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Appointments ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, MCGILL UNIVERSITY Montreal, Canada
2017-: Associate Professor with tenure
2018: Visiting Professor, University of British Columbia
2011-2019: Associate member in the Department of Economics
2011-2017: Assistant Professor, jointly appointed in the School of Environment and the Institute for Health and Social Policy.

INSTITUTE FOR RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY, UBC
Feb-July 2011: Postdoctoral researcher.

CANADIAN INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED RESEARCH (CIFAR) / UBC ECONOMICS
2009-2011: CIFAR Global Scholar in Social Interactions, Identity, and Well-being research programme.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY Berkeley, California
November 2000 - February 2002: Postdoctoral appointment in space physics.

Education UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA Vancouver, Canada
January 2009: PhD Economics.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY Stanford, California
January 2001: PhD Applied Physics.

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY Cambridge, Massachusetts
June 1995: S.B. Physics (with humanities concentration in French).

Distinctions 2023: Appointed Research Fellow of the Centre interuniversitaire de recherche en économie quantitative (CIREQ)
2018: Induction to the Global Young Academy (-2023)
2012: Selection to represent McGill at the Universitas 21 Early Career Researchers Workshop, *Merging Theory into Practice: Ecological Urban Design* (Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai)
2009-2011: Global Scholar of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research
2005: Selection for Summer School on Development Economics at the Banff Centre (Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development, Harvard University)
2004-2007: SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship (Doctoral)
2003: Graduate Entrance Fellowship, University of British Columbia
2002: Union of Radio Science International (URSI) Young Scientist Award
2002: Elected Associate Member of URSI Commission H
2000: U.S. National Science Foundation Antarctic Service Award Medal
1999: Selection for the 1999 NASA Summer School for High Performance Computational Earth and Space Sciences at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center's Earth and Space Data Computing Division.
1996: Canadian Federation for the International Space University: Full scholarship for the 1996 Summer Session of ISU in Vienna.
1995: Election to Sigma Xi (Scientific Research Honor Society)
1994: National Undergraduate Fellow in Plasma Physics and Fusion Engineering (U.S. DOE, Princeton Plasma Physics Lab)

Boards and Committees

- Ongoing panelist of the “World Well-being Panel”, Centre for Economic Performance at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), 2017–
- Advisory Committee on a Quality of Life Index for the City of Montreal, 2017–2020
- Task Force of Academic Experts on Carbon Neutrality, McGill University, 2017.
- McGill Sustainability Projects Fund (SPF) Governance Council, 2016–2017, 2018–2020.
- Chair, Scientific Committee, international conference on “Building better lives”, 2014–2015.
- Student Programmes committee, Institute for Health and Social Policy, 2013–
- Outreach committee, Institute for Health and Social Policy, 2013–
- Director search committee, McGill School of the Environment, 2012
- Faculty search committee, Institute for Health and Social Policy, 2011–2012
- Scientific Committee, fourth conference of the Sustainable Consumption Research and Action Initiative (SCORAI), Worcester, Massachusetts, June 2013
- Graduate Affairs Committee, McGill School of Environment, 2011–
- UBC representative on Vancouver’s Greenest City 2020 External Advisory Committee, 2010
- UBC Department of Economics Faculty Hiring Committee (PhD representative), 2006–2007
- Cecil and Ida Green Visiting Professorship Committee (UBC), 2006–2008
- Board of Directors, Green College Dining Society, a 0.5M\$/year catering and dining service at UBC’s Green College, 2005–2006

Patent

Matthew Brown, Christopher Barrington-Leigh, Christopher Porter, and Neil Gentleman, “*Systems and methods for predictive building energy monitoring,*” European patent 10196723.0-2213, USA patent 12/646764.

This data-driven prediction algorithm for building energy use is a core technology in the energy monitoring and optimisation system of Pulse Energy (subsequently EnerNOC Inc.), installed in thousands of commercial buildings worldwide.

Convened conference

Policies for Better Lives: Strategies for life satisfaction and human wellbeing, May 2021. 385 participants, international expert panels, closing keynote by Federal Minister. See <https://lifesatisfaction.ca>

Consulting

MAYA BIOSANA Oaxaca, Mexico
2011–2012: Development of community and regional well-being survey.

SMALL ENERGY GROUP / PULSE ENERGY Vancouver, B.C.
2008–2011: Real-time power demand prediction algorithms (leading to a patent) for improved efficiency of commercial buildings. Climate policy strategic advising.

