

# Maxime Polleri

## Curriculum Vitae

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Université Laval  
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### Research Interests

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Disaster; radioactive contamination; nuclear power; governance; expertise; risk; citizen science; science and technology studies; disease outbreak; epidemiology; artificial intelligence; Japan

### Academic Positions

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2021 - current	Assistant Professor, Université Laval, Department of Anthropology
2020 - current	Network Affiliate, Stanford University, Center for International Security and Cooperation
2020 - 2021	Postdoctoral Researcher, McGill University, Biomedical Ethics Unit, Faculty of Medicine
2019 - 2020	Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford University, Center for International Security and Cooperation
2018 - 2019	Predocctoral Fellow, Stanford University, Center for International Security and Cooperation
2015 - 2016	Visiting Student Researcher, Saitama University, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences
2012	Visiting Student Researcher Chiba University, Division of Behavioral Science

## Education

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- 2013 - 2019 Ph.D. Social Anthropology. York University  
Dissertation: *Radioactive Governance: The Politics of Expertise after Fukushima*.
- 2011 - 2013 M.A. Anthropology. Université de Montréal  
Thesis: *Le kawaii: répercussion d'un idéal culturel et médiatique sur l'identité féminine japonaise*. [The kawaii: repercussion of a cultural and media ideal on Japanese feminine identity]
- 2008 - 2011 B.A. East-Asian Studies and Anthropology (Japanese culture). Université de Montréal

## Refereed Publications

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### Articles

2021. Radioactive Performances: Teaching about Radiation after the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster. *Anthropological Quarterly*. (Forthcoming)
2020. Post-political Uncertainties: Governing Nuclear Controversies in Post-Fukushima Japan. *Social Studies of Science*. 50(4): 567-588.
2019. Conflictual Collaboration: Citizen Science and the Governance of Radioactive Contamination after the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster. *American Ethnologist*. 46(2): 214-226.
2018. Beyond a Place: Fieldwork as a Concept. In *Cultural Anthropology: A Perspective on the Human Condition*, edited by E.A. Schultz, R.H. Lavenda and R.R. Dods, 47-48. 4th Canadian Edition. Toronto: Oxford University Press.
2017. Exchanging Business Cards in Japan: Oh! So You Are an... *Anthropology Today*. 33(3): 23-24.
2017. Radioactive Contamination and Citizen Science after Fukushima. Digital Series on "Sensorial Engagements with a Toxic World," edited by C. Fukuda. *Second Spear, Medical Anthropology Quarterly*. March 29.  
<http://medanthroquarterly.org/2017/03/29/radioactive-contamination-and-citizen-science-after-fukushima/>
2017. Ethnographic Memories: The Politics of Fieldwork. *Contingent Horizons: York University Student Journal*. 3(1): 7-18.
2016. Tracking Radioactive Contamination after Fukushima. *Anthropology Now*. 8(2): 90-103.
2015. 'Matters' of Importance: Contamination in the Aftermath of the Fukushima Disaster. *Nexus: The Canadian Student Journal of Anthropology*. 23(1): 13-25.

## Book Chapters

2018. Indeterminate Life: Dealing with Radioactive Contamination as a Voluntary Evacuee Mother. In *Bearing the Weight of the World: Exploring Maternal Embodiment*, edited by A. Einion and J. Rinaldi, 151-170. Bradford: Demeter Press.

## Non Refereed Publications

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2021. Q&A: “Conflictual Collaboration: Citizen Science and the Governance of Radioactive Contamination after the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster.” *American Philosophical Society*. May 11. <https://www.amphilsoc.org/qa-conflictual-collaboration>

2021. Why Japan Might Not Abandon Nuclear Power. *The Diplomat*. March 11. <https://thediplomat.com/2021/03/why-japan-might-not-abandon-nuclear-power/>

2020. Fukushima: Le Retour à la Terre Radioactive [Fukushima: Return on Radioactive Soil] . *Tempura*. 3: 32-42.

2020. Improving the Communication of Risks Before, During, and After a Nuclear Accident. *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*. August 31. (With C. Tracy, E. Likhacheva, E. Stepnykh) <https://thebulletin.org/2020/08/improving-the-communication-of-risks-before-during-and-after-a-nuclear-accident/>

2020. Being Clear-Eyed About Citizen Science in the Age of COVID-19. *Sapiens*. July 15. <https://www.sapiens.org/culture/fukushima-citizen-science/>

2020. Patterns of Contamination: From Fukushima to COVID-19. *UCL Medical Anthropology*. Co-existing with Covid-19: Moving into the Post-pandemic World with the Social Sciences, May 28. <https://medanthucl.com/2020/05/28/patterns-of-contamination-from-fukushima-to-covid-19/>

2020. Thinking ahead on Post-COVID-19 Vulnerabilities. *UCL Medical Anthropology*. Consciously Quarantined: A COVID-19 Response from the Social Sciences, April 4. <https://medanthucl.com/2020/04/04/thinking-ahead-on-post-covid-19-vulnerabilities/>

2019. The Truth about Radiation in Fukushima. *The Diplomat*. March 14. <https://thediplomat.com/2019/03/the-truth-about-radiation-in-fukushima/>

2019. Teaching about Radiation after Fukushima. *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*. February 26. <https://thebulletin.org/2019/02/teaching-about-radiation-after-fukushima/>

2018. Risk is your Business: Citizen Science after Fukushima. *Somatosphere*. December 10. <http://somatosphere.net/2018/12/risk-is-your-business.html>

2017. Futatabime [Second Time]. *Sekiguchi Global Research Association*. Atsumi International Foundation.

2016. Shiru to Wakaru [Knowing and Understanding]. *Sekiguchi Global Research Association*. Atsumi International Foundation.

2016. Notes from the Field: Buy the Ticket, Take the Ride. *The SAGA Exchange*. 1(2): 3.

## **Book Review**

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2021. Deep Time Reckoning: How Future Thinking Can Help Earth Now. *The Holocene*. 31(4): 694-695.

2021. The Visible and Invisible Atom: From Hiroshima to Fukushima. *Metascience*. 30(1): 83-86.

## **Fellowships, Scholarships, and Awards**

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2021 Global Horizons Fellow,  
Swedish Collegium for Advanced Studies *pending*

2021 SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship,  
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (\$90 000) *declined*

2020 EPI-AI Postdoctoral Grant  
McGill University, Canada-UK Artificial Intelligence Initiative Grant (\$40 000)

2019 Science History Institute Travel Grant,  
Science History Institute, Othmer Library of Chemical History (\$1500)

2019 John and Jackie Lewis Fund,  
Stanford University, Center for International Security and Cooperation (\$1000)

2019 MacArthur Nuclear Security Postdoctoral Fellowship,  
Stanford University, Center for International Security and Cooperation (\$66 667)

2019 Managing the Atom Postdoctoral Fellowship,  
Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs,  
Harvard University *declined*

2019 Science in Human Culture Program Postdoctoral Fellowship,  
Northwestern University *long short-listed out of 180 applicants,  
drop out of finalist stage*

2018 MacArthur Nuclear Security Predoctoral Fellowship,  
Stanford University, Center for International Security and Cooperation (\$32 900)

- 2016 SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship,  
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (\$40 000)
- 2015 Japanese Studies Fellowship Program, Japan Foundation (\$40 000)
- 2015 Ontario Graduate Scholarship *declined* (\$15 000)
- 2015 Vivienne Poy Asian Research Award, York University (\$2000)
- 2014 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15 000)
- 2014 YCAR Language Award, York University (\$2100)
- 2013 York University Graduate Entrance Scholarship,  
York University (\$3000)
- 2013 York University Graduate Scholarship,  
\$21 041 for year I to IV; \$21 491 for year V; \$16 491 for year VI,  
York University (\$122 146)
- 2012 Bourse de mobilité, Université de Montréal (\$3000)
- 2012 Bourse de déplacement LOJIQ (\$1000)
- 2009 Bourse de déplacement LOJIQ (\$1000)

