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Curriculum Vitae
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Research Interests

Science and technology; disaster; governance; expertise; environmental risk; scientific controversies; citizen science; radioactive contamination; nuclear waste; nuclear power; misinformation; disinformation; disease outbreak; artificial intelligence; Japan; Canada

Academic Positions

2021 - current	Assistant Professor, Université Laval, Department of Anthropology
2023 - current	Regular Member, Graduate School of International Studies, Université Laval
2020 - current	Network Affiliate, Stanford University, Center for International Security and Cooperation
2020 - 2021	Postdoctoral Researcher, McGill University, Biomedical Ethics Unit, Faculty of Medicine
2019 - 2020	Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford University, Center for International Security and Cooperation
2018 - 2019	Predoctoral Fellow, Stanford University, Center for International Security and Cooperation
2015 - 2016	Visiting Student Researcher, Saitama University, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences

2012 Visiting Student Researcher
Chiba University, Division of Behavioral Science

Education

- 2013 - 2019 Ph.D. Social Anthropology. York University
Dissertation: *Radioactive Governance: The Politics of Expertise after Fukushima*.
- 2011 - 2013 M.A. Anthropology. Université de Montréal
Thesis: *Le kawaii: répercussion d'un idéal culturel et médiatique sur l'identité féminine japonaise*. [The kawaii: repercussion of a cultural and media ideal on Japanese feminine identity]
- 2008 - 2011 B.A. East-Asian Studies and Anthropology (Japanese culture). Université de Montréal

Refereed Publications

Book

Polleri, Maxime. 2026. *Radioactive Governance: The Politics of Revitalization in Post-Fukushima Japan*. New York: New York University Press. (forthcoming January 2026)

Edited Book

Polleri, Maxime. 2026. *An Anthropology of Misinformation and Disinformation*. New York and London: Routledge. (Under advance contract)

Articles

Polleri, Maxime. 2025. Fukushima and the Politics of Nuclear Disaster Recovery. *Current History*. (forthcoming September 2025)

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Polleri, Maxime. 2022. Toward an Anthropology of Misinformation. *Anthropology Today*. 38(5): 17-20.

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Polleri, Maxime. 2021. Radioactive Performances: Teaching about Radiation after the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster. *Anthropological Quarterly*. 94(1): 93-123.

Polleri, Maxime. 2020. Post-political Uncertainties: Governing Nuclear Controversies in Post-Fukushima Japan. *Social Studies of Science*. 50(4): 567-588.

Polleri, Maxime. 2019. Conflictual Collaboration: Citizen Science and the Governance of Radioactive Contamination after the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster. *American Ethnologist*. 46(2): 214-226.

Polleri, Maxime. 2017. Exchanging Business Cards in Japan: Oh! So You Are an... *Anthropology Today*. 33(3): 23-24.

Polleri, Maxime. 2017. Ethnographic Memories: The Politics of Fieldwork. *Contingent Horizons: York University Student Journal*. 3(1): 7-18.

Polleri, Maxime. 2016. Tracking Radioactive Contamination after Fukushima. *Anthropology Now*. 8(2): 90-103.

Polleri, Maxime. 2015. 'Matters' of Importance: Contamination in the Aftermath of the Fukushima Disaster. *Nexus: The Canadian Student Journal of Anthropology*. 23(1): 13-25.

Book Chapters

Polleri, Maxime. 2025. Les enjeux éthiques multigénérationnels de l'enfouissement des déchets nucléaires pour la santé publique [The multigenerational ethical issues of nuclear waste disposal for public health]. In *Vers une politique de santé publique*, eds. Michèle Stanton-Jean et Christian Hervé. Collection « Éthique biomédicale et normes juridique ». Paris : Dalloz. (Forthcoming)

Polleri, Maxime. 2025. Anthropology and Disinformation. In *Handbook on Disinformation: A Multidisciplinary Analysis*, edited by Lisa Ginsborg and Paula Gori. New York: Springer (Forthcoming)

Polleri, Maxime. 2018. Indeterminate Life: Dealing with Radioactive Contamination as a Voluntary Evacuee Mother. In *Bearing the Weight of the World: Exploring Maternal Embodiment*, edited by A. Einion and J. Rinaldi, 151-170. Bradford: Demeter Press.

