

CURRICULUM VITAE

**PERSONAL DATA:**

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**CITIZENSHIP:** Canadian

**EDUCATION:**

Law Institute for Economists                      Emory University                      June 17-29, 1985

Post-Doctoral Scholar                      University of Chicago                      1976-1977

**Ph.D. – Economics                      University of Toronto                      1976**

Graduate Work                      London School of Economics                      1969-1970

**M.A. – Economics                      University of Toronto                      1968**

**B.A. – General                      University of Manitoba                      1965**

**FIELD:**

Political Economy

**RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

Bureaucracy, Dictatorship, Social Interactions, Political Economy of Extremism, Buddhist Economics

**ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

2003-2014                      Fellow, Economic Policy Research Institute, UWO

2001-2004                      Member, Executive Board, European Public Choice Society

2001- 2012

Member, Scientific Committee, European Public Choice Society

**ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:** (continued)

2014- present	Professor Emeritus and Adjunct Research Professor, Department of Economics, Western University
1992-2014	Professor, Department of Economics, University of Western Ontario
1989-2014	Director (Economics) Political Economy Research Group, University of Western Ontario. Co-founder and Co-director with Robert Young (Political Science).
1999-2014	Member of the Editorial Board, <i>Journal of Institutional Innovation, Development and Transition</i>
1984-2007	Secretary-Treasurer and Member of the Executive Committee, Villa Colombella Group
1993, Spring	Visiting Professor, University of Perugia, Italy
1982-1992	Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Western Ontario
May 1988	Directeur D'Etudes Associe, Maison Des Sciences de L'Homme, Paris, France
Fall 1987	Visiting Professor of Social Science, Department of Economics, Carleton University
1983	Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Baruch College, City University of New York
1977-1982	Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Western Ontario
1974-1976	Visiting Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Toronto

**ACADEMIC HONOURS AND AWARDS:**

2007	Duncan Black award for the best article in Public Choice, 2006, as awarded by its editors, for "Extremism, Suicide Bombing and Authoritarianism"
2001	Nominated for University Student Council Teaching Award
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1997	Named "Professor of the Year" by the Economics Students Society
1977-1978	Isaac Walton Killam Senior Research Fellowship
1969-1973	Canada Council Doctoral Scholarship

**REFEREEING:****(i) Journals:**

*American Economic Review*  
*American Political Science Review*  
*Canadian Journal of Economics*  
*Canadian Journal of Political Science*  
*Canadian Public Administration*  
*Canadian Public Policy*  
*Economic Inquiry*  
*Economics and Politics*  
*European Journal of Political Economy*  
*Journal of Conflict Resolution*  
*Journal of Economic Behaviour and Organization*  
*Journal of Economic Growth*  
*Journal of Economic History*  
*Journal of Political Economy*  
*Journal of Public Economics*  
*National Tax Journal*  
*Public Choice*  
*Public Finance Quarterly*  
*Rationality and Society*  
*World Politics*

**(ii) Research Organizations:**

National Science Foundation  
 Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada  
 Economic and Social Research Council (England)  
 Consiglio Nazionale di Ricerche (Italy)

**(iii) Publishers**

Cambridge University Press

**UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES:****(i) Departmental**

Chairman Selection Committee – 2000-2001 and 2001-2002  
 Director, Reference Centre – 2001-2002  
 Member, Workload Committee – 2001-2002  
 Co-liaison, Media and Western News – 2000-2001  
 Promotion and Tenure Committee – 1988-1989, 1992-1993, 1995-1996, 1998-1999,  
 2000-2001, 2005-2006, 2007-current  
 Director, Political Economy Workshop – 1989-2001, 2008 - current  
 Director, EPRI Workshop – 2009 - current  
 Faculty of Science Representative – 1997-1998  
 Co-founder, Economics and Law programme (with John Palmer and Stan Leibowitz)

Co-founder, Economics and Law courses 176 and 366  
 Appointments Committee – 1988  
 Coordinator, Graduate Student Book Club – 2008 - current

**(ii) Faculty of Social Science**

Promotion and Tenure Committee, History and Political Science – 2008 - 2009  
 Co-director, Political Economy Research Group – 1989 - 2014  
 Co-founder, Political Economy course (Economics 368, Politics 369)  
 Co-founder (with Robert Young), Political Economy Research Group  
 J.B. Smallman Publications Committee Chair – 1998-1999  
 J.B. Smallman Publications Committee – 1996-1998