MOUNTAIN EQUIPMENT CO-OPERATIVE (MEC) Vancouver, B.C.
2007–2008: Life-cycle climate impact (carbon emissions) of shipping by mail versus shopping in person.

OFFSETTERS Vancouver, B.C.
2006: Designed the PHP interface and database backend for Offsetters.ca’s carbon offset customised gift card service.

Research Grants

2022 summer	Environmental collective action problems: a database of solutions (Bieler URA)	\$6,000	P.I.
2022	Life satisfaction and mental health after the COVID-19 outbreak: Identifying their changes and linked characteristics in a longitudinal community-based study (SSHRC Insight)	\$333,239	Co-I
2022	Beyond GDP — Metric Feasibility Study (MITACS Accelerate)	\$15,000	P.I.
2022–2023	Canadian Wellbeing Knowledge Network (SSHRC CG)	\$67,000	P.I.
2021 summer	Street network sprawl, environment, and wellbeing in Canada” (Bieler URA)	\$6,000	P.I.
2021–2022	Understanding collective action problems as ubiquitous opportunities for success (McGill Internal Social Sciences and Humanities Development Grant)	\$5,000	P.I.
2019–2022	How do Household Energy Interventions Work (Health Effects Institute)	US\$1.02M	Co-I.
2018–2022	Air Pollution, Indoor Temperature, & Health Impacts of the Beijing Coal Ban and Heating Stove Replacement (CIHR Project Scheme)	\$0.952M	Coll.
2017–2021	“Pathways to healthy cities” (Wellcome Trust)	£5M	Coll.
2017–2021	Evaluating sustainable household energy transitions in a large-scale program in Beijing, China (SSHRC IDG)	\$74,966	Co-I.
2016–2017	Policy effectiveness and household economic effects of coal-to-electricity home heating transition in Beijing province (McGill Social Sciences and Humanities Emerging Scholars Accelerator)	\$10,000	P.I.
2016–2022	“Global urban sprawl, climate policy, and well-being” (SSHRC Insight Grant)	\$267,179	P.I.
2016	“Pathways to healthy cities” LOI for Wellcome Trust “Our Planet, Our Health” up to £10M grant	£29,800	Coll.
2014	Geographical information systems processing: understanding urban form (MITACS Globalink)	Indirect	P.I.
2014	“Experimental economics software development,” with Francisco Alvarez-Cuadrado (Arts Undergraduate Research Internship Awards)	\$2,000	Co-I
2013–2015	“Interdependent Preferences and Subjective Well-Being: An experimental approach,” with Francisco Alvarez-Cuadrado (SSHRC IDG)	\$73,996	Co-I
2013–2015	Measurement and analysis of urban well-being (IHSP internal seed grant)	\$19,300	P.I.
2013–2014	“Carbon pricing and the path-dependence of urban sprawl” (Sustainable Prosperity’s Research and Policy Network SSHRC Strategic Knowledge Cluster Grant)	\$8,000	P.I.
2012–2016	“Stratification socio-économique du bien-être subjectif: une étude de quatre pays” (FQRSC New Researcher grant)	\$39,600	P.I.
2012–2015	“Socioeconomic stratification of subjective well-being” (SSHRC IDG) nominated for 2012 SSHRC Aurora Prize	\$74,871	P.I.
2012–2015	“Accounting for international differences in life satisfaction: a global vignette study” (McGill Internal Social Sciences and Humanities Development Grant)	\$5,000	P.I.
2010–2011	“Sustainable water and sanitation in growing urban areas,” with Öberg, G. and eight others, (Martha Piper Research Fund)	\$25,000	Co-I
2009–2014	“Climate Justice Project” (SSHRC Community-University Research Alliance)	\$1M	Coll.

University Teaching

McGILL UNIVERSITY

2019, 2020 autumns: INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY (ENVR615): co-designer and instructor of **new course**

2014, 2019 autumns: ECONOMICS OF WELL-BEING (ECON430 and ENVR430): designer and instructor of **new course**

2014–2016, 2018–2022: ENVIRONMENT, SOCIETY, AND SUSTAINABILITY (ENVR201)

2018: ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH (ENVR401)

2015, 2016: ENVIRONMENTAL SEMINAR (ENVR650, ENVR652)

2012, 2013: QUANTITATIVE THINKING IN ENVIRONMENT (as ENVR380): designer and instructor of **new course**

2012, 2012, 2013, 2021, 2022: ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH METHODS (team taught, ENVR301)

2011, 2012, 2013: Guest lectures on the economics of climate change in THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT (ENVR200)

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

2009: Microeconomic policy (ECON 210): THE ECONOMICS OF CLIMATE CHANGE: designer and instructor of **new course**

STANFORD UNIVERSITY EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR GIFTED YOUTH

March 2002 - May 2003: Physics Instructor for four undergraduate courses.

