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Current position	Associate professor, political science, McMaster University <ul style="list-style-type: none">• July 2017-present Member, Centre for Health Economics and Policy Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May 2014-present	
Research interests	Canadian and comparative politics, public policy, health and social policy, pharmaceutical policy and regulation, public and patient involvement in health policy.	
Education		
Ph.D.	2010, University of British Columbia. <i>Thesis</i> "Pharmaceutical Programs and Social Policy Development: Comparing Canada, Australia and the UK." Major field: Canadian politics; minor field: comparative politics	
M.A.	2005, University of British Columbia. <i>Thesis</i> "Framing and Policy Development for Children's Environmental Health in the United States and Canada: The Influence of Institutions."	
B.A. (Hons)	2004, University of Alberta. <i>Honours Thesis</i> "Critical Condition: National Standards, Health Care, and Federalism in Canada."	
Short courses	Qualitative Analysis in NVIVO (3 day intensive), SPARK, McMaster University, January 5-7, 2022 UBC Teaching and Academic Growth Instructional Skills Workshop, March 27-29, 2009 Arizona State University Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, January 2-12, 2008	

Employment history

Associate Professor of Political Science, McMaster University, July 2017-present

Assistant Professor of Political Science, McMaster, January 2011-June 2017

- Deferred tenure clock start to July 2011 in lieu of parental leave
- Parental leave January-November 2015

Sessional Instructor, UBC Department of Political Science, January-May 2010 and July 2009

Research Assistant for Kathryn Harrison, UBC Department of Political Science, May 2006-January 2009 – climate change policy.

Research Assistant for Kathryn Harrison, UBC Department of Political Science, September 2004-January 2006 – children’s environmental health policy.

Teaching Assistant, UBC Department of Political Science, 2006-2007: POLI 351, Environmental Policy; POLI 352, The Comparative Politics of Public Policy; POLI 101, Introduction to Canadian Politics.

Publications, peer reviewed (*lead author underlined*)

Books

Katherine Boothe. 2015. *Ideas and the pace of change: national pharmaceutical insurance in Canada, Australia, and the United Kingdom*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

Articles

Katherine Boothe, Nicole Fiorillo, Danielle Just, Elizabeth Alvarez, and Adrienne Davidson. 2022. School closure decisions in Alberta and Ontario during COVID-19: discourse and data. *Canadian Journal of Political Science* (2022) 1-7. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S000842392200049X>

Katherine Boothe. 2021. "(Re) Defining Legitimacy in Canadian Drug Assessment Policy? Comparing Ideas Over Time." *Health Economics, Policy and Law* First View, 1–16.

Katherine Boothe. 2019. "Getting to the table": Changing ideas about public and patient involvement in Canadian drug assessment." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 44 (4): 631-663.

Katherine Boothe. 2018. "Pharmaceutical policy reform in Canada: lessons from history." *Health Economics, Policy and Law*. 13 (3-4):299-322, doi:10.1017/S1744133117000408

Steve Morgan and Katherine Boothe. 2016. "Universal prescription drug coverage in Canada: long-promised yet undelivered." *Joint Issue of Healthcare Management Forum (Canada) and Health Services Management Research (Europe)* 29(6):247-254.

Katherine Boothe. 2016. "Evaluating the cost-effectiveness of pharmaceuticals in Canada." *Health Reform Observer*. 14(1): 1-20.

Katherine Boothe. 2013. "Ideas and the limits on program expansion: the failure of nation-wide pharmacare in Canada, 1944-2002." *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 46(2): 419-453.

Katherine Boothe. 2012. "How the pace of change affects the scope of reform: pharmaceutical insurance in Canada, Australia and the UK." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 37(5): 779-814.

Steve Morgan and Katherine Boothe. 2010. "Prescription drug subsidies in Australia and New Zealand." *Australian Prescriber*, 33: 2-4. (peer-reviewed commentary).

Katherine Boothe and Kathryn Harrison. 2009. "The Influence of Institutions on Issues Definition: Children's Environmental Health Policy in the United States and Canada." *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis*, 11(3): 287-307.

Steve Morgan, Jae Kennedy, Katherine Boothe, Meghan McMahon, Diane Watson, Elizabeth Roughead. 2009. "Toward an Understanding of High Performance Pharmaceutical Policy"

Book chapters

Paul Boothe and Katherine Boothe. 2006. "Personal Income Tax and Redistribution in the Canadian Federation," In Sujit Choudhry, Jean-Francois Gaudreault-DesBiens, and Lorne Sossin (eds.), *Dilemmas of Solidarity: Rethinking Redistribution in the Canadian Federation*, Toronto: University of Toronto.

Publications, not peer reviewed

Book reviews

Katherine Boothe. 2015. "Review of *Policy Paradigms, Transnationalism, and Domestic Politics*, ed. Grace Skogsted, UTP 2011." *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 48(3): 727-728.

Book chapters

Gerald Baier and Katherine Boothe. 2007. "What is Asymmetrical Federalism and Why Should Canadians Care?" In Thomas Bateman and Richard Myers (eds.), *Braving the New World* 4th edition, Scarborough: Nelson.

Reports

Roma Dhamanaskar, Julia Abelson, Katherine Boothe, Joanna Massie, Jeonghwa You, Danielle Just, Grace Kuang. 2022. [Trends in Public Engagement in Canadian Health Policy from 2000-2021: Results from a Comparative Descriptive Analysis](#). Public Engagement in Health Policy, McMaster University, Future of Canada Project.

Elizabeth Alvarez, Stephanie E. Hopkins, and Katherine Boothe. 2020. Ontario physical distancing policies and epidemiology from January - September 2020: A case report. Policy Frameworks and Epidemiology of COVID-19 Working Group.

Op-eds and briefs

Fiorillo, Nicole and Katherine Boothe. 2021. "Public acceptance of sin taxes on sugar and fat not dependent on evidence." *The Conversation*, November 3. <<https://theconversation.com/public-acceptance-of-sin-taxes-on-sugar-or-fat-not-dependent-on-evidence-170340>>

Just, Danielle and Katherine Boothe. 2020. "What did we learn from SARS and H1N1?" *Policy Options*, 29 December. <<https://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/december-2020/what-did-we-learn-from-sars-and-h1n1/>>

Participant in a National Post roundtable on pharmacare (for web video segment), July 18 2018 <<https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/are-you-getting-the-best-medicine-a-national-post-panel-weighs-in>>

Katherine Boothe. 2018. "Debunking the myths about a Canadian pharmacare program." *The Conversation*. July 23. <<https://theconversation.com/debunking-the-myths-about-a-canadian-pharmacare-program-100299>>

Katherine Boothe. 2018. "Canadian pharmacare is closer to becoming a reality." *The Conversation*, March 2. <https://theconversation.com/canadian-pharmacare-is-closer-to-becoming-a-reality-92646>

Katherine Boothe. 2017. "Why Canada should introduce universal drugs coverage." *The Conversation*. June 25. <<https://theconversation.com/why-canada-should-introduce-universal-drugs-coverage-79824>>

Katherine Boothe. 2016. "It's time for a national pharmacare program." *iPolitics*. May 6. <<https://ipolitics.ca/2016/05/06/its-time-for-a-national-pharmacare-program/>>

Katherine Boothe. 2016. "Brief to the Standing Committee on Health: National Pharmacare Program." Parliament of Canada, 42nd Parliament, 1st session. April 22. Available at <parl.gc.ca/Committees/en/HESA>.

Work-in-progress

Katherine Boothe and Adrienne Davidson. "Same Science, Different Policies: Provincial School Closures during COVID-19". Manuscript in progress, 2022.

Presentations, peer reviewed

(Re)defining legitimacy? Expertise and public and patient involvement in Canadian drug assessment (substantially revised). Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technology in Health Symposium, April 2020 (*in person cancelled due to COVID-19, virtual presentation November 2020*).

(Re)defining legitimacy? Expertise and public and patient involvement in Canadian drug assessment. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, August 2018. Revised version presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association, Vancouver, June 2019.