Responses to Authors

Polleri, Maxime. 2024. Sécularisation au Japon et texture du religieux. *RELIER*. 32(2).
<https://doi.org/10.7202/1117915ar>

Non Refereed Publications

Polleri, Maxime. 2025. Radioactive Flower Beds and the Legacy of Fukushima. *The Diplomat*. June 5.
<https://thediplomat.com/2025/06/radioactive-flower-beds-and-the-legacy-of-fukushima/>

Polleri, Maxime. 2024. For Japan, Whaling Is Intertwined with Maritime Sovereignty. *The Diplomat*. December 9.
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<https://aeon.co/essays/life-in-fukushima-is-a-glimpse-into-our-contaminated-future>

Polleri, Maxime. 2022. The Legacy of Shinzo Abe in Fukushima. *Japan Today*. July 23.
<https://japantoday.com/category/features/opinions/The-legacy-of-Shinzo-Abe-in-Fukushima>

de Trouilloud de Lanversin, Julien, Maxime Polleri. 2022. Four Unanswered Questions about the Intersection of War and Nuclear Power. *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*. April 19.
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<https://thebulletin.org/2022/03/a-close-call-at-ukraine-reactor-on-luck-and-nuclear-disasters/>

Polleri, Maxime. 2022. Этнографии ядерной жизни: От виктимности к поствиктимизации [Ethnographies of Nuclear Life: From Victimhood to Post-Victimization]. *Platypus: The CASTAC Blog*. 1 March. (Translation in Russian by Svetlana Borodina)
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Polleri, Maxime. 2022. Ethnographies of Nuclear Life: From Victimhood to Post-Victimization. *Platypus: The CASTAC Blog*. 1 March.
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Polleri, Maxime. 2021. Phantomatic Evidence. For the exhibit: *Picturing the Invisible*. Directors Gallery, Royal Geographical Society. From October 25 to December 23.

<https://picturing-the-invisible.art/works/10-autoradiograph>

Polleri, Maxime. 2021. Q&A: “Conflictual Collaboration: Citizen Science and the Governance of Radioactive Contamination after the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster.” *American Philosophical Society*. May 11.

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Polleri, Maxime. 2021. Why Japan Might Not Abandon Nuclear Power. *The Diplomat*. March 11.

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Polleri, Maxime. 2020. Fukushima: Le Retour à la Terre Radioactive [Fukushima: Return on Radioactive Soil]. *Tempura*. 3: 32-42.

Polleri, Maxime, Cameron Tracy, Elizaveta Likhacheva, Evgenia Stepnykh. 2020. Improving the Communication of Risks Before, During, and After a Nuclear Accident. *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*. August 31.

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Polleri, Maxime. 2020. Patterns of Contamination: From Fukushima to COVID-19. *UCL Medical Anthropology*. Co-existing with Covid-19: Moving into the Post-pandemic World with the Social Sciences, May 28.

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<https://medanthucl.com/2020/04/04/thinking-ahead-on-post-covid-19-vulnerabilities/>

Polleri, Maxime. 2019. The Truth about Radiation in Fukushima. *The Diplomat*. March 14.

<https://thediplomat.com/2019/03/the-truth-about-radiation-in-fukushima/>

Polleri, Maxime. 2019. Teaching about Radiation after Fukushima. *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*. February 26.

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Polleri, Maxime. 2018. Risk is your Business: Citizen Science after Fukushima. *Somatosphere*. December 10.

