

MapleMeth IV Program



Simon Fraser University, Harbour Centre, 1400-1410 Segal Centre

Day 1: June 28, 2025

9:00-9:15 **Breakfast, coffee, and hellos**

9:15 **Welcome**

9:30-11:00 **Panel 1**

Presentation 1: *Comparing Designs and Diagnostics in Time and Space*. Erik Chi; Ali Kagalwala; Guy Whitten; and Hank Yang.

Presentation 2: *Un-pooling Pooled Cross Sectional Time Series*. Matthew Lebo; William Poirier; Dave Armstrong II

Presentation 3: *Age-Period-Cohort Effect Models Revisited: The Case of Democratic Attitudes*. Dietland Stolle; Elissa Berwick; Danielle Bohonos

11:00-11:15 **Break**

11:15-12:15 **Panel 2**

Presentation 1: *Does ambiguity affect take-up of government social programs and services?* Christian Schimpf; Vince Hopkins; Priscilla Fisher

Presentation 2: *Complex Social Problem Research Space presentation* Mark Pickup

12:15-1:15 **Lunch and poster session**

Poster 1: *Shifting Trust? Public Perceptions of Foreign Interference in Canada's Federal Elections and Beyond (2019-2023)*. Stefano Toffoletto; David Armstrong II

Poster 2: *Zoning Laws, Housing Affordability Needs, and NIMBYism: How Local Policies and Economic Pressures Shape Support for Residential Development*. Ding Wang

Poster 3: *Measuring Market Power: Understanding the Implications of Grocery Retail Concentration for Food Security in Canada*. Rachael Vriezen

1:15-2:45 **Panel 3**

Presentation 1: *Evaluating and Scoring Conflict and Violence Forecasts.* Patrick T. Brandt

Presentation 2: *Artificial Intelligence, Social Media, and the Politics of Anti-Technology.* Jan Zilinsky; Thomas Zeitzoff

Presentation 3: *Measuring Tariff Evasion: The Potential of Ship's Automatic Identification System (AIS).* Fabrice Blais-Savoie

2:45-3:00 **Break**

3:00-4:30 **Panel 4**

Presentation 1: *Issue Accountability in Non-Partisan Municipalities: A Case Study.* Carter McPherson

Presentation 2: *Political Participation in Canada by Party Affiliation and Its Strength.* Megan Mattes; Victoria Mahon

Presentation 3: *Within Today's Firewall: Partisan Identity Integration and Alberta Identity.* Steven Nuss

5:30 **Keynote address and reception:** Professor Michelle Dion, Senator Wm. McMaster Chair in Gender & Methodology, McMaster University

Day 2: June 29, 2025

9:00-9:30 **Breakfast, coffee, and hellos**

9:30-11:00 **Panel 1**

Presentation 1: *Tribes All the Way Down: Measuring the Electoral Power of Jordanian Tribes as Nested Social Networks.* Mohamed Shedeed; Elizabeth Parker-Magyar

Presentation 2: *Exploiting Non-Linearities: A Novel Approach to Strengthen Common Instrumental Variables.* Christopher Schwarz; Sally Sharif; Christian Oswald

Presentation 3: *The Mosque Next Door: The Visibility of Islam and Support for the Far-Right in Swiss Elections and Popular Initiatives* Chiara Valli; Timothy B. Gravelle; Alessandro Nai; Mike Medeiros; Céline Murri; Beatrice Eugster

11:00-11:15 **Break**

11:15-12:45 **Panel 2**

Presentation 1: *Public Opinion, Nationalism, and the Politics of Foreign Aid Suspensions.* Haley J. Swedlund; Joshua Fawcett

Presentation 2: *Competing Aid and Public Perception: Evidence from the African Continent.* Yongzheng (Parker) Li

Presentation 3: *Generations, Defence Attitudes, and the Future of Civil-Military Relations.* Alexandra Richards

12:45-1:45 **Lunch**

1:45-3:15 **Panel 3**

Presentation 1: *Spillover-Robust Synthetic Control Method.* João Alipio-Correa

Presentation 2: *Enhancing LLM-Based Text Classification in Political Science: Automatic Prompt Optimization and Dynamic Exemplar Selection for Few-Shot Learning.*
Menglin Liu; Ge Shi

Presentation 3: *From Checkbox to Textbox: Using Open-Source LLMs to Analyze Open-Ended Survey Responses in Political Science.* Laurence-Olivier M. Foisy; Hubert Cadieux; Yannick Dufresne.

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