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RESEARCH PROFILE

Scholar of migration, borders, and maritime search and rescue, with a focus on Europe, the Atlantic region, and comparative border governance. My work examines the relationship between migration control, sovereignty, humanitarianism, and state violence, with particular attention to sea borders, unaccompanied minors, and border externalization. I am the author of *The Gates of the Sea: Migration and Rescue at the Edges of Europe* and lead SSHRC-funded research on maritime search and rescue and border surveillance.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2022-present	Associate Professor, Département de Géographie, Université de Montréal (Montreal, QC)
2025-2026	Assistant Director, Centre Jean Monnet de Montréal (Montréal, QC).
2017-2022	Assistant Professor, Département de Géographie, Université de Montréal (Montreal, QC)
2016-2017	Postdoctoral Fellow, Centre for Research on Children and Families, McGill University (Montreal, QC)

EDUCATION

2015-2017	Postdoctoral Fellow, McGill University, Centre for Research on Children and Families (Montréal, QC)
2007-2013	PhD, University of British Columbia, Dept. of Geography (Vancouver, BC)
2005-2007	MA, University of British Columbia, Dept. of Geography (Vancouver, BC)
1999-2004	BA, Sociology, Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Madrid, Spain)

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

2026	Scholarly Book Award (<i>The Gates of the Sea</i>), Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences, Canada.
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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Main author or co-main author in bold; student co-authors marked with an asterisk.

Peer-reviewed Books

- Vives, L. (2025). *The Gates of the Sea: Migration and Rescue at the Edges of Europe*. Fernwood.
- Vives, L. (forthcoming 2026). *Las Puertas del Mar: Migración y rescate en los confines de Europa*. Bellaterra. Translated and adapted from the original.

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

- **Vives, L., Banos, A., *Martel, C., *Hessek, E., Williams, K. (2024)** Maritime SAR systems in the EU: Convergence and co-optation into the anti-immigration border. *Journal of Borderlands Studies*, 40(3): 669-690. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08865655.2024.2356775>
- **Banos, A., Vives, L., *Martel, C., *Hessek, E., Williams, K. (2024)** Lorsque le contrôle des migrations prend le pas sur la sauvegarde de la vie en mer : l'émergence des frontières dans la zone de responsabilité SAR espagnole. *Criminologie*, 57(2): 27-55. <https://doi.org/10.7202/1114783ar>
- **Vives, L. (2024)** State violence at the border: unaccompanied migrant children in Spain / Violence d'État à la frontière : enfants migrants non accompagnés en Espagne. *Justice Spatiale / Spatial Justice*, 18. <https://www.jssj.org/article/violence-detat-frontiere-enfants-migrants-non-accompagnes-espagne/>
- **Côté-Boucher, K., Vives, L. and *Jannard, L.P. (2023)** Chronicle of a 'crisis' foretold: Asylum seekers and the case of Roxham Road on the Canada-US border. *Environment and Planning C*, 41(2): 408-426. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23996544221127614>
- **Vives, L. (2023)** Death at sea: Dismantling the Spanish Search and Rescue system. *Geopolitics*, 28(2):641-666. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2021.1973438>
- **Vives, L. (2020)** Child migration in the US and Spain: Towards a global border regime? *International Migration*, 58(6): 29-44. <https://doi.org/10.1111/imig.12704>
- **Topak, O. and Vives, L. (2020)** A comparative analysis of migration control strategies along the Western and Eastern Mediterranean routes: Sovereign interventions through militarization and deportation. *Migration Studies*, 8(1): 66-89. <https://doi.org/10.1093/migration/mny029>
- **Vives, L. and Sinha, V. (2019)** Discrimination of First Nations children with special healthcare needs in Manitoba: The case of Pinaymootang First Nation. *International Indigenous Policy Journal*, 10(1) (29 pages). <https://doi.org/10.18584/iipj.2019.10.1.4>
- **Vives, L. (2017)** Unwanted sea migrants across the EU border: The Canary Islands. *Political Geography*, 61: 181-192. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.polgeo.2017.09.002>
- **Moser, S., Hendricks, M. And Vives, L. (2017)** Academia's moral entanglements in the face of a racist regime. *ACME*, 16(2): 175-184. <https://doi.org/10.14288/acme.v16i2.1572>
- **Vives, L. and Vázquez Silva, I. (2017)** Senegalese migration to Spain: transnational mothering practices. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 43(3): 495-512. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2016.1186531>
- **Vives, L. (2017)** The EU - West African sea border: anti-immigration strategies and territoriality. *European Urban and Regional Studies*, 24(2): 209-224. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0969776416631790>
- **Vives, L. (2011)** Insiders or Outsiders? The Argentinean immigrant community in Spain. *Citizenