in sales (4 months), with a team of 6-8 employees; managed all functional areas of the business, and later recruited new talent for the company. As a business student, I was awarded a BMO Exchange scholarship, and studied abroad in Aarhus, Denmark.

**Personal attributes**

Think at the conceptual level, research and analysis acumen, strategic approach and outlook, good judge of character, value loyalty and commitment, conscientious, motivated, respectful. High-level writing skills and communications ability; bilingual in English & French.

**Areas of expertise**

**Leadership, Research & Analysis, and Communication**

• Oversee and direct the policy process in Corrections, Fire, Emergency Management, and Coroners and Forensics for the Solicitor General of Ontario.

• Led the Issues Management and Legislative Affairs processes for the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, and the communications efforts of a Federal political campaign in Burlington.

• Animator and content creator for [Catholic Conscience](http://www.catholicconscience.org/). I help organize leadership workshops, policy forums, co-create content and conduct webinar interviews with academics and intellectuals.

• [NextGEN fellow](https://nextgenfellowship.ca/) at the Cardus think tank; Fellow at the [Kirby Laing Centre for Public Theology](https://kirbylaingcentre.co.uk/)

• Write about cultural and political topics with a philosophical lens, including pieces for [the Hub](http://www.thehub.ca/), [Convivium](http://www.convivium.ca/), and [Dorchester Review](http://www.dorchesterreview.ca/). Found here: [www.pcopelanwrites.com](http://www.pcopelanwrites.com)

• Research and writing experience in Business & Economics, and different areas of Philosophy: Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science, Ethics and Political Philosophy.

**Teaching**

• Taught young children, teenagers, and adults in subjects ranging from English reading, writing, and speaking, to Political Philosophy, Ethics, Social Issues and Informal Logic

• Developed full lesson plans using multiple media sources and teaching methods, graded tests and papers, and presented class material in a variety of formats.

**Employment history**

***2019-Present – Political Experience***

Senior Policy Advisor

Office of the Solicitor General

Toronto, ON

October 2020 – Present

Issues Manager and Legislative Affairs

Office of the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Toronto, ON

January 2020 – October 2020

Policy Advisor (Political Research)

PC Caucus Services, Queen’s Park

July 2019 – December 2019

***2017-2019, Graduate studies***

Graduate Teaching Assistant (Philosophy)

University of Guelph,

September 2017-June 2019

Graduate Research Assistant (Philosophy)

University of Guelph, May - December 2018

Landscaper

Absolute Home Services (Halton region), May 2018 - November 2018

***2015-2017, Property Maintenance***

Landscaper **-** Ace Lawn Care

May 2017 - August 2017

Property and Office Position

First United Church, Waterloo, ON

June 2016 - August 2016

***2012-2015,***

ESL Teacher

Avalon English, Cheongju-si, South Korea

February 2015-October 2015

Supplier

Lantic Sugar Inc., Montreal, Canada

May 2012 - August 2012 & May 2013 - August 2013

***2011-2012, Student Works Painting***

Recruiter and Interviewer

Student Works Painting, Waterloo, ON

August 2011 - December 2012

Owner/Operator

Student Works Painting, Oakville, ON

January 2011 - September 2011

**Education**

**MA in Philosophy**

University of Guelph, Guelph, ON

September 2017 – June 2019

**Honours Arts in Philosophy**

University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Canada

September 2015 – May 2017

**TESOL/TESL Certification**

Oxford Seminars, Montreal, QC

November 2014

**Bachelor of Business Administration, Economics Minor**

Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, ON

September 2010 - October 2014

*Semester abroad:* Aarhus University School of Business and Social Sciences, Aarhus, Denmark

January 2014 - June 2014

**Scholarships:**

-Lantic Inc. ($1500, 2010) for business;  
-BMO Academic scholarship for International Exchange students ($5000, 2014);

-Federal SSHRC (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada) Graduate Scholarship for an MA thesis proposal on political philosophy and policy ($17,500, 2018).

**Leadership & Community Involvement**

**Fellow**

Kirby Laing Centre for Public Theology, Cambridge

2022 – Present

* Fellow of the Kirby Laing Centre, whose mission is to conduct “Christian research at the highest levels across the disciplines oriented toward the question *how then shall we live?*”

**Fellow**

Cardus Think Tank

NextGEN program

June 2021 – March 2022

* Part of the inaugural NextGEN Fellows Program—a year-long, leadership development opportunity for those aged 25-34 created and run by the Cardus think tank

**Animator**

Catholic Conscience

June 2020 – Present

* Help organize leadership workshops, policy forums, co-create content and conduct webinar interviews
* The organization is part of the [*Breaking Ground*](https://breakingground.us/)collective for cultural renewal in the spirit of Christian humanism.

**Volunteer**

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Burlington, ON  
June 2019 – Present

**Brother Knight**

Knights of Columbus – Burlington, ON Chapter

November 2020 – Present

**Volunteer**

Welcome Hall Mission, Montreal, QC

February 2016 – May 2016

**Sponsorship Executive**

Laurier Academic Case Conference, Waterloo, ON

September 2011 – December 2012

**Roller Hockey Coach**

Minor Oaks Hockey Association, Oakville, ON

May 2009 – August 2000