“Getting to the table”: Changing Ideas About Public and Patient Involvement in Drug Assessment. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association, Regina, June 2018.

“Accountability and legitimacy in health care: public and patient involvement in Canadian drug assessment.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association, Toronto, June 2017.

“Public and Patient Engagement in Canadian Drug Assessment: 10 Years of Experience in Ontario and at the CADTH Common Drug Review.” Presented at the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health Annual Symposium, Ottawa, April 2017.

“Cost-effective drugs: ideas and policies in Australia, Canada and the UK.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association, Victoria, June 2013.

- Revised version presented at the International Political Science Association World Congress, Montreal, July 2014.

“Ideas and the limits on program expansion: the failure of national pharmacare in Canada, 1944-2002.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association, Edmonton, June 2012.

“Timing health policy development and change: the drug gap.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2011.

- Revised version presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association, Waterloo, May 2011.

“Pharmaceutical benefits in time: the puzzle of Canadian distinctiveness.” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2009.

- Revised version presented at Canadian Political Science Association, Waterloo, May 2011.

**Presentations, invited
(external)**

Informal presentation on current issues in pharmaceutical management. For Susan Fitzpatrick (Head of the Canadian Drug Agency Transition Office) and Transition Office staff. June 2021.

“Why Canada Doesn’t Have Universal Pharmacare,” guest on [Close Up on Canada podcast](#), McGill Institute for the Study of Canada (host Daniel Béland), June 2021.

“(Re)defining legitimacy? Expertise and public and patient involvement in Canadian drug assessment”. Breathing Policy Forum, Canadian Lung Association. Toronto, September 18, 2019.

“(Re)defining legitimacy? Expertise and public and patient involvement in Canadian drug assessment”. Political Science Seminar Series, Brock University, February 2019.

“Provincial policy innovation and the national welfare state: Lessons from pharmacare.” Fall Policy Institute 2018: Provincial Policy Innovation in Canada, Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, University of Toronto. November 5, 2018.

Participant (by invitation) in stakeholder roundtables organized by the National Advisory Committee on the Implementation of National Pharmacare, Toronto, September 2018

“Learning from abroad? Canadian pharmaceutical policy in comparative perspective.” North American Observatory on Health Systems and Health Policy Lecture Series, University of Toronto, March 21, 2018.

“Public and patient involvement in drug assessment in Canada.” Presentation at the Canadian-Comparative Workshop, Department of Political Science, University of British Columbia, 20 September 2017.

“Modernizing Medicare and Expanding without Breaking the Bank: Lessons from History - Pharmaceuticals”. *Canadian Medicare 2017: Historical Reflections, Future Corrections* - Associated Medical Services/Canadian Academy of Health Sciences 80th Anniversary Invitational Conference, Toronto, May 2017 (conference chairs Colleen M. Flood and Greg Marchildon).

“Presentation to the House Standing Committee on Health.” Hearings on a national pharmacare program, Parliament of Canada, Ottawa, April 2016.

“English Pharmaceutical Policy Update.” Presentation to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Branch. Australian Government

**Presentations, invited
(internal)**

“Public and patient involvement in Canadian drug assessment: technical member views,” CHEPA Seminar Series, McMaster University. February 2019.

"Questioning Health Policy Retrenchment in the era of Trump." Trump Talks II Community Lecture, McMaster University. October 21, 2018

“Exploring National Pharmacare for Canada.” CPT/Centre for Evaluation of Medicine/Programs for Assessment of Technology in Health/Biostatistics Rounds, St. Joseph’s Healthcare Hamilton, May 2016.

“Cost-effective drugs: ideas and policies in Australia, Canada and the UK.” Presented at the Centre for Health Economics and Policy Analysis seminar series, McMaster University, March 2014.

“How the pace of change affects the outcomes you get: the case of pharmaceutical insurance.” Centre for Health Economics and Policy Analysis seminar series, McMaster University, April 2011.

**Research funding,
External (principal
investigator underlined)**

Katherine Boothe, Adrienne Davidson. Evidence and legitimacy in policymaking: lessons from crisis. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Insight Grant (includes support for research assistants). April 2021-May 2024. \$88, 266.