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

1993, 1994: Instructor, CLASSICAL MECHANICS (8.012, E.S.G.)

Past Employment (selected)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY (PROF. BOB LIN)

November 2000 - February 2002: Postdoctoral appointment at Space Sciences Laboratory, under NASA's US\$72M High Energy Solar Spectroscopic Imager spacecraft mission. Research in space plasma and solar physics.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING (PROF. UMRAN INAN)

September 1995 - September 2000: Research assistant; comprehensive involvement in upper atmospheric and space physics research programme (lightning-driven electrodynamics of upper atmosphere, ionosphere, and magnetosphere; VLF radio propagation), including instrument design and construction, extensive field work, theoretical modelling, grant proposal writing.

M.I.T. PLASMA FUSION CENTER (DR. JOHN RICE)

1994–1995 (September - June): Modelled neutral hydrogen density profiles for undergraduate thesis as part of project to increase efficiency of prototype fusion reactors.

GENERAL ATOMICS (TOKAMAK FUSION GROUP)

San Diego, California

1994 (June–August): Analysis and operation of plasma fusion power experiment.

M.I.T. CENTER FOR SPACE RESEARCH (PROF. ALAN LAZARUS)

1993 to 1994 (February to January): Helped identify a problem with data returned by MIT plasma instrument on IMP-8 spacecraft. Worked on modifying analysis software to overcome the problem and to update data reduction techniques. Analysis of solar wind data.

Published book chapters

- Barrington-Leigh, C. P., **Trends in conceptions of progress and well-being**, Chapter 3 in the *2022 World Happiness Report*, John F. Helliwell, Richard Layard, Jeffrey D. Sachs, Jan-Emmanuel De Neve, Lara B. Aknin, and Shun Wang (Eds.), New York: Sustainable Development Solutions Network, 2022.
- John F. Helliwell, Lara B. Aknin, C. P. Barrington-Leigh, Jon Hall, Haifang Huang, Max B. Norton, Hugh Shiplett and Shun Wang, **Policies to support happiness during and after COVID-19: A Synthesis**, Chapter 1 in *Global Happiness and Wellbeing Policy Report 2022*, The Global Council for Happiness and Wellbeing, New York: Sustainable Development Solutions Network, 2022.
- Barrington-Leigh, C. P., **“Wellbeing, sustainability, and progress: a framework for public and policy discourse and for quantitative decision-making using the life satisfaction approach”** in *Toward Sustainable Wellbeing: Moving Beyond GDP in Canada and the World*, Anders Hayden, Céol Gaudet, and Jeffrey Wilson (Eds.), University of Toronto, October 2022.
- Barrington-Leigh, C. P., **“Consumption externalities,”** in *Encyclopedia of Quality of Life Research*, Michalos, Alex C. (Ed.), Springer, 2014, 2020. (5 pp)
- Chan, K.M.A., J. Agard, J. Liu, and 38 others, **“Pathways towards a Sustainable Future”**, Chapter 5 in *IPBES Global Assessment on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services*, Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, 2019.
- Barrington-Leigh, C. P., **“The role of subjective well-being as an organizing concept for community indicators,”** in *Community Quality of Life and Wellbeing: Best Cases VII*, Meg Holden, Rhonda Phillips and Chantal Stevens (Eds.), Springer, 2017. (20 pp)
- Barrington-Leigh, C. P., **“Rising Life Satisfaction in Korea: a Panel Data Analysis,”** in *Measuring and Explaining Subjective Well-Being in Korea*, Shun Wang (Ed.), Korean Development Institute, 2015. (37 pp)
- Barrington-Leigh, C. P., **“Comprendre l’égalité par le bien-être : le cas du Québec,”** in *Miser sur l’égalité*, Alain Noël and Miriam Fahmy (Eds.), l’Institut du Nouveau Monde, 2014. (13 pp). Also available as English version, “Using measured well-being to understand equality: the case of Québec”
- John F. Helliwell and C. P. Barrington-Leigh, **“How much is social capital worth?”**, in *The Social Cure: Identity, Health, and Well-being*, pp 55–72, edited by Jolanda Jetten, Catherine Haslam, and S. Alexander Haslam, Psychology Press, 2011.
- John F. Helliwell, C. P. Barrington-Leigh, Anthony Harris and Haifang Huang, **“International Evidence on the Social Context of Well-Being,”** in *International Differences in Well-Being*, pp 291–327, edited by Kahneman, Diener and Helliwell (Oxford University Press), 2010.