<http://somatosphere.net/2018/12/risk-is-your-business.html>

Polleri, Maxime. 2018. Beyond a Place: Fieldwork as a Concept. In *Cultural Anthropology: A Perspective on the Human Condition*, edited by E.A. Schultz, R.H. Lavenda and R.R. Dods, 47-48. 4th Canadian Edition. Toronto: Oxford University Press.

Polleri, Maxime. 2017. Radioactive Contamination and Citizen Science after Fukushima. Digital Series on “Sensorial Engagements with a Toxic World,” edited by C. Fukuda. *Second Spear, Medical Anthropology Quarterly*. March 29.
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Polleri, Maxime. 2017. Futatabime [Second Time]. *Sekiguchi Global Research Association*. Atsumi International Foundation.

Polleri, Maxime. 2016. Shiru to Wakaru [Knowing and Understanding]. *Sekiguchi Global Research Association*. Atsumi International Foundation.

Polleri, Maxime. 2016. Notes from the Field: Buy the Ticket, Take the Ride. *The SAGA Exchange*. 1(2): 3.

Book Review

Polleri, Maxime. 2025. Fukushima Futures: Survival Stories in a Repeatedly Ruined Seascape. *Pacific Affairs*. 98(2): 386-388.

Polleri, Maxime. 2024. Nuclear Ghost: Atomic Livelihoods in Fukushima’s Gray Zone. *Asian Ethnology*. 83(2): 382-384.

Polleri, Maxime. 2022. The Future of Fallout, and Other Episodes in Radioactive World-Making. *Anthropological Quarterly*. 95(2): 489-492.

Polleri, Maxime. 2021. Deep Time Reckoning: How Future Thinking Can Help Earth Now. *The Holocene*. 31(4): 694-695.

Polleri, Maxime. 2021. The Visible and Invisible Atom: From Hiroshima to Fukushima. *Metascience*. 30(1): 83-86.

Report

Muramatsu, Kenjirō and Cyrian Pitteloud and Atsushi Miura and Maxime Polleri. 2021. Bibliographie thématique sur la nature, l’environnement et l’écologie [Bibliography on Nature, the Environment and Ecology]. *Bulletin de la Société française des études japonaises*. 31 pages.

Interview

Robitaille, Isaac. 2024. Déchets nucléaires à Ignace : enjeux pour les communautés du Nord. *Radio-Canada*. 29 novembre.

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Marti, Céline et Désiré Kafunda. 2024. Des Premières Nations souhaitent enterrer le projet de tombeau nucléaire à Ignace. *Radio-Canada*. 2 octobre.

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McQuade, Pénélope. 2024. Survivre à une panne Internet : mode d'emploi. *Radio-Canada – Pénélope*. 30 août.

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Tremblay, Karine. 2024. Le bogue de l'an 24 [The Year 24 Bug]. *La Tribune*. 19 juillet.

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Larose, Yvon. 2023. À l'ère des désastres [In the Age of Disasters]. *ULaval nouvelles*. 5 octobre.

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Zubko, Martin. 2023. Fukushima: It's Not Over Yet. *IR Thinker: International Affairs Talk Show*. July 18.

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Shih, Eric. 2023. Academic Looks to Learn More about Nuclear Waste Burial Perspectives. *Yahoo! News*. 29 June.

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Larose, Yvon. 2023. L'après-Fukushima [Post-Fukushima]. *ULaval nouvelles*. 25 janvier.

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Grants, Fellowships and Scholarships

2025 IVADO-Inria, Franco-Quebec Exchange Program Around Artificial Intelligence (6000\$), Maxime Polleri (PI)

2025 Annonce de priorités : Recherche sur la préparation en cas de pandémie et d'urgence, Institut des maladies infectieuses et immunitaires et les Instituts de recherche en santé du Canada (\$200 000),
Ève Dubé (PI), Devon Greyson (Co-PI), Janice Graham (Co-PI), Samantha Meyer (Co-PI), Marilyn Vivion (Co-PI), Ahmed Al-Rawi (Co-PI), Michelle Driedger (Co-PI), Keylley Lee (Co-PI), Shannon MacDonald (Co-PI), Noni MacDonald (Co-PI), Maxime Polleri (Collaborator)

