

# Curriculum Vitae – Rob Leone, PhD

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## RECENT EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- **Associate Dean, College of Education** September 2019 to Present
    - Niagara University
  - **Associate Professor, Leadership and Public Policy** August 2019 to Present
    - Niagara University
  - **Principal** August 2018 to Present
    - Earnscliffe Strategy Group
  - **Consultant** June 2016 to December 2018
    - LE-1 Inc.
  - **Assistant Professor of Political Science** August 2014 to August 2018
    - University of Western Ontario, London, ON
  - **Member of Provincial Parliament – Cambridge** October 2011 – June 2014
    - Legislative Assembly of Ontario, Toronto, ON
  - **Assistant Professor of Organizational Leadership** July 2009 to May 2011
    - Wilfrid Laurier University, Brantford, ON
  - **Assistant Professor of Political Science** January 2009 to July 2009
    - Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, ON
  - **Lecturer** January 2006 – December 2008
    - Various universities
  - **President and CEO** April 2004 to August 2011
    - Viewpoint Policy Consultants Inc.
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## EDUCATION

- **2009. PhD Comparative Public Policy and Public Administration**, Department of Political Science, McMaster University
- **2003. MA Public Policy and Public Administration**, Department of Political Science, University of Guelph
- **2002. Hons. BA Political Science**, Department of Political Science, McMaster University
- **2002. Certificate in Mediation and Conflict Resolution**, Department of Continuing Studies, McMaster University

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## **AWARDS AND HONOURS**

- **2012. Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal** (for excellence in public service)
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## **PUBLICATIONS AND PAPER PRESENTATIONS**

### **1) Peer Reviewed Articles**

- ❑ Alcantara, C., Leone, R., & Spicer Z. (2012). Responding to Policy Change from Above: Municipal Accountability and Transparency Regimes in Ontario. *Journal of Canadian Studies*, 46 (1), 112-137.
- ❑ Alcantara, C., Spicer, Z., & Leone, R. (2012). Institutional Design and the Accountability Paradox: A Case Study of Aboriginal Accountability Regimes in Canada. *Canadian Public Administration*, 55 (1), 69-90.
- ❑ Leone, R. & Carroll, B.W. (2010). Decentralisation and devolution in Canadian social housing policy. *Environment and Planning C: Government and Policy*, 28, 389-404.
- ❑ Leone, R. 2010. Comparing parliamentary change in Canada and the UK: Do the similarities outweigh the differences? *Journal of Parliamentary and Political Law*, 4 (3).

### **2) Edited Books**

- ❑ Leone, R., & Ohemeng, F.L.K. Eds. (2011). *Approaching Public Administration: Core Debates and Emerging Issues*. Toronto: Emond Montgomery Publications.

### **3) Peer Reviewed Book Chapters**

- ❑ Leone, R., & Morgan, J. (2020). Representation and the Practice of Politics. In C. Anderson and L. Stephenson (Eds.), *Understanding the Theory and Practice of Democracy*.
- ❑ Leone, R., & Carroll, B.W. (2013) Decentralisation and devolution in Canadian social housing policy. In G. Arbuckle & H. Bartel (Eds.), *Readings in Canadian Real Estate* (pp. 14-29). Concord, ON: Captus Press.
- ❑ Leone, R. (2011). Charting the Course of Canadian Public Administration: The Influence of Contemporary Theories and Approaches. In R. Leone & F. L. K. Ohemeng (Eds.) *Approaching Public Administration: Core Debates and Emerging Issues* (pp. 11-25). Toronto: Emond Montgomery Publications.
- ❑ Leone, R. (2008.) Canada and Kyoto: Doing the right thing for the wrong reasons. In Velma Grovers (Ed.) *Global Warming and Climate Change: Ten Years After Kyoto and Still Counting*. (pp. 583-600) Enfield, New Hampshire: Science Publishers Inc.

### **4) Non-Peer Reviewed Articles, Columns, and Book Reviews**

- ❑ Leone, R. (2017, September 1). Sir John A. wasn't perfect, but that's OK. *Queen's Park Briefing*.
- ❑ Leone, R. (2017, July 7). Liberals take all the credit, but accept no blame. *Queen's Park Briefing*.
- ❑ Leone, R. (2017, June 9). Tories can be their own worst enemy. *Queen's Park Briefing*.
- ❑ Leone, R. (2017, May 12). Ladies, the fate of the government is in your hands. *Queen's Park Briefing*.