Articles in refereed journals

- Xiaoying Li, Jill Baumgartner, Sam Harper, Xiang Zhang, Talia Sternbach, Christopher Barrington-Leigh, Collin Brehmer, Brian Robinson, Guofeng Shen, Yuanxun Zhang, Shu Tao, Ellison Carter, “**Field measurements of indoor and community air quality in rural Beijing before, during, and after the COVID-19 lockdown,**” *Indoor Air*, doi:10.1111/ina.13095, Volume 32, Issue 8, 27 August 2022.
- Eric Galbraith, William Fajzel⁺, Shirley Xu, Veronica Xia, Elena Frie, Christopher Barrington-Leigh, and Victoria Reyes-García, “**Interdisciplinary applications of human time use with generalized lexicons,**” *PLOS ONE*, doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0270583, 14 July 2022.
- Xiaoying Li, Jill Baumgartner, Christopher Barrington-Leigh, Sam Harper, Brian Robinson, Guofeng Shen, Talia Sternbach, Shu Tao, Xiang Zhang, Yuanxun Zhang, Ellison Carter, “**Socioeconomic and Demographic Associations with Wintertime Air Pollution Exposures at Household, Community, and District Scales in Rural Beijing, China,**” *Environmental Science & Technology*, doi:10.1021/acs.est.1c07402, Volume 56, Number 12, pp. 8308–8318, 8 June 2022.
- Barrington-Leigh, C. P., “**Life satisfaction and sustainability: a policy framework,**” *SN Social Sciences*, doi:10.1007/s43545-021-00185-8, July 2021 (35 pages).
- Sara Miñarro, Victoria Reyes-García, Shankar Aswani, Samiya Selim, Christopher P. Barrington-Leigh, and Eric D. Galbraith, “**Happy without money: minimally monetized societies can exhibit high subjective well-being,**” *PLoS ONE*, doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0244569, Jan, 2021.
- Chan, Kai M. A. and 39 others, “**Leverage points for pathways to sustainability,**” *People and Nature*, doi:10.1002/pan3.10124, July 2020 (25 pp).
- Barrington-Leigh, C. P., Adam Millard-Ball, “**Global trends towards urban street-network sprawl,**” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, doi:10.1073/pnas.1905232116, Jan 2020 (88 pp).
- Barrington-Leigh, C. P., Adam Millard-Ball, “**A global assessment of street network sprawl,**” *PLoS ONE*, doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0223078, Nov 2019 (86 pp).
- Barrington-Leigh, C. P., Jill Baumgartner, Ellison Carter, Brian Robinson, Shu Tao, Yuanxun Zhang, “**An evaluation of air quality, home heating, and well-being under Beijing’s program to eliminate household coal use,**” *Nature Energy*, doi:10.1038/s41560-019-0386-2, May 2019 (44 pp).
- Barrington-Leigh, C. P. and Eric Galbraith, “**Feasible future global scenarios for human life evaluations,**” *Nature Communications*, doi:10.1038/s41467-018-08002-2, 2019 (33 pp).
- Helliwell, John F and Hugh Shiple and C. P. Barrington-Leigh, “**How Happy are Your Neighbours? Variation in Life Satisfaction among 1200 Canadian Neighbourhoods and Communities,**” *PLOS One*, doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0210091, 2019 (31 pp).
- Barrington-Leigh, C. P. and Jan Wollenberg⁺, “**Informing policy priorities using inference from life satisfaction responses in a large community survey,**” *Applied Research in Quality of Life*, doi:10.1007/s11482-018-9629-9, Vol. 14, pp. 911–924, 2019 (20 pp).
- Barrington-Leigh, C. P. and Adam Millard-Ball, “**The world’s user-generated road map is more than 80% complete,**” *PLOS One*, doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0180698, August 2017.
- Gariepy, Genevieve, Frank J. Elgar, Mariane Sentenac, Britt McKinnon, and C. P. Barrington-Leigh, “**Early-life family income and subjective well-being in adolescents,**” *PLOS One*, doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0179380, July 2017.
- Barrington-Leigh, C. P. and Fatemeh Behzadnejad, “**The Impact of Daily Weather Conditions on Life Satisfaction: Evidence from Cross-sectional and Panel Data,**” *Journal of Economic Psychology*, doi:10.1016/j.joep.2017.01.003, Vol. 59, pp. 145–163, April 2017 (28 pp).
- Barrington-Leigh, C. P. and Adam Millard-Ball, “**More connected urban roads reduce US GHG emissions,**” *Environmental Research Letters*, doi:10.1088/1748-9326/aa59ba, Vol. 12, No. 4, 2017. (24 pp)