- 2024 Initiative d'appui à la participation: Séminaire de l'Institut international de recherche en éthique biomédicale (IIREB),
Fonds de Recherche du Québec
- 2024 Research Support for New Academics,
Fonds de Recherche du Québec, Société et culture (43 319\$),
Maxime Polleri (PI)
- 2023 Research program on misinformation in Québec,
Fonds de Recherche du Québec (\$187 406),
Ève Dubé (PI)
Maxime Polleri (Co-PI)
Maryline Vivion (Co-PI)
Nat Nesvaderani (Collaborator)
Jeremy Ward (Collaborator)
- 2023 Insight Development Grant,
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (\$52 123),
Maxime Polleri (PI)
Allison Macfarlane (Collaborator)
Hugh Gusterson (Collaborator)
- 2022 Programme de démarrage en recherche,
Faculté des sciences sociales, Université Laval (\$10 000)
- 2021 Programme de démarrage en recherche,
Faculté des sciences sociales, Université Laval (\$10 000)
- 2021 Global Horizons Fellow,
Swedish Collegium for Advanced Studies *declined*
- 2021 SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship,
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (\$90 000) *declined*
- 2020 EPI-AI Postdoctoral Research
McGill University, Canada-UK Artificial Intelligence Initiative Grant (\$40 000)
- 2019 Science History Institute Travel Grant,
Science History Institute, Othmer Library of Chemical History (\$1500)
- 2019 John and Jackie Lewis Fund,
Stanford University, Center for International Security and Cooperation (\$1000)
- 2019 MacArthur Nuclear Security Postdoctoral Fellowship,
Stanford University, Center for International Security and Cooperation (\$66 667)
- 2019 Managing the Atom Postdoctoral Fellowship,

	Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University <i>declined</i>
2019	Science in Human Culture Program Postdoctoral Fellowship, Northwestern University <i>long short-listed out of 180 applicants, drop out of finalist stage</i>
2018	MacArthur Nuclear Security Predoctoral Fellowship, Stanford University, Center for International Security and Cooperation (\$32 900)
2016	SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (\$40 000)
2015	Japanese Studies Fellowship Program, Japan Foundation (\$40 000)
2015	Ontario Graduate Scholarship <i>declined</i> (\$15 000)
2015	Vivienne Poy Asian Research Award, York University (\$2000)
2014	Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15 000)
2014	YCAR Language Award, York University (\$2100)
2013	York University Graduate Entrance Scholarship, York University (\$3000)
2013	York University Graduate Scholarship, \$21 041 for year I to IV; \$21 491 for year V; \$16 491 for year VI, York University (\$122 146)
2012	Bourse de mobilité, Université de Montréal (\$3000)
2012	Bourse de déplacement LOJIQ (\$1000)
2009	Bourse de déplacement LOJIQ (\$1000)

Conference Papers

2025. Performative Consensus: The Social (Un)acceptability of Nuclear Waste in Canada. International Studies Association. Annual Meeting. Chicago, 4 March.

2024. What is Intellectual Authority Good For? Roundtable. American Anthropological Association. Annual Meeting. Online, 20 November.

2024. Repenser les enjeux éthiques multigénérationnels de l'enfouissement des déchets nucléaires pour la santé publique. Vers une politique de santé publique. Institut international de

recherche en éthique biomédicale (IIREB), Université Paris Cité. Paris, 19 novembre. *Travel funded by FRQ.*

2024. Disasters in the Anthropocene or the End of Some Catastrophes: A Case Study of the Fukushima Nuclear Accident. MITATE Lab annual workshop, Fukushima University. Fukushima, 7 November.

2024. Les désastres à l'ère de l'Anthropocène ou la fin de certaines catastrophes : Étude de cas sur l'accident nucléaire de Fukushima. Journée Francophone de la Recherche, Maison franco-japonaise. Tokyo, 1^{er} novembre.

