

### Profile

Assistant Professor, University of Ottawa. Internet and media researcher interested in how technology can be leveraged for civic engagement and implications for public policy.

### Education

*University of Oxford, Oxford Internet Institute, Oxford, UK*

**DPHil** (PhD) Information, Communication and the Social Sciences, 2016

- SSHRC Doctoral Fellow and Clarendon Scholar
- Thesis: (2015) The strategic opinion leader: Personal influence and political networks in a hybrid media system. (Supervisors: Dr. Jonathon Bright and Dr. Eric Meyer)

**MSc** Social Sciences of the Internet, 2012, Distinction

- Thesis: (2012) Online citizen political engagement and the traditional media. (Supervisor: Dr. Grant Blank)

*University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada*

**BA** Hons. Specialization in Communication (French Immersion), 2011, Summa Cum Laude

- Killam Fellowship (Fulbright Foundation)

### Community Involvement

**Fellow**, Public Policy Forum (current)

**Executive Director**, Vote Savvy (current)

**Academic Adviser**, Ottawa Civic Tech (current)

**Academic Adviser**, Samara Canada (current)

**Gala Committee**, Couchiching Institute (former)

**President and Vice-Captain**, University of

Oxford Women's Rugby Football Club (former)

**Brownie Leader**, Girl Guides of Canada (former)

### Selected Projects

**Principal Investigator/Co-Chair**, Connected Canada Conference, 2017-present

Canada 150 celebration funded by SSHRC Connection Grant; Collaboration with the Public Policy Forum, University of Ottawa, Treasury Board of Canada and others

**Co-Principal Investigator**, Young Voters Research Project, 2015-present

Online survey and voter information tool funded in part by MITACS and IBM; Manage project and conduct data collection and analysis; Supervise student assistants

**Founding Co-Chair**, Connected Life, 2014

Establish first annual Oxford Internet Institute conference for emerging scholarship in Internet research, secure funding, coordinate logistics, and host 90 participants

### Selected Work

**Assistant Professor** (tenure-track), University of Ottawa, 2016-present

Teach graduate and undergraduate courses such as New Media, Research Methods and Quantitative Methods; Supervise undergraduate and master's students; Conduct research

**Climate Change Program Manager**, International Federation of Liberal Youth, 2011-2013

Develop and implement tools/strategies for policy analysis and advocacy for youth from nearly 100 organizations; Represent organizations at United Nations meetings and lead international team

**Assistant**, Labour Market Services and Development, NS, 2011

Conduct research and analysis of program implementation processes creating reports aimed at improving services delivered by Service Canada in the Atlantic Region

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**Communications Assistant**, Martha Hall Findlay, Member of Parliament, 2008-2010

Design, manage and maintain online profile and event; Complete writing and research including 69-page appendix to the Ethics Commissioner Complaint (2009), blog social media posts

**Page**, House of Commons, Canada, 2007-2008

### Skills

- English, French
  - Stata, SPSS
  - NVivo
  - Gephi
  - Python
  - MySQL
  - social media/APIs (data collection)
- Methods/Analysis:** Interviewing, social network visualization and analysis, content analysis, online and offline surveys, mixed methods

### Publications and presentations

*Reports, journal articles and book chapters*

**Public Policy Forum.** [Greenspon, E., Dornan, C., Owen, T., **Dubois, E.** and Brin, C.] (2017). *The Shattered Mirror: News, democracy and trust in the digital age.*

Ford, H., **Dubois, E.** and Puschmann, C. (2016). Keeping Ottawa honest one tweet at a time: Politicians, journalists, Wikipedians and their bots. *International Journal of Communication*, 10, 4891-4914.

Dutton, W.H. and **Dubois, E.** (2015). The Fifth Estate: A New Pluralistic Force of Accountability. In Coleman, S. and Freelon, D. (Eds.), *Handbook of Digital Politics* (pp. 51-66). Edward Elgar.

**Dubois, E.** and Ford, H. (2015). Trace Interviews: An actor-centered approach. *International Journal of Communication*, 9, 2967-2091.

**Dubois, E.** and Gaffney, D. (2014). The multiple facets of influence: Identifying political influentials and opinion leaders on Twitter. *American Behavioural Scientist*, 58(10), 1260-1277.

Blank, G., Bolsover, G. and **Dubois, E.** (2014). A New Privacy Paradox: Young People and Privacy on Social Network Sites. In *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association* (p. 1-34) American Sociological Association.

**Dubois, E.** and Dutton, W.H. (2013). Empowering Citizens of the Internet Age: The Role of a Fifth Estate. In Graham, M. and Dutton, W.H (Eds.), *Society and the Internet: How Information and Social Networks are Changing Our Lives* (pp. 238-254). Oxford University Press.

Dutton, W.H. and **Dubois, E.** (2013). The Fifth Estate of the Digital World. In Youngs, G. (Ed.), *Digital World: Connectivity, Creativity and Rights* (pp. 131-143). Routledge.

**Dubois, E.** (2013). Telling Vic Everything: Digital Contention and the Traditional Media. In *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association 2013* (p. 1-31) American Sociological Association.

**Dubois, E.** and Dutton, W.H. (2012). The Fifth Estate in Internet Governance: Collective Accountability of a Canadian Policy Initiative. *Revue Française d'Études Américaines*, 134(4), 81-97.

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### News and Opinion Editorials

Owen, T. and **Dubois, E.** (2017). [It's time to reform the CBC for the digital age.](#) The Toronto Star.

Clarke, A. and **Dubois, E.** (2015). [Forced to tweet in both official languages, ministers lose their impact.](#) Globe and Mail.

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**Dubois, E.** (2015). [How Harper uses Twitter differently from Trudeau and Mulcair](#). Globe and Mail.

**Dubois, E.** (2013). [Despite dark overtones, big data a benefit to us all](#). Halifax Chronicle Herald.

**Dubois, E.** (2013). Liberals' supporters might not be voters. Ottawa Citizen.

*Recent Talks and Presentations*

**Dubois E.** (2017). Traces of Digital Citizenship. Conversations about Canada: We Desire a Better Country. The Walrus Talks Canada 150, Winnipeg, Canada.

**Dubois E.** (2016). Collaboration: What can be done together? (Panelist). Open policy making in a digital age, 2nd Clerks and Cabinet Secretaries Symposium on Policy Innovation, Ottawa, Canada.

**Dubois E.** (2016). Automated Politics: The influence of political Twitter bots. @smlabto Research Talk, Toronto, Canada.

**Dubois E.** (2016). The Digital Civic Space (Panelist). Workshop: Canada's Journalism Innovation Deficit, Vancouver, Canada.

**Dubois E.** (2015). A Just-in-time approach to the informed citizenry. Information Management Public Lecture Series, Halifax, Canada.

**Dubois E.** (2015). Federal Election Postmortem (Panelist). School of Public Policy & Governance, University of Toronto, Panel Discussion, Toronto, Canada.

For more about frequent interviews with broadcast media, blogging and social media, and academic conference presentations see [www.elizabethdubois.ca](http://www.elizabethdubois.ca)