**(iii) University**

Space Committee, Social Science Centre – 2002-2004, 2008 -2009

**TEACHING:**

Political Economy  
 Law and Economics  
 Public Finance  
 Industrial Organization  
 Microeconomic Theory  
 Macroeconomic Theory  
 Introductory Economics

**Ph.D. Supervision:**

Konstantin Loukine – advisory committee  
 Vlad Ivanenko – advisory committee  
 Alan Chan – advisory committee

**RESEARCH GRANTS:**

2011	CIGI - INET grant to study “Economic Thinking and Buddhist thinking”	\$83,000
2007	SSHRCC grant to study the economics of theocracy	\$81,000
2006	University of Antwerp- Grant (with Mario Ferrero) to hold a conference on theocracy at UCSIA	\$40,000
2000	Bradley Foundation – Grant to the Villa Colombella Group	\$30,000
1999	SSHRCC grant to prepare a book on Social Interactions	\$69,000
1999	Bradley Foundation – Grant to the Villa Colombella Group	\$30,000
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1996	Bradley Foundation – Grant to the Villa Colombella Group	\$30,000
1995	Bradley Foundation – Grant to the Villa Colombella Group	\$33,000

**RESEARCH GRANTS:** (continued)

1994	Bradley Foundation – additional grant for the <i>Economics of Dictatorship</i>	\$27,000
1993	Bradley Foundation – Grant to the Political Economy Research Group (with Robert Young)	\$33,000
1992-1994	Bradley Foundation research grant to prepare a manuscript <i>The Economics of Dictatorship</i>	\$40,000
1991	Bradley Foundation – Grant to the Villa Colombella Group (with Albert Breton)	\$36,460
1990	SSHRCC Grant – Conference grant to the Villa Colombella Group Seminar on the Demand for Public Output (with Albert Breton)	\$ 6,000
1989	Academic Development Fund Grant to establish the Political Economy Research Group (with Robert Young)	\$75,000
1988	SSHRCC Grant – Conference grant for the Villa Colombella Group Seminar on Political Competition (with Albert Breton)	\$ 6,000
1986	SSHRCC Grant – Conference grant for Villa Colombella Group Seminar on Bureaucracy (with Albert Breton)	\$ 6,000

**PUBLICATIONS:**

(i) **Books:**

**Across Boundaries: Essays in Honour of Robert A. Young.** Co-edited with Andre Blais, Cristine de Clercy, and Anna Lennox Esselement. Montreal and Kingston: McGill -Queens University Press, 2021.

**The Political Economy of Theocracy.** Co-edited with Mario Ferrero. New York: Palgrave/Macmillan, 2009.

**The Economics of Transparency in Politics.** Co-edited with Albert Breton, Gianluigi Galeotti and Pierre Salmon. Aldershot: Ashgate, 2007.

**Rational Extremism: The Political Economy of Radicalism.** Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006.

**Rational Foundations of Democratic Politics.** Co-edited with Albert Breton, Gianluigi Galeotti and Pierre Salmon. Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003.

**Political Extremism and Rationality.** Co-edited with Albert Breton, Gianluigi Galeotti and Pierre Salmon. Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2002.

**Competition and Structure: The Political Economy of Collective Decisions; Essays in Honor of Albert Breton.** Co-edited with Gianluigi Galeotti and Pierre Salmon. Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2000.

**The Political Economy of Dictatorship.** Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 1998. Paperback edition issued 1999.

**Understanding Democracy: A Political and Economic Perspective.** Co-edited with Albert Breton, Gianluigi Galeotti and Pierre Salmon. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1997.

**Nationalism and Rationality.** Co-edited with Albert Breton, Gianluigi Galeotti and Pierre Salmon. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1996.

**Preferences and Democracy: Villa Colombella Papers.** Co-edited with Albert Breton, Gianluigi Galeotti and Pierre Salmon. Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Kluwer Academic Press, 1993.

**The Competitive State: Villa Colombella Papers on Competitive Politics.** Co-edited with Albert Breton, Gianluigi Galeotti and Pierre Salmon. Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1991.

**The Logic of Bureaucratic Conduct: An Economic Analysis of Competition, Exchange, and Efficiency in Private and Public Organizations** (with Albert Breton). New York: Cambridge University Press, 1982. Reprinted 1985. [Italian language edition from Societa Editrice Il Mulino, 1988.]