- Barrington-Leigh, C. P. and Alice Escande, “**Measuring progress and well-being: A comparative review of indicators,**” *Social Indicators Research*, doi:10.1007/s11205-016-1505-0, 2017. (48 pp)
- Barrington-Leigh, C. P. and Fatemeh Behzadnejad, “**Evaluating the short-term cost of low-level local air pollution: a life satisfaction based approach,**” *Environmental Economics and Policy Studies*, 19:269. doi:10.1007/s10018-016-0152-7, 15 April 2017. (51 pp)
- Barrington-Leigh, C. P. and Mark Ouliaris, “**The renewable energy landscape in Canada: a spatial analysis,**” *Renewable & Sustainable Energy Reviews*, Vol. 75, doi:10.1016/j.rser.2016.11.061, August 2017 (online 2016). (60 pp)
- Barrington-Leigh, C. P. and Sabina Sloman, “**Life satisfaction among Aboriginals in the Canadian Prairies: Evidence from the Equality, Security and Community survey,**” *The International Indigenous Policy Journal*, doi:10.18584/iipj.2016.7.2.2, Vol. 7, No. 2, 25 May 2016. (33 pp)
- Barrington-Leigh, C. P., Bronwen Tucker, and Joaquin Kritz Lara, “**Short-run household, industrial, and labour impacts of the Québec carbon market,**” *Canadian Public Policy*, doi:10.3138/cpp.2015-015, 1 December 2015. (16 pp)
- Barrington-Leigh, C. P. and Adam Millard-Ball, “**A Century of Sprawl in the United States,**” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, doi:10.1073/pnas.1504033112, 15 June 2015. (28 pp)
- Lara B. Aknin, C. P. Barrington-Leigh, Elizabeth W. Dunn, John F. Helliwell, Robert Biswas-Diener, Imelda Kemeza, Paul Nyende, Claire Ashton-James, Michael I. Norton, “**Prosocial Spending and Well-Being: Cross-Cultural Evidence for a Psychological Universal,**” *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 104(4), 635-652. doi:10.1037/a0031578, 2013.
- Barrington-Leigh, C. P., “**The Québec convergence and Canadian life satisfaction 1985–2008,**” *Canadian Public Policy* 39, No. 2, pp. 193–219, June 2013. DOI: 10.3138/CP.39.2.193
- Matthew Brown, C. P. Barrington-Leigh, and Zosia Brown, “**Kernel Regression for Real-Time Building Energy Analysis,**” *Journal of Building Performance Simulation*, June 2011. DOI: 10.1080/19401493.2011.577539
- Jon Hall, C. P. Barrington-Leigh, and John F. Helliwell, “**Cutting through the Clutter: Searching for an Over-Arching Measure of Well-Being,**” *DICE Report*, Vol. 8, Issue 4, 2011.
- John F. Helliwell and C. P. Barrington-Leigh, “**Measuring and Understanding Subjective Well-Being,**” *Canadian Journal of Economics*, Vol. 43, Issue 3, pp. 729-753, August 2010.
- Smith, David M., Liliانا I. Lopez, R. P. Lin, and Christopher P. Barrington-Leigh, “**Terrestrial Gamma-Ray Flashes Observed up to 20 MeV,**” *Science*, Vol 307, Issue 5712, doi:10.1126/science.1107466, Feb 2005.
- Moore, R. C., C. P. Barrington-Leigh, U. S. Inan, and T. F. Bell, “**Early/Fast VLF Events Produced by Electron Density Changes Associated with Sprite Halos,**” *J. Geophys. Res.* 108, No. A10, 1363, Oct 2003.
- Lin R.P, et al., “**The Reuven Ramaty high-energy solar spectroscopic imager (RHESSI),**” *Solar Physics*, 210 (1-2): 3-32 Nov 2002.
- Barrington-Leigh, C. P., V. P. Pasko, and U. S. Inan, “**Exponential relaxation of optical emissions in sprites,**” *J. Geophys. Res.* 107, No. A5, doi:10.1029/2001JA90011, May 2002.
- Barrington-Leigh, C. P., U. S. Inan, and M. Stanley, “**Identification of Sprites and Elves with Intensified Video and Broadband Array Photometry,**” *J. Geophys. Res.* 106, No. 2, February 2001.
- Gerken, E. A., U. S. Inan, C. P. Barrington-Leigh, “**Telescopic imaging of sprites,**” *Geophys. Res. Lett.* 27, No. 17, September 1, 2000.
- Barrington-Leigh, C. P., U. S. Inan, M. Stanley, and S. A. Cummer, “**Sprites triggered by negative lightning discharges,**” *Geophys. Res. Lett.* 26, No. 24, December 1999.