- ❑ Leone, R. (2017, April 14). Forget the 'Big Move,' what about the 'Big Stay?' *Queen's Park Briefing*.
- ❑ Leone, R. (2017, March 10). Drafting an alternative hydro plan. *Queen's Park Briefing*.
- ❑ Leone, R. (2017, February 10). Ontario's art of a deal. *Queen's Park Briefing*.
- ❑ Leone, R. (2017, January 13). Time to End the Mental Health Stigma. *Queen's Park Briefing*.
- ❑ Leone, R. (2016, December 9). Auditor-General meets post-truth era. *Queen's Park Briefing*.
- ❑ Leone, R. (2016, October 7). Want to grow an economy? Invest in higher education. *Queen's Park Briefing*.
- ❑ Leone, R. (2016, September 9). Closing the numeracy gap should be Ontario's first priority. *Queen's Park Briefing*.
- ❑ Leone, R. (2016, August 12). The tale of two Tim Hudaks. *Queen's Park Briefing*.
- ❑ Leone, R. (2016, July 13). Election finance bill a missed opportunity for Ontario politics. *Queen's Park Briefing*.
- ❑ Leone, R. (2016, June 22). Alternative to CPP enhancement is missing. *Queen's Park Briefing*.
- ❑ Leone, R. (2007). "Leslie Seidle and David Docherty (eds.), Reforming Parliamentary Democracy, Montreal-Kingston: McGill Queen's University Press. *Parliamentary Affairs*, 60 (3), 522-526.
- ❑ Leone, R. (2007). Keeping Democracy out of Court. *Canadian Parliamentary Review*, 29 (4), 57-58.
- ❑ Leone, R. (2005). Parliamentary Bookshelf: David C. Docherty, Legislatures (The Canadian Democratic Audit Series), Vancouver: UBC Press, 2005. *Canadian Parliamentary Review*, 28 (4), 50-51.

## 5) Conference Paper, Presentations, and Invited Talks

- ❑ Leone, R. "Understanding Canadian Democracy: How our history can guide our future." For the Confederation Club of Waterloo Region Student History Awards. Kitchener, ON: May 19, 2016
- ❑ Leone, R. "Ontario Politics: Now What?" For the Ontario Mutual Insurance Association. Cambridge, ON: December 7, 2015.
- ❑ Grant, J., Ohemeng, F., & Leone, R. "eGovernment Service Delivery at the Local Level: A Comparative Analysis of Three Canadian Municipalities." Proceedings of the 11th European Conference on EGovernment, University of Ljubljana. Ljubljana, Slovenia: June 16-17, 2011.
- ❑ Leone, R. "Developing a method of comparing parliamentary change in Canada and the UK." The 2009 Law and Parliament Conference – Osgoode Hall. Toronto, ON: October 15-17, 2009.
- ❑ Leone, R. "Liberal Party Succession Planning and Ministerial Resignations." For the 2009 Canadian Political Science Association AGM – Carleton University. Ottawa, ON: May 27-29, 2009.
- ❑ "Assessing Policy Change in the Harper Regime." Roundtable Panel at the 2009 Canadian Political Science Association AGM – Carleton University. Ottawa, ON: May 27-29, 2009.
- ❑ "Working within the system." The 2009 Global Citizenship Conference. Wilfrid Laurier University. January 23, 2009.
- ❑ "A news analysis of the 2008 Canadian Federal Election." Panel: "The Good, The Bad, The Ugly of the 2008 Federal Election." Wilfrid Laurier University. October 15, 2008.
- ❑ Leone, R., & Flynn, G. "Institutional Change and Decision-Making: Parliamentary Reform in Canada." For the 2006 Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association – York University. Toronto, ON: June 1-3, 2006.

- ❑ Leone, R. "Assessing the relationship between transparency, democracy and good governance: Useful examples from Australia." For the Australia and New Zealand Association of North America 2006 Annual Conference. Montreal, QC. April 6-8, 2006.
- ❑ Leone, R. "Redefining the role of public management: Does more efficiency lead to less accountability?" Presented at the 8e Colloque de la recherche étudiante en science politique: "*Frontières et recompositions*." Québec City: Université Laval. September 29-30, 2005.

## **6) Legislation, Policies and Reports**

- ❑ Leone, R. (2014). *Math Achievement Action Plan: Improving STEM education in our schools*. Toronto, ON: Legislative Assembly of Ontario.
  - ❑ Leone, R. (2013). *Bill 140 – Promoting Educational Success Tax Credit Act*. Toronto, ON: Legislative Assembly of Ontario.
  - ❑ Leone, R. (2013). *Paths to Prosperity: Higher learning for better jobs*. Policy paper for the Ontario Legislative Assembly, Toronto, ON.
  - ❑ Leone, R. (2012). *Bill 101 – Balanced Budget and Debt Limit Act*. Toronto, ON: Legislative Assembly of Ontario.
  - ❑ Leone, R. (2012) *Bill 29 – Protection of Child Care Centres Act (Extended Day Programs)*. Toronto, ON: Legislative Assembly of Ontario.
  - ❑ Leone, R. with the Accountability and Transparency Committee. (2008). *Councillor Code of Conduct*. Kitchener, ON: Corporation of the City of Kitchener.
  - ❑ Leone, R. with the Accountability and Transparency Committee. (2007) *Accountability and Transparency Policy*. Kitchener, ON: Corporation of the City of Kitchener.
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## **RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS**

### **1) External Research Grants**

- ❑ Institute for Public Administration Canada Study Team Research Grant (2009) valued at \$10 000 (with Dr. Chris Alcantara) on a project to study municipal and First Nation accountability and transparency policies in Canada.