Katherine Boothe. Ideas and social policy in Canada: Origins, stability and change. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Insight Development Grant (includes support for research assistant), 2016-2018. \$59 108.

David Sparling; Jean-Louis Schaan; Paul Boothe; Katherine Boothe. Future of Canadian Manufacturing, Phase 2: Attracting Global Mandates (funded by consortium made up of Industry Canada, Ontario Ministry for Economic Development, IBM, CIBC, and the Canadian Council of Chief Executives) 2014-2016. \$100 000. Not taken up. Pharmaceutical sector analysis cancelled due to PI personal circumstance.

**Research funding,
internal**

Julia Abelson, Katherine Boothe, Adrienne Davidson, Alpha Abebe, and others. Strengthening health policy in Canada through leadership in public engagement. McMaster Future of Canada project. September 2020-September 2021. \$200 000

Katherine Boothe. McMaster Arts Research Board, Standard Research Grant. "Cost effective drugs: reimbursement and pricing policies in Canadian provinces" (includes support for research assistant) Awarded 2015, deferred. 2016-2018. \$6838

Katherine Boothe. Federation of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Awards to Scholarly Publication Program grant, 2014. \$8000

Katherine Boothe. McMaster Arts Research Board, Conference Attendance Grant. Spring 2014. \$1355

Katherine Boothe. McMaster Arts Research Board, Conference Attendance Grant. Spring 2012. \$905

Katherine Boothe. McMaster Arts Research Board, Conference Attendance Grant. Spring 2011. \$2803

Honours

SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship Doctoral Scholarship, 2006-2009

Special UBC Graduate Scholarship, 2005

Alberta Heritage Fund Jason Lang Scholarship, 2002-2003

Alberta Heritage Fund Louise McKinney Scholarship, 2001

Alberta Heritage Fund Alexander Rutherford Scholarship, 2000

University of Alberta Academic Excellence Scholarship, 2000

University of Alberta Faculty of Arts Academic Excellence Scholarship, 2000

Teaching experience

Political Science 783. “Comparative Public Policy,” McMaster University, Fall 2012, 2013 (team-taught); Fall 2014, Winter 2016 and 2017, Fall 2019. Taught online Fall 2020, Fall 2021 (sole instructor)

Political Science 740. “Theories of Comparative Politics,” McMaster University, Winter 2012 and Fall 2018

Political Science 746/706, “The Comparative Politics of Health Policy,” McMaster University, Winter 2011-2014, 2016, Fall 2016, Winter 2019, Winter 2021.

Political Science 2M03, “Comparative Politics of Advanced Industrial Nations”/“Governance, Participation and Representation in Democracies” McMaster University, Fall 2011-2014, 2016-2019 [title change and substantial content revamp for Fall 2018]. Taught online Fall 2021.

Political Science 4RR3, “Health Policy in the Industrialized World”, McMaster University, Winter 2011-2019

Political Science 220, “Introduction to Comparative Politics,” University of British Columbia, Winter 2010 and Summer 2009

Supervisorships

Doctoral advisor

Abigail Otchere, PhD political science 2020 – (in progress). Health policy and health disparities.

Katherine Lee, PhD political science 2018 – (in progress). Public psychotherapy in Canada, Australia, and the UK.

Spencer Naylor, PhD political science 2017 – (in progress). Home care in Canadian provinces.

Doctoral committee member

Aye Lei Tun, PhD political science, 2020 – (in progress)
Community resistance under authoritarianism: A comparative study between Myanmar and Thailand.

Michaël Désormeaux, PhD political science, 2020 – (in progress).
Nationalism in Asia.

Shauna Hughey, PhD political science, 2020 – (in progress)

Rana Saleh, Health Policy PhD, 2019 – (in progress).
Institutionalization of public engagement.