**(ii) Journals Edited (Special Issues):**

*European Journal of Political Economy, Supplement on the Economic Analysis of Bureaucracy* 4. Extra Issue. Co-edited with Albert Breton, Gianluigi Galeotti and Pierre Salmon (1988).

*European Journal of Political Economy, Supplement on the Economic Analysis of Federalism.* Co-edited with Albert Breton, Gianluigi Galeotti and Pierre Salmon. Special Issue, 3, 1/2 (1987).

**(i) Articles:**

- “Gandhi’s *Satyagrah*: An Economic Interpretation” in Andre Blais, Cristine de Clercy, Anna Lennox Esselement, and Ronald Wintrobe, eds. *Across Boundaries: Essays in Honour of Robert A. Young*. Montreal and Kingston: McGill -Queens University Press, 2021.
- “Explaining the Paradox of Plebiscites” with Matt Qvortrup and Brendan O’Leary, *Government and Opposition*, Vol 55, issue 2, April 2020, pp. 202-219.
- “Adam Smith and the Buddha”, *Rationality and Society*, Volume 31, issue 1 2019, pp. 3-39.
- “Are There Types of Dictatorship?”, *Handbook of Public Choice*. Eds. Roger Congleton, Bernard Grofman and Stefan Voigt, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019.
- “An Economic Theory of a Hybrid (Competitive -Authoritarian or Illiberal) Regime”, *Public Choice*, v 177 (2018), pp. 217-233.
- “Il Padrino’s Dilemma: A Simple Model of Mafia Decision-Making and Ungoverned Spaces” *Journal of Public Finance and Public Choice*, vol. 33 2018, 45-63.
- “North Korea as a Military Dictatorship”, *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy* , 19, 459-471, 2013.
- “Autocracy and Coup d’Etat”, *Public Choice*, v. 152, 2012, pp. 2015-230.
- “A Theory of Accommodation and Conflict with Special Reference to the Israel-Palestine Question” in Joanne McEvoy and Brendan O’Leary, eds., *Power-Sharing in Deeply Divided Places* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press), 2012.
- “Globalization and Violence” in Andreas Freytag, John J. Kirton, Razeen Sally and Paolo Savona, *Securing the Global Economy: G8 Global Governance for a Post Crisis World*. London: Ashgate 2011.
- “Theocracy, Natural Spiritual Monopoly, and Dictatorship” with Fabio Padovano in *The Political Economy of Theocracy*. Co-edited with Mario Ferrero. New York: Palgrave/Macmillan, 2009
- “Jihad vs McWorld Revisited” in Albert Breton, Gianluigi Galeotti, Pierre Salmon and Ronald Wintrobe. Eds., *The Economics of Transparency in Politics* Aldershot: Ashgate, 2007
- “Dictatorship: Analytical Approaches,” *Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*, eds. Carles Boix and Susan Stokes, part of the *Handbook of Political Science* series, ed. Robert E. Goodin, 2007
- “Extremism, Suicide Terror, and Authoritarianism,” *Public Choice*, vol 128 (2006), pp. 169-95.
- “Rational Revolutions,” *Homo Oeconomicus*, 21 (2) 2004, 171-196.
- “Political Economy,” *International Encyclopedia of Social Science*, 2007