2024. Post-political Uncertainties: Governing Nuclear Controversies in Post-Fukushima Japan. Japan Studies Association of Canada, Université du Québec à Montréal. Montreal, 25 October.

2024. Au-delà du vrai et du faux : Repenser la désinformation comme un signal culturel. École supérieure d'études internationales, Université Laval. Québec, 24 janvier.

2023. Le loin et le proche: une discussion sur les défis du travail ethnographique. Département d'anthropologie, Université Laval. Québec, 22 novembre.

2023. Barbenheimer. Late-Breaking Roundtable. American Anthropological Association. Annual Meeting. Toronto, 17 November.

2023. Radioactive Performances: Teaching about Radiation after the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster. Society for Social Studies of Science. Annual Meeting. Honolulu, 10 November.

2023. Solidarité Toxique : Vivre avec la pollution permanente après Fukushima. ACFAS, 90^e congrès. Montréal, 12 mai.

2023. Performances radioactives, ou comment j'ai appris à ne plus m'en faire et à aimer les radiations. Rencontres de l'Association interdisciplinaire des ethnographies japonaises. Inalco. Paris, 10 mars.

2022. Same Data, Same Result? Citizen Science and the Politics of Residual Radioactivity Data after the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster. International Society of Exposure Science. Annual Meeting. Lisbon, 28 September.

2021. Post-political Uncertainties: Governing Nuclear Controversies in Post-Fukushima Japan. Society for Social Studies of Science. Annual Meeting. Online, October 9.

2021. Conflictual Collaboration: Citizen Science and the Governance of Radioactive Contamination after the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster. The Promise and Pitfalls of Citizen Science. American Philosophical Society's Library & Museum. Online, April 9. *Honorarium 250\$*

2019. Conflictual Collaboration: Citizen Science and the Governance of Radioactive Contamination after the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster. Society for the History of Technology. Milan, October 24. *Travel funded by the Center for International Security and Cooperation.*

2019. Nuclear Embodiment Or: How I Learned To Stop Worrying and Love Radiation. Society for East Asian Anthropology. Tokyo, August 2.

2019. Radioactive Knowledge: The Role of Public Infrastructure in Teaching about Radiation Risks. Ways of Knowing and Radiation Exposure. Oregon State University. Corvallis, June 20. *Travel funded by Oregon State University.*

2019. Radioactive Governance: The Politics of Expertise after Fukushima. Los Alamos National Laboratory. Los Alamos, May 15. *Travel funded by the Center for International Security and Cooperation.*

2019. Nuclear Embodiment: Teaching about Radiation after Fukushima. International Studies Association. Toronto, March 27. *Travel funded by the Center for International Security and Cooperation.*

2018. Phantomatic Evidence: Fukushima and the Time-Scape Politics of Radiation Harm. American Anthropological Association. Annual Meeting. San Jose, November 15.

2018. Embodied Baselines: Experiencing Radiation Harm after Fukushima. Shifting Baselines, Altered Horizons: Politics, Practice, and Knowledge in Environmental Science and Policy. Max Planck Institute for the History of Science. Berlin, June 22. *Travel funded by the Max Planck Institute.*

2018. The Production of Ethnographic Evidence in a Post-Fukushima Context of Radioactive Contamination – A Critique of “Urgent Ethnography.” Canadian Anthropology Society Annual Meeting. Santiago de Cuba, May 19. *Travel funded by the Canadian Anthropology Society.*

2017. Nuclear Embodiment: Learning to Love Radiation after Fukushima. Anthropology of Japan in Japan Fall Workshop. Doshisha University. Kyoto, December 10.

2017. Nuclear Embodiment: Teaching about Radiation after Fukushima. Knowledge, Culture, Ecologies Conference. Universidad Diego Portales. Santiago Chile, November 17. *Travel funded by the York Center for Asian Research and York University.*

2017. Commodifiable Phantasm: The Politicization of the Native Land in a Post- Fukushima Context of Radioactive Contamination. Japan Studies Association of Canada Annual Meeting. Munk School of Global Affairs. Toronto, October 13.

2017. Toxic Temporalities and Ethnographic Sensibilities. Ethnographic Fieldwork in a Global Era: Challenges and Opportunities. Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. Beijing, August 29. *Travel funded by the Chinese Academy of Social Science.*

2017. Furusato Sweet Furusato: Finding Home after Fukushima. 21st Asian Studies Conference in Japan. Rikkyo University. Tokyo, July 8.

2017. Citizen Science after Fukushima: Useful Innovation or Sword of Damocles? Anthropology of Japan in Japan Spring Workshop. Osaka Gakuin University. Osaka, April 23.

2016. Radioactive Contamination and Citizen Science after Fukushima: Toward Empowerment or Disenfranchise? American Anthropological Association. Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, November 20. *Travel funded by York University.*

2016. Figuring Nuclear Power: The Multiple Japanese Meanings of Nuclear Energy. Society for Social Studies of Science/European Association for the Study of Science and Technology Annual Meeting. Barcelona, September 2. *Travel funded by York Center for Asian Research.*

2015. “Matters” of Importance: Contamination in the Aftermath of the Fukushima Disaster. Critical Scholarship and Social Transformation Program. York University. Toronto, May 8.

Invited Talk

2025. Webminaire. Japon : de la culture du risque à « l’héritage » de Fukushima. Groupe URD. En partenariat avec CrisisLab, Sciences Po. En ligne, 5 juin.

2025. Collaboration conflictuelle : Les mouvements citoyens et la gouvernance de la contamination radioactive après Fukushima. Forum de recherche et d’analyse sur les conflits en Asie. Université Laval. Québec, 23 avril.

2023. Commodifiable Phantasm: The Politicization of the Native Land after Fukushima. Fallout: Asian Networks of Nuclearity. University of Colorado Boulder. Boulder, October 27.

2023. Post-political Uncertainties: Governing Nuclear Controversies in Post-Fukushima Japan. Mitate Lab Symposium. Humathèque-Condorcet. Paris, September 21.

2022. La science citoyenne et la gouvernance de la contamination radioactive après Fukushima. Centre interuniversitaire de recherche sur la science et la technologie, Université du Québec à Montréal. Montréal, 11 mars.

2021. Reactions and Ruptures: Ethnographies of Nuclear Life. Science and Society Network and the Melbourne STS Lab. Online, August 24.

2021. Radioactive Performances: Teaching about Radiation After the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster. 3/11 Week. Japanese Seinen Association of Montreal. Online, March 11.

2021. Teaching and Governing Radiated Places. Envisioning Next Generation Radiation Governance. Symposium Commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Fukushima Disaster. Online, March 29.

2020. Urban Data Ethics Challenges. Faculty Architecture & the Built Environment, Technische Universiteit Delft. Online, July 13.

2020. Uncertainty, Risk, and Responsibility: Lessons from Three Technologies. Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University. Palo Alto, April 30.

2019. State and Civic Replies to the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster. 6th Young Professionals Nuclear Forum. Moscow Engineering Physics University. Moscow, November 6. *Travel funded by the Center for International Security and Cooperation.*

2019. Citizen Science and the Governance of Radioactive Contamination after Fukushima. Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore. Singapore, October 10. *Travel funded by the National University of Singapore.*

2019. Radioactive Governance: The Politics of Expertise after Fukushima. Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University. Palo Alto, March 21.

2019. Nuclear Embodiment: Teaching about Radiation after Fukushima. Stanford Anthropology Brown Bag Series. Palo Alto, March 11.

2017. Radioactive Contamination and the Politics of Health after Fukushima. Graduate School of Humanities and Social Science, Saitama University. Saitama, June 14.