Jeonghwa You, Health Policy PhD, 2019- (in progress)
Public engagement in long term care

Kerry Waddell, Health Policy PhD, 2019- (in progress)
Technical assistance in health policy reforms

Cassandra Preece, PhD political science, 2019- (in progress)
Ethnic minority rights in Asia

Oldrich Bubak, PhD political science, 2017-2020
Policy divergence and flexicurity. (*successfully defended August 2020*)

Samantha Jackson, PhD political science, 2013 – 2018
Refugee health care. (*successfully defended June 2018*)

MA Major Research Paper

Nicole Fiorillo. MA Political Science, 2021. Food and drink taxes as public health in Denmark and Ireland.

Kyle Pinheiro, MA Political Science, 2020. Arctic policy and political communication in Canada.

**Undergraduate thesis
supervisor**

Sara Sahota, Arts and Sciences 4th year undergraduate thesis,
2016. Gentrification and access to health resources.

Other contributions to teaching and learning

Guest lecture: Canadian pharmacare in global perspective,” York University Global Health Governance program, October 2022.

Guest lecture, “Pharmacare in Canada,” McMaster Physician Assistant seminar, May 26, 2021.

Virtual workshop organizer/presenter, “How to prepare for comprehensive exams,” hosted by McMaster Political Science and CRESS, May 2020.

Resource faculty/guest lecture for Health Policy PhD doctoral seminar, McMaster University, March 11, 2020 and February 10, 2021

Guest lecture, “Interview methods and member checking,” POLSCI 786, McMaster Political Science, November 2019.

Guest lecture, “Pharmacare in comparative perspective,” HAD 5778: Comparative Health Systems and Policy Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto, March 20, 2019.

Panel participant, “Pharmaceutical policy” to HAD 5020 graduate seminar, Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation, University of Toronto, April 12, 2018.

Guest lecture, “Health system comparisons and reform: Pharmaceutical policy” to HAD 7001H-S1: Comparative Health Systems and Policy graduate seminar, Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation and Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto, March 21, 2018.

Organizer of a post-US election panel “Trump Election Three Weeks Out: Now What?” at McMaster, November 2016.

Co-organizer (with Dr. Stephen McBride and a graduate student committee): Annual graduate student conference on the internationalization of public policy, sponsored by the Department of Political Science, the Canada Research Chair in Public Policy and Globalization, and Institute for Globalization and the Human Condition. 2011-2016

Member of organizing committee: Annual graduate student conference on health policy, sponsored by the Centre for Health Economics and Policy Analysis and the Health Policy PhD program at McMaster. 2015.

Co-organizer (with Dr. Greg Flynn): Departmental Writing Group

Professional organizations

American Political Science Association
Canadian Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
International Political Science Association

Administrative/ service positions

Department

Member, Political Science Anti-Racism Working Group, 2020-present
Chair, Political Science Graduate Committee, 2019-present
Chair, Political Science Colloquium Committee, 2013-2015 (member 2012/13)
Undergraduate Awards Coordinator, 2012
Member, Political Science Graduate Committee, 2012-present
Member, Political Science Undergraduate Committee, 2011-2012
Member, Political Science IR Hiring Committee, Fall 2011

University

Member, Health Policy PhD program director selection committee, Winter 2017
Member, valedictorian selection committee (graduate, social sciences, humanities, engineering, and business), Fall 2014

Journal referee

Global Social Policy (1, 2012); Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law (2, 2012); Canadian Journal of Political Science (3, 2012); Social Science and Medicine (1, 2013); Evidence & Policy (1, 2016); Health Reform Observer (1, 2016); Social Policy & Administration (2, 2018-2019); Healthcare Policy (1, 2018); Health Policy (1, 2019); Canadian Medical Association Journal (1, 2019), International Journal of Health Policy and Management (1, 2020)

Book referee

University of Toronto Press (2, 2017), Oxford University Press (text) (1, 2017)

Other professional activities

Co-discussant (with Katherine Lee), “Public Policy: Theory and Practice” Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, online, June 1, 2022.

Organizer, chair and discussant, “Learning and policy change: shared puzzles and divergent methods,” Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, June 2020 (***cancelled due to COVID-19***)

Panel discussant, “Social Policy,” Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, May 2018

Panel discussant, “Causes and Consequences of Canadian Public Policy,” Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, May 2013

Panel chair, “Transnational Dimensions of Health Policy”, Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, May 2011

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