- Barrington-Leigh, C. P., and U. S. Inan, “**Elves triggered by positive and negative lightning discharges,**” *Geophys. Res. Lett.* *26*, No. 6, March 1999.
- Cummer, S. A., U. S. Inan, T. F. Bell, C. P. Barrington-Leigh, “**ELF radiation produced by electrical currents in sprites,**” *Geophys. Res. Lett.* *25*, No. 8 , p. 1281, April 15, 1998.
- Inan, U.S., C. P. Barrington-Leigh, S. Hansen, V.S. Glukhov, T.F. Bell, and R. Rairden, “**Rapid Lateral Expansion of Optical Luminosity in Lightning-Induced Ionospheric Flashes Referred to as ‘Elves,’**” *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, *24*, 5, pp. 583-586, 1997.
- Barrington-Leigh, C. P., “**A Mountaineering Accident: Not So Sticky After All,**” *The Physics Teacher*, *30*, Number 5, May 1992.

Invited addresses

- Keynote speaker** for 2022 annual International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS) conference, “Quality-of-Life for Resilient Futures: Sustainability, Equity, and Wellbeing,” Burlington, Vermont, 3-6 August 2022
- Response distributions around the globe: Cultural differences in cognitive evaluations of life,** Wellbeing Research & Policy Conference, Oxford 6–8 July 2022
- Redefining GDP: finding alternative metrics for assessing development** (panelist), OxFID 2022: Aurora: Redefining Progress and Navigating Transition, Oxford Forum for International Development, Oxford UK, Feb 26–27, 2022.
- Mesures du bien-être, de la satisfaction à la vie et du bonheur: un état des lieux,** Direction régionale de santé publique, Montreal, 9 March 2022.
- What can the life satisfaction approach do for policy?,** Escola Superior de Propaganda e Marketing (ESPM), Brazil, August 2021.
- Response Scales, Focal Values, and the Mis-Measurement of Subjective Well-Being,** Well-being Research Centre (University of Oxford) / Bennett Institute for Public Policy (University of Cambridge) conference on “Fundamental issues in the measurement of subjective well-being (SWB)”, February 2021.
- Wellbeing budgeting: Reframing policy around life satisfaction,** NCCHPP/CCNPPS webinar, 25 Nov 2020.
- Reframing policy around life satisfaction,** address and workshop for 25 elected officials, *Leadership and Legacy*, during the Livable Cities Forum Victoria, BC, 28 October 2019
- How the new science of happiness could – and must – change the world,** Vanier College, 24 October 2019.
- Trends and long-run implications of local street-network connectivity: a global census and analysis,** University of Chicago, 16 October 2019.
- Measuring community well-being in Montreal and reframing policy,** Ville de Montréal, 15 July 2019.
- Re-Designing Government for Wellbeing,** workshop for NewCities Foundation’s Wellbeing Cities Forum, Montreal, 19 June 2019
- Well-being, sustainability, and progress: how to frame policy,** at *Beyond GDP: International Experiences, Canada’s Options*, Dalhousie University, 23–24 May 2019.
- Focal-value responses: the inter-personal and inter-cultural comparability of SWB,** Canadian Institute for Advanced Research meeting, Vancouver, 9 June 2018.
- Local road network connectivity changes as a characterization of global trends in urban form,** University of British Columbia, 29 May 2018.
- Some (mostly) good news on Happiness and sustainability,** Dalhousie University’s Environment, Sustainability, and Society lecture series, Halifax, 11 Jan 2018

Well-being and sustainability, Institut de Ciència i Tecnologia Ambientals (ICTA), University Autònoma de Barcelona, 19 Oct 2017.