Panel Organized

2018. Ethnographic Practices and the Temporality of Evidence. Conference panel organizer, chair, and presenter. Canadian Anthropology Society Annual Meeting. Santiago de Cuba, May 16-20.

Panel Chair

2021. Small Nations: Comparative Perspectives from Japan and Quebec. Université Laval. Québec, November 26.

2022. Le Japon dans son environnement régional – quelle sécurité ? Colloque international. Atelier 4, sécurité sociale. Online, March 4.

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate Teaching

- Ecological Anthropology
- Anthropology of Consumption
- Research Technique and Ethnography
- Anthropology of Japan
- Anthropology of Disaster

Guest Lecturer

2021	Anthropological Perspectives of Technological Worlds Department of Anthropology, Cornell University
2020	Introduction to International Studies, Department of Political Science, Douglas College
2019	Graduate Research Seminar, Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore

Teaching Assistant

2013 - 2015	Making Sense of a Changing World, Department of Anthropology, York University
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Student Supervision

Ph.D. Thesis:

Paul Bénézet, co-supervisor with Sylvie Poirier (ongoing). Thesis title: La fabrique de l'expérience martiale: corps, personne et mouvement au sein de la Tenshinshō-den Katori Shintō-ryū. Département d'anthropologie.

M.A. Thesis

Flora Bentz. 2024 (ongoing). Thesis title: Apprendre à vouloir servir? : L'authenticité perçue et la transmission interculturelle de l'hospitalité traditionnelle japonaise. Département d'anthropologie.

Chloé Rocuet, supervisor. 2025. Thesis title: Les aides économiques versées par la France en Polynésie Française après les essais nucléaires. École supérieure d'études internationales.

Amadou Keita, co-supervisor with Richard Giguère. 2024. Thesis title: Étude comparative des motivations politiques et géopolitiques des Programmes nucléaires militaires de la Corée du Nord et de l'Iran. École supérieure d'études internationales.

Undergraduate Thesis:

Justine Lemaire-Gauthier (2023). Thesis title: La consommation de la fast fashion chez les étudiants en lien avec la conscience environnementale. Département d'anthropologie.

Research Assistants: Maxime Lachance (Autumn 2021); William Corbin (Winter 2022); Chloé Demuynck (Winter 2022; Autumn 2022); Charles-Alexandre Médaille (Winter 2022); Sandrine Lambert (Winter 2023)

Teaching Assistants: Benjamin Malo (Winter 2022)

Student Evaluation

Internal Examiner:

Ph.D. Exam

Sabrina Bougie. Doctoral examination (15 January 2025). Transformations hydriques dans la province de Gérone (Catalogne, Espagne) : Eau, infrastructures et relations socio-environnementales

Benjamin Malo. Doctoral examination (7 June 2023). Internet et vaccination : entre risque, confiance et communauté virtuelle.

Stephanie Boulais. Doctoral examination (17 December 2021). Transmission intergénérationnelle des savoirs et engagement contemporain envers *Notcimik Pimatisiwin* : nouveaux regards sur la pollution territoriale à Opitciwan.

Ph.D. Thesis

Noémie Gonzalez Bautista. Member of the committee for thesis defense (21 June 2022). Analyse des rapports sociaux dynamiques et enchevêtrés entre Atikamekw Nehirowisiwok, pompiers forestiers, feux et forêt au sein du Nitaskinan.

Emmanuelle Bouchard-Bastien Member of the committee for thesis defense (3 February 2022). Espaces amphibiens, pouvoir et mémoire : les fluctuations de la rivière Sainte-Anne

M.A. Exam

Bégin, Éric. Master examination (21 January 2025). La fonderie Horne, l'expérience vécue et les perceptions du risque des habitants de Rouyn-Noranda, Québec.

Sandy Latour. Master examination (19 January 2024). Le bien-être dans le contexte québécois : valeurs, idéaux, et aspirations.