- “Dictatorship,” *The Encyclopedia of Public Choice*, eds. Charles Rowley and Friedrich Schneider, Dordrecht and Boston: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2004.
- “The Canadian Dictatorship,” in Richard Bird, ed., *Who Decides? Government in the New Millennium*. Toronto: C.D. Howe Institute, 2004.
- “The Optimal Level of Solidarity,” in Albert Breton, Gianluigi Galeotti, Pierre Salmon and Ronald Wintrobe, eds. *Rational Foundations of Democratic Politics*. New York and London: Cambridge University Press, 2003.
- “Slobodan Milosevic and the Fire of Nationalism,” *World Economics*, 3 (3) July-September 2002, 1-26.
- “Economics of Group Relations,” *Journal of Institutional Innovation, Development and Transition*, 5 (2001), 4-20.
- “Leadership and Passion in Extremist Politics,” in *Political Extremism and Rationality*. Co-edited with Albert Breton, Gianluigi Galeotti and Pierre Salmon. Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2002.
- “How To Understand, and Deal With, Dictatorship,” *Economics of Governance*, 2 (1) 2001, 35-58.
- “Downsizing Trust,” in *Competition and Structure: The Political Economy of Collective Decisions; Essays in Honor of Albert Breton*. Co-edited with Gianluigi Galeotti and Pierre Salmon. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2000.
- “From Expressionism and Futurism to Kitsch: Ethnic and Intergenerational Conflict, Political Inaction, and The Rise of Dictatorship,” in S. Bowles, M. Franzini and U. Pagano, *The Politics and Economics of Power*. London: Routledge, 1999.
- “Privatization, the Market for Corporate Control, and Capital Flight from Russia,” *The World Economy*, 21 (1998), 603-612.
- “Democracy and Dictatorship,” in S. Borner, M. Paldam and J. Vargas, eds., *The Political Dimension of Economic Growth*, Macmillan for the International Economics Association, 1998.
- “Modern Bureaucratic Theory.” In *Perspectives in Public Choice: A Handbook*. Edited by Dennis Mueller. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1997.
- “Rent-Seeking, Democracy and Dictatorship,” in *Understanding Democracy: A Political and Economic Approach*. Co-edited with Albert Breton, Gianluigi Galeotti and Pierre Salmon. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1997. Reprinted in *The Democracy Sourcebook*, eds. Robert Dahl, Ian Shapiro and Jose Cheibub. MIT Press, 2003.
- “Some Economics of Ethnic Capital Management and Conflict.” In *Nationalism and Rationality*. Co-edited with Albert Breton, Gianluigi Galeotti and Pierre Salmon. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1996.
- “Morals in Markets and Politics When Exchange is Costly to Enforce: A Comment on Buchanan,” *Politeia*, Milan, 1996.
- “The Political Economy of Inaction” (with Peter Howitt), *Journal of Public Economics* 56 (1995): 329-

354.

- “The Quantity Theory of Weaponry,” *Kyklos* 48 (1995): 555-575.
- “The Rise of Administrators and the Decline of Organizations,” with Michael McKee, *Journal of Public Economics* 51 (1993): 309-327.
- “Social Efficiency,” with Robert Young, *Economic Council of Canada* in R. Hirshhorn and Jean-Francois Gautin, eds., *Competitiveness and Regulation*, Queen’s University, School of Policy Studies, 1993.
- “Equilibrium Political Inaction in a Democracy,” with Peter Howitt. In: *Preferences and Democracy: Villa Colombella Papers* edited by A. Breton, G. Galeotti, P. Salmon and R. Wintrobe, Kluwer Academic Press, 1993.
- “Fourteen Ways to Credibly Escape a Credible Commitment (and Still Get Re-elected).” In: *Preferences and Democracy: Villa Colombella Papers* edited by A. Breton, G. Galeotti, P. Salmon and R. Wintrobe, Kluwer Academic Press, 1993.
- “Freedom of Speech vs. Efficient Regulation in Markets for Ideas” (with Albert Breton). *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 17 (1992): 217-239.
- “Political Competition and the Rise of Dictatorship.” In: *The Competitive State: Villa Colombella Papers on Competitive Politics*, edited by A. Breton, G. Galeotti, P. Salmon and R. Wintrobe. Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1991, 147-165.
- “The Tinpot and the Totalitarian: An Economic Theory of Dictatorship,” *American Political Science Review* 84 (1990): 849-872.
- “The Efficiency of the Soviet System of Industrial Production,” *European Journal of Political Economy, Supplement on Bureaucracy* 4, Extra Issue (1988): 159-184. [Translated into Italian and first published in *Stato e Mercato*, n. 21, December 1987, pp. 375-402.]
- “The Market for Corporate Control and the Market for Political Control,” *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization* 3 (1987): 435-448.
- “Competitive Federalism and Bureaucratic Power,” *European Journal of Political Economy, Supplement on the Economic Analysis of Federalism* 3, Special Issue (1987): 9-31.
- “The Bureaucracy of Murder Revisited,” (with Albert Breton). *Journal of Political Economy* 94 (1986): 905-926. Reprinted in the *International Library of Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Penology, Vol. 1: State Crime*. General Editors: David Nelken and Gerald Mars. Editor of Volume 1: David O. Friedrichs. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate Publishing, Ltd.
- “Organizational Structure and Productivity,” (with Albert Breton). *American Economic Review* 76 (1986): 530-538.
- “Public and Private Bureaucracies.” In: R. Hirshhorn, ed., *Government Enterprise: Roles and Rationale*. Ottawa: Economic Council of Canada, 1984. pp. 282-322.

“Taxing Altruism.” *Economic Inquiry* 21 (1983): 255-270.

“The Optimal Level of Bureaucratization Within a Firm.” *Canadian Journal of Economics* 15 (1982): 649-668.

“Reply to Hirshleifer.” *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 2 (1981): 389-390.

“It Pays to Do Good, But Not to Do More Good Than it Pays: A Note on the Survival of Altruism.”  
*Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 2 (1981): 201-213.

“Bureaucracy and State Intervention: Parkinson’s Law?” (with Albert Breton), *Canadian Public Administration*, Summer (1979): 208-226.

“A Theory of Moral Suasion” (with Albert Breton), *Canadian Journal of Economics* 11 (1978): 210-219.  
[Translated into Spanish and reprinted in *Hacienda Publica Espanola* 56 (1982).]

“The Equilibrium Size of a Budget-Maximizing Bureau” (with Albert Breton), *Journal of Political Economy* 83 (1975): 195-207. [Translated into Spanish and reprinted in *Hacienda Publica Espanola* 52 (1978); also reprinted in *Public Choice Theory*, ed. Charles Rowley, Edward Elgar, The International Library of Critical Writings in Economics, ed. Mark Blaug.]. Translated into Italian under the auspices of the *Consiglio Nazionale di Ricerche* and reprinted into Andrea Lapicciarella ed., *Economia della burocrazia* (The Economics of Bureaucracy), Milan: Hoepli, forthcoming.

**(iv) Book Reviews:**

Review of **Power and Prosperity**, by Mancur Olson, Jr., *Public Choice* 106, 3-4 (2001): 390-395.

Review of **The Modern Corporation: Profits, Power, Growth and Performance** by Dennis Mueller.  
*Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 9 (1988): 420-422.

Review of **Economic Behavior Within Organizations** by Stephen Hoenack. *Economica* 52, 206 (1985): 269-270.

**(v) Other:**

“Extremism” 2 hour series, broadcast on the CBC’s “Ideas” program, December 2004. Rebroadcast 2005 and again in 2006.

“Dictatorship” 1 hour lecture broadcast on the CBC’s “Ideas” program, 1998 Rebroadcast, 1999.

**(vi) Working Papers:**

“How Economic (Wo) Man Got the Blues” presented at the PEDD conference, Munster, April 2021, at

the EPCS meetings, Lille France (virtually), June 2021.

“21 Reasons and a simple model of why Liberal Democracy is in decline” presented at the PEDD Conference, Munster, March 2018, and at the EPCS meetings, Jerusalem, Israel, April 2019.

“Why did Japan Attack Pearl Harbor?” 2010.

“American Crony Capitalism Meets The Financial Doomsday Machine” 2008.

**(viii) Recent Invited Lectures, Seminars and Conference Presentations:**

“How Economic (Wo) Man Got the Blues” invited virtual presentation at the Adam Smith seminar, Munich June 2021.

**“An Economic Theory of Hybrid (Illiberal of Competitive – Authoritarian) Regimes”**

Invited presentation to the conference in honor of Francesco Forte, University of La Sapienza, Rome, December 2017. Presented also at the 2018 meetings of the European Public Choice Society, Rome, April.

**“Are There Types of Dictatorship”**

Invited plenary presentation to the conference “Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship” Muenster, Germany, March 2016. Presented also at the 2017 meetings of the European Public Choice Society, Budapest, Hungary. April 2017.

**“From Gandhi to ISIS: The Medium is the Message”**

Presented at the 2015 EPCS meetings, Groningen, the Netherlands, April 2015

**“Adam Smith and the Buddha”**

Invited Presentation at a conference in Honor of Donald Wittman, University of Santa Cruz, California, October 2012, and at the EPCS meetings, Zurich, April 2013.

**“The Logic of the North Korean Dictatorship”**

Presented at the Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, June 2013, and at the University of Rome “La Sapienza” March 2014..

Presented at the World Meeting of Public Choice, Miami, March 2012 by Randall Holcombe in my absence

Invited Presented to the Varieties of Autocracy conference, University of Heidelberg, March 2012

Invited presentation to the ASAN Institute conference on the viability of North Korea,

September 2011