### **2) Internal Research Grants**

- ❑ Wilfrid Laurier University Undergraduate Research Assistantship (2009) valued at \$3 000 (with Dr. Chris Alcantara) to hire a 4<sup>th</sup> year political science undergraduate research assistant.

### **2) Graduate Scholarships**

- ❑ Granted by McMaster University (2003, 2004, 2005, 2006) valued at \$7000 per year.
- ❑ Granted by the University of Guelph (September 2002) valued at \$2000

### **3) Travel Grants**

- ❑ Granted by the Australian and New Zealand Studies Association of North America (April 2006)
  - ❑ Granted by l'Association Politique Etudiante de Université Laval (September 2005) valued
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## **GRADUATE SUPERVISION**

- Chair, "New perspectives in political leadership." Sean McCormack

- Chair, "Implementation of the City of Toronto's Accountability Officers: Achieving Independence and Accountability." Sandra Rodriguez.
  - Committee, "Understanding 'Illegality' as a Problem With Policy: An Analysis of US Immigration Policy using the Intersectionality-Based Policy Analysis (IBPA) Framework." Megan Hugall.
  - Committee, "Do Female Justices Make a Difference on the Bench? A Study of Gender and Consensus at the Alberta Court of Appeal." Erin Orr
  - Committee, "Dialogue Theory in the 21st Century: A Case Study of Carter v. Canada and Bill C-14." Jonathan Chiappetta.
  - Committee, The Conservative Party of Canada, Poverty, and the Environment." Mark Nader
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## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **1) Graduate Courses**

- Process, Politics and Evaluation of Public and Social Policy (Niagara University)
- Political Strategy and Communication (Western)
- Economics and Policy Analysis (Western)
- Public Policy Development (University of Waterloo)
- Canadian Public Sector Management (University of Guelph)
- Contemporary Issues in Canadian Politics (Wilfred Laurier University)
- Topics in Canadian Politics: Public Opinion and Political Behaviour (McMaster University)

### **2) Public Policy**

- "Canada Abroad" (Western)
- "Issues in Policy Making" (WLU)
- "Introduction to Canadian Public Policy" (McMaster)

### **3) Public Opinion/Research Methods**

- "Introduction to Research Methods in Political Science (Western)
- "Introduction to Public Opinion" (WLU)
- "Critical Topics in Public Opinion" (WLU-Brantford)
- "Social Science Research Methods" (WLU-Brantford)

### **4) Organization Theory / Studies**

- "Forms of Economic Organization" (WLU-Brantford)
- "Human Aspects of Organization" (WLU-Brantford)
- "Canadian Public Administration" (WLU)
- "Introduction to Public Relations" (WLU-Brantford)

### **5) Undergraduate Canadian Politics Courses**

- "Elections and Voting" (Western)
- "Courts and the Constitution" (Western)
- "Political Parties" (Western)
- "Current Issues in Canadian Politics" (Western)
- "Provinces in the Canadian Federation" (Western)
- "Democracy and Capitalism" (Western)
- "Federalism" (WLU)
- "The Urban Political Process" (WLU)
- "Introduction to Canadian Government" (University of Waterloo)
- "Topics in Canadian Government and Politics" (University of Waterloo)
- "Ontario Politics" (Brock)
- "Provincial Politics in Canada" (Ryerson)

## **6) Introductory Politics**

- "Introduction to Modern Politics: The State" (WLU)
  - "Introduction to Government and Politics" (McMaster)
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## **SERVICE**

### **1) University Service**

- Vaughan Site Planning Committee, Niagara: 2018.
- Chair, Ontario Teacher Education Advisory Committee, Niagara University: 2017-Present
- Leadership and Planning Committee, College of Education, 2017-Present
- Recruitment and Retention Committee
- Local Government Program Committee, Western: 2016-2018
- Department Workload Committee, Western: 2016-2017
- Contract Academic Staff Representative – Wilfrid Laurier University 2007-2008
- Staffing Committee – McMaster University: 2005-2007
- McMaster Political Science Graduate Student Association: 2003-2007
- Graduate Calendar Committee – McMaster University: 2003-2004
- McMaster Political Science Student Association: 2000-2002

### **2) Boards and Committees**

- Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario (Appointment pending)
- Ayr Minor Soccer Club, 2016-Present
- Estimates Committee, Queen's Park: 2012-2014
- Standing Committee on Justice Policy, Queen's Park: 2013-2014
- Accountability and Transparency Committee – City of Kitchener (February 2007 – 2008)
- Working for a Cure Committee (April 2006 – 2011)

### **3) Professional Affiliations**

- Ontario Association of Former Parliamentarians
- Canadian Political Science Association
- Institute of Public Administration Canada
- Canadian Study of Parliament Group
- Association of Australian and New Zealand Studies of North America