Ming Ru Zhang. Master examination. (13 May 2024). Entre la Chine classique et la culture globale : La construction du monde imaginaire des jeux vidéo mobiles chinois.

M.A. Thesis

Justine Auclair. Member of the committee (2 August 2023). Entre *rāhui* local, aires marines protégées nationales et objectifs environnementaux internationaux : la gouvernance environnementale à la jonction du local et du global en Polynésie française

Chani Bonventre. Member of the committee (9 November 2022). De la recherche à la clinique? Produire et transmettre le savoir scientifique en nutrition à Québec

Valentine Ribadeau Dumas. Member of the committee (11 April 2025). La rencontre ontologique dans un projet de recherche visant à répondre au défi commun du changement climatique : Étude de cas en contexte nordique.

Research Groups

2020 - present	MITATE Lab. International Research Program CNRS on Fukushima issues. French National Centre for Scientific Research.
2020 - 2022	EPI-AI: Automated Understanding and Alerting of Disease Outbreaks from Global News Media. McGill University and Cambridge University.
2019 - 2022	Young Nuclear Professional Nuclear Forum. Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University.

Prizes

2017	Photo Contest, Les figures de la contamination radioactive après Fukushima, Revue Anthropologie et Société
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Professional Services

Reviewer for: American Anthropologist; Ecology and Society; Comparative Studies in Society and History; Citizen Science: Theory and Practice; Anthropological Quarterly; Energy Research & Social Science; International Journal of Communication; Anthropologie et Sociétés; Science & Education; Anthropologica; Ethnologia Europaea; Social Forces; American Ethnologist; Science, Technology, & Human Values; The Pacific Review; Anthropological Theory Commons

Organizer and moderator for the 2019-2020 Nuclear Reading Group at the Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford University.

Assistance for the award-winning two-day international negotiation simulation International Security in a Changing World at Stanford University.

Translation of abstracts, panels and conference programs (from English to French).
Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA). 2014 Conference: Promising Uncertainties.

Internal Services

2023-2024	Representative on the Steering Committee of École supérieure d'études internationales, Université Laval.
2022-2023	Alternate delegate to the union council, Department of Anthropology, Université Laval.

2022	Member of the selection committee Faculty position in public health anthropology, Université Laval.
2021	Graduate Programs Committee, Department of Anthropology, Université Laval.

Grant Reviews

2024	European Research Council Consolidator Grant, European Research Council
2021	Social Science Fellowship selection committee Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University

Media Coverage

The Korea Times; Anthropology News; The Asia-Pacific Journal; The Japan Foundation; Ecologist; The Atomic Age; Nuclear News; News Break; Global Research; Medium; Action Project; Institutional Investor; Edge Effect; Friends of the Earth; Fukushima Saisei; Textinitiative Fukushima; Japanization; Argia; Transcend Media Project; Indian Strategic Studies; World Expose 24; Pg-Intel; Wise; Toynbee Prize; Le Droit; Le Nouvelliste; Le Quotidien; Le Soleil; La Tribune; La Voix de l'Est; Yahoo News! Fort Frances Time; Penticton Herald; Northwest Ontario News; Science and Technology Daily; El Observador

Consulting

Consulting on nuclear issues for: Meridian International Center, Washington, D.C.

Syllabus Mention

UC Berkeley, Reframing Disasters: Fukushima, Before and After Fall 2019; Bowdoin College, Imagining Disaster Fall 2020; University of Michigan, The Politics of Public Policy Fall 2020

Affiliation

Current Affiliations

Nuclear Consulting Group

Association interdisciplinaire des ethnographies japonaises

Society for Social Studies of Science

Past or Intermittent Affiliations

American Anthropology Association

American Ethnological Society

Society for Cultural Anthropology

Society for the History of Science

Canadian Anthropology Society / Société d'Anthropologie Canadienne

Japan Studies Association of Canada

International Studies Association

Languages

English: fluent

French: fluent

Japanese: advanced speaking, writing and reading