

# Lisa Jane de Gara

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## ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Jan 2022 — Apr 2022

### Sessional Lecturer at Yukon University

Sessional lecturer in the Winter 2022 semester. Taught **FNGA 207: Public Policy in Northern and Indigenous Context**, teaching the principles and theory of policy development with an emphasis on innovative and relevant practices for First Nations, particularly the Self-Governing First Nations of the Yukon.

Jan 2021 — Dec 2021

### Sessional Lecturer, Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Saskatchewan

Sessional lecturer in both the Winter 2021 and Fall 2021 semesters. Taught the listed classes, required for graduation in the Master of Public Administration (MPA) program.

**September 2021 - December 2021:** JSGS 801: "Governance and Administration." Emphasized the evolving role of government and its relationship to citizens, including the not-for-profit sector and Indigenous institutions. HyFlex teaching model: taught remotely online, while some students joined online and some joined in-person in Saskatoon.

**January 2021 - April 2021:** JSGS 807: "Statistics for Public Sector Managers." Presented strategies for "reading" data and statistical analysis, including for those without higher education in mathematics. Synchronous online teaching.

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## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Mar 2021 — Present

### Manager, Small Centres, Action for Healthy Communities

Edmonton, Alberta

Direct manager to 10 community support workers. Strategic planning and settlement for immigrants, refugees, and temporary foreign workers arriving in small communities throughout Alberta. COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout Taskforce Lead and Community Educator on Vaccine Hesitancy, supporting targeted outreach to more than 10,000 vulnerable Albertans. Planned and executed 12 "Low-Barrier" COVID-19 vaccine clinics.

Mar 2020 — Feb 2021

### Manager, Policy and Advocacy, Edmonton Global

Edmonton, Alberta

Registered lobbyist, both provincially and nationally, for economic advocacy on behalf of the Edmonton region. Supported research into the "Inclusive Economy" to ensure non-discrimination and full participation from marginalized groups. Created the "Sector Strategies" plan for progressive investment.

Aug 2016 — Mar 2020

### Policy Roles, Government of Alberta

Edmonton, Alberta

- **Policy Consultant, Alberta Culture, Multiculturalism, and the Status of Women (2018-2020):** Created the inaugural "Month of the Artist" campaign, to demonstrate the vibrancy of the arts in Alberta.
  - **Policy Coordinator, Alberta Infrastructure (2017-2018):** Supported 2016-2019 Strategic Plan, representing more than \$20 billion CAD in public investment. Developed procurement policies consistent with New West Partnership Trade Agreement, Canada Free Trade Agreement and NAFTA.
  - **Junior Policy Advisor, Treasury Board and Finance (2016-2017):** Member of the "Rideshare Legislation and Regulation" team, integrating UBER and other ridesharing apps into Alberta's existing automobile insurance framework.
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## EDUCATION

Sep 2019 — Present

### MSc in Digital Education (Online), University of Edinburgh

Dissertation: *Opening Up: The Case for Considering Wikipedia* (2022)

Sep 2014 — Jun 2016

### Master of Public Administration, University of Saskatchewan

Research assistant to Dr. Haizhen Mou, generating the publication "Do Balanced Budget Laws Matter in Recessions?" (*Public Budgeting and Finance*, 2017)

Sep 2010 — May 2014

### Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, McGill University

Collaborated with the Women of Uganda Network (WOUGNET) through an advanced-level undergraduate seminar to support grassroots development of women's digital literacy in Uganda.

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LANGUAGES	English	Native speaker	Spanish	Working knowledge
	French	Highly proficient		

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## SERVICE

Jun 2020 — Present	<b>Appeals Board Member, Enoch Cree Nation</b>	
	Appointed by the Enoch Cree Nation west of Edmonton to preside over elections appeals in the First Nation for a three year period, 2020-2023. Completed an appeal in September 2020 concerning a 2019 band councillor election.	
Jun 2017 — Jul 2020	<b>Governor of MacEwan University</b>	Edmonton, Alberta
	By appointment of the Alberta Minister of Advanced Education. Prioritized diversity and inclusion policy and affordability of higher education. Member of the Foundation Board of Directors, leading investment in the University.	
Oct 2016 — Mar 2020	<b>Curriculum Programmer and Volunteer at Boys and Girls Clubs of Edmonton</b>	Edmonton, Alberta
	Weekly volunteering with vulnerable children and youth at Edmonton's Boys and Girls Club West. Designed and led a creative writing program for children aged 6-10 called Story Rangers; led fitness and self-esteem programming for youth aged 11-15. Supported university readiness and academic competency. Compliance with Child Care Licensing Act and Child Care Licensing Regulations.	
Jul 2018 — Sep 2018	<b>UN Azerbaijan Resident Coordinator's Office</b>	
	Sustainable Development Goals Curriculum Developer. Created classroom-based materials based on political theory (John Rawls' Veil of Ignorance) to support peace education and democratic institution-building.	
Apr 2018 — Jul 2018	<b>Morobe Development Foundation at Papua New Guinea University of Technology</b>	
	Grant Writer. Secured funding from the Canadian Fund for Local Initiatives to support women's economic empowerment, and reducing gender-based violence, in rural Papua New Guinea.	
Sep 2015 — May 2016	<b>Volunteer Educator at Open Door Society of Regina</b>	Regina, Saskatchewan
	Supported children aged 6-17 in a free after-school care environment, particularly new immigrants and refugees. Taught English to Syrian refugees upon their arrival in Canada in February 2016; ensured safety and compliance with regulations.	
Oct 2013 — Apr 2014	<b>Volunteer Educator at St Columba House</b>	Montreal, Quebec
	One-on-one tutoring with children who needed additional support in a low-income neighbourhood of Montreal. Developed activities that built literacy, math and second language skills.	

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## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

de Gara, Lisa Jane (2017) "Asia's Missing Millions: How Policy and Social Pressure Made Millions of Women Disappear", *Education about Asia*, Vol 22: Issue 3. Available at: <https://tinyurl.com/ygbhbmze>

de Gara, Lisa Jane (2019) Entry: "Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac" (p. 359 - 362) in *Political Groups, Parties, and Organizations that Shaped America: An Encyclopedia and Document Collection* [v. 1 of 3], ed. Scott Ainsworth and Brian Harward, ABC-CLIO. Available at: <https://tinyurl.com/yf2x3zat>

de Gara, Lisa Jane (2017) "Freezing out Refugees: Chronicling the Spike in Asylum Seekers at the Canada-US Border," in *Kyushu University Border Bites: Volume 7*. Available at: <https://borderthinkingcom.files.wordpress.com/2019/04/border-bites-vol.-6.pdf>

Published Presentation: "Digital Falsehoods and their Analogue Consequences," UNESCO Global Media and Information Literacy Week 2018. Feature Conference: MIL Empowering Active Engaged Communities & Participation in City Elections. Available at: [https://en.unesco.org/sites/default/files/gmw2018\\_lisa\\_jane\\_de\\_gara.pdf](https://en.unesco.org/sites/default/files/gmw2018_lisa_jane_de_gara.pdf)

"The Cost of Every Child to Our Nation: Assessing Economic Birth Rate Incentives and Nativist Sentiment in Advanced Economies" at the Japanese Economic Policy Association Annual Conference, 2019