Global distribution of satisfaction with life, Japanese-Canadian Frontiers of Science (JCFoS) Symposium, Okinawa, Japan, 3 Nov 2017.

Measuring community well-being in Montreal, Presentation to Ville de Montréal, 6 Jul 2017

Rising life satisfaction in Korea: does growth ever get the credit?, University of Sherbrooke Department of Economics, March 2015.

The future of monetary exchange systems, address to the Association des économistes québécois, Section Montréal, 2014 Nov 18

Happiness, neighbourhoods, and policy: subjective well-being in economics, address to *Regenerative Neighbourhood Project* workshop, UBC, Vancouver, 10 Sep 2014.

Social preferences, identity, and well-being: a modern economic account of human nature, 4th annual GEINH Colloquium, Université de Montréal, March 2014.

Experimental disentangling of social preferences, Social Interactions, Identity, and Well-being programme meeting, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, Montreal, June 2013.

Urban sprawl: path-dependence and climate policy, Merging Theory into Practice: Ecological Urban Design, Universitas 21 Early Career Researchers Workshop, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, China, December 2012.

Invited speaker at workshop with staff of the Government of Québec and OECD, *Vers un indicateur Vivre mieux-québécois*, Québec City, May 2012

Invited speaker, *Exploring the Intersections between Poverty and Gender*, World Bank, Washington D.C., May 2012.

Well-being and social capital in Québec, industry/academic workshop with SECOR Consulting, Leger Marketing, UQAM, Université Laval, and others, Montréal, April 2012.

Relative Income and Happiness: A Global Study, Sustainable Consumption Research and Action Initiative (SCORAI) 3rd Workshop, Vancouver, March 2012.

Departmental seminars at McGill University, University of Queensland, University of Ottawa, Simon Fraser University, University of Edinburgh (all 2011).

Invited speaker at Canadian Centre for Policy Alternative's invitational think tank on *Prosperity Without Growth?*, March, 2010.

Invited panelist on *Macroeconomic Policy Goals: Growth in GDP, Sustainability & Wellbeing*, Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, May 2009.

Invited panelist at Metro Vancouver *Future of the Region Sustainability Dialogues*, Surrey and North Vancouver, March and April, 2009.

Keynote address on *Diversity and Sustainability through Citizenship: Issues for Social and Economics Educators* at Eighth International Conference of the International Association for Citizenship, Social and Economics Education, Kelowna, June 2009.

Opening day address to Whistler Forum's *Leadership Sea to Sky*, Whistler, Dec. 2007.

Guest lectures

Sustainability and well-being, guest lecture for *Environmental Seminar* College of Sustainability, Dalhousie University 2018 Jan 12

Subjective well-being and the economy, guest lecture for *Economy of the future*, Dartmouth College, May 2012.

Invited panelist at McGill Business School on *Business Pragmatism and Environmental Ideologies: Finding the Common Ground*, March 2012.

Guest lecture for Ecological Economics class at Quest University Canada, May 2010.

Conference presentations (selected)

- The Canadian Database of Happiness Coefficients**, with Katja Lerner, Canadian Economics Association annual meetings, Ottawa, June 2022.
- Trends in conceptions of progress and well-being**, Global Young Academy Annual General Meeting (online), June 2022.
- Life satisfaction econometrics: Are we under-estimating the returns to education and income?**, ISQOLS annual meeting, 2020.
- Wellbeing, sustainability, and progress: what's needed to help governments be accountable to human experience?**, ISQOLS annual meeting, 2020.
- Future global scenarios for human life evaluations: Happiness in 2050**, Canadian Economics Association annual meetings, Banff, May 2019.
- Will Beijing's ban on household coal burning improve air quality and well-being?** (coauthors: Jill Baumgartner, Ellison Carter, Brian Robinson), Canadian Resource and Environmental Economics Study Group Annual Conference, Université du Québec à Montréal September 2018.
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