## **Conference Papers**

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2021. Conflictual Collaboration: Citizen Science and the Governance of Radioactive Contamination after the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster. The Promise and Pitfalls of Citizen Science. American Philosophical Society's Library & Museum. Online, April 9. *Honorarium 250\$*
2019. Conflictual Collaboration: Citizen Science and the Governance of Radioactive Contamination after the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster. Society for the History of Technology. Milan, October 24. *Travel funded by the Center for International Security and Cooperation.*
2019. Nuclear Embodiment Or: How I Learned To Stop Worrying and Love Radiation. Society for East Asian Anthropology. Tokyo, August 2.
2019. Radioactive Knowledge: The Role of Public Infrastructure in Teaching about Radiation Risks. Ways of Knowing and Radiation Exposure. Oregon State University. Corvallis, June 20. *Travel funded by Oregon State University.*
2019. Radioactive Governance: The Politics of Expertise after Fukushima. Los Alamos National Laboratory. Los Alamos, May 15. *Travel funded by the Center for International Security and Cooperation.*

2019. Nuclear Embodiment: Teaching about Radiation after Fukushima. International Studies Association. Toronto, March 27. *Travel funded by the Center for International Security and Cooperation.*

2018. Phantomatic Evidence: Fukushima and the Time-Scape Politics of Radiation Harm. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. San Jose, November 15.

2018. Embodied Baselines: Experiencing Radiation Harm after Fukushima. Shifting Baselines, Altered Horizons: Politics, Practice, and Knowledge in Environmental Science and Policy. Max Planck Institute for the History of Science. Berlin, June 22. *Travel funded by the Max Planck Institute.*

2018. The Production of Ethnographic Evidence in a Post-Fukushima Context of Radioactive Contamination – A Critique of “Urgent Ethnography.” Canadian Anthropology Society Annual Meeting. Santiago de Cuba, May 19. *Travel funded by the Canadian Anthropology Society.*

2017. Nuclear Embodiment: Learning to Love Radiation after Fukushima. Anthropology of Japan in Japan Fall Workshop. Doshisha University. Kyoto, December 10.

2017. Nuclear Embodiment: Teaching about Radiation after Fukushima. Knowledge, Culture, Ecologies Conference. Universidad Diego Portales. Santiago Chile, November 17. *Travel funded by the York Center for Asian Research and York University.*

2017. Commodifiable Phantasm: The Politicization of the Native Land in a Post- Fukushima Context of Radioactive Contamination. Japan Studies Association of Canada Annual Meeting. Munk School of Global Affairs. Toronto, October 13.

2017. Toxic Temporalities and Ethnographic Sensibilities. Ethnographic Fieldwork in a Global Era: Challenges and Opportunities. Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. Beijing, August 29. *Travel funded by the Chinese Academy of Social Science.*

2017. Furusato Sweet Furusato: Finding Home after Fukushima. 21<sup>st</sup> Asian Studies Conference in Japan. Rikkyo University. Tokyo, July 8.

2017. Citizen Science after Fukushima: Useful Innovation or Sword of Damocles? Anthropology of Japan in Japan Spring Workshop. Osaka Gakuin University. Osaka, April 23.

2016. Radioactive Contamination and Citizen Science after Fukushima: Toward Empowerment or Disenfranchise? American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, November 20. *Travel funded by York University.*

2016. Figuring Nuclear Power: The Multiple Japanese Meanings of Nuclear Energy. Society for Social Studies of Science/European Association for the Study of Science and Technology Annual Meeting. Barcelona, September 2. *Travel funded by York Center for Asian Research.*

2015. “Matters” of Importance: Contamination in the Aftermath of the Fukushima Disaster. Critical Scholarship and Social Transformation Program. York University. Toronto, May 8.

### **Invited Talk**

2021. Radioactive Performances: Teaching about Radiation After the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster. 3/11 Week. Japanese Seinen Association of Montreal. Online, March 11.

2021. Teaching and Governing Radiated Places. Envisioning Next Generation Radiation Governance. Symposium Commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fukushima Disaster. Online, March 29.

2020. Urban Data Ethics Challenges. Faculty Architecture & the Built Environment, Technische Universiteit Delft. Online, July 13.

2020. Uncertainty, Risk, and Responsibility: Lessons from Three Technologies. Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University. Palo Alto, April 30.

2019. State and Civic Replies to the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster. 6<sup>th</sup> Young Professionals Nuclear Forum. Moscow Engineering Physics University. Moscow, November 6. *Travel funded by the Center for International Security and Cooperation.*

2019. Citizen Science and the Governance of Radioactive Contamination after Fukushima. Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore. Singapore, October 10. *Travel funded by the National University of Singapore.*

2019. Radioactive Governance: The Politics of Expertise after Fukushima. Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University. Palo Alto, March 21.

2019. Nuclear Embodiment: Teaching about Radiation after Fukushima. Stanford Anthropology Brown Bag Series. Palo Alto, March 11.

2017. Radioactive Contamination and the Politics of Health after Fukushima. Graduate School of Humanities and Social Science, Saitama University. Saitama, June 14.

### **Panel Organized**

2018. Ethnographic Practices and the Temporality of Evidence. Conference panel organizer, chair, and presenter. Canadian Anthropology Society Annual Meeting. Santiago de Cuba, May 16-20.

### **Teaching Experience**

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2021                      Lecturer, Ecological Anthropology,  
Department of Anthropology, McGill University  
[Sole instructor; creator of the syllabus; 160 students]

2021	Guest Lecturer, Anthropological Perspectives of Technological Worlds Department of Anthropology, Cornell University
2020	Guest Lecturer, Introduction to International Studies, Department of Political Science, Douglas College
2019	Guest Lecturer, Graduate Research Seminar, Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore
2013 - 2015	Teaching Assistant (T.A.), Making Sense of a Changing World, Department of Anthropology, York University

## **Teaching Materials**

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### **Graduate Research Seminar Student Handout:**

This 13 pages handout presents strategies to help students develop and hone their research skills. The strategies revolve around five thematic issues: Formulating a research problematic; Developing a comprehensive literature review; Constructing a theoretical framework; Conducting a successful fieldwork; Becoming a skilled writer for publication.

### **Workshop on Writing:**

This workshop presents strategies to help students write, present, and publish their work. The workshop focuses on four issues: Writing your first peer-review article; Writing for scholarships and grants applications; Writing a conference paper; Writing for non-academic audiences (op-ed, mainstream media; blog; policy-brief).

## **Research Groups**

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2019 - present	Young Nuclear Professional Nuclear Forum. Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University.
2020 - present	EPI-AI: Automated Understanding and Alerting of Disease Outbreaks from Global News Media. McGill University and Cambridge University.
2020 - present	MITATE Lab. International Research Program CNRS on Fukushima issues. French National Centre for Scientific Research.

## **Fieldwork Experience**

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2015/2017. Ph.D. fieldwork, Japan. Participant observation and interviews conducted in Japanese.



Summer 2012. M.A. fieldwork, Tokyo. Participant observation and interviews conducted in Japanese.

## **Prizes**

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2017 Photo Contest,  
Les figures de la contamination radioactive après Fukushima,  
Revue Anthropologie et Société

## **Professional Services**

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Translation of abstracts, panels and conference programs (from English to French).  
Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA). 2014 Conference: Promising Uncertainties

Assistance for the award-winning two-day international negotiation simulation International Security in a Changing World at Stanford University.

Organizer and moderator for the 2019-2020 Nuclear Reading Group at the Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford University

Reviewer for: American Anthropologist; Ecology and Society; Comparative Studies in Society and History; Citizen Science: Theory and Practice

## **Affiliation**

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### **Current Affiliations**

Nuclear Consulting Group

Society for Social Studies of Science

### **Past or Intermittent Affiliations**

American Anthropology Association

American Ethnological Society

Society for Cultural Anthropology

Society for the History of Science

Canadian Anthropology Society / Société d'Anthropologie Canadienne

Japan Studies Association of Canada

International Studies Association

## **Languages**

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English: fluent

French: fluent

Japanese: advanced speaking, writing and reading

## **Others Research Experiences**

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2009            *Kanazawa* program,  
                    Homestay in *Ishikawa-ken* with intensive Japanese language course

## **Media Coverage**

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The Korea Times; Anthropology News; The Asia-Pacific Journal; The Japan Foundation; Ecologist; The Atomic Age; Nuclear News; News Break; Global Research; Medium; Action Project; Institutional Investor; Edge Effect; Friends of the Earth; Fukushima Saisei; Textinitiative Fukushima; Japanization; Argia; Transcend Media Project; Indian Strategic Studies; World Expose 24; Pg-Intel

## **Syllabus Mention**

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Bowdoin College, Imagining Disaster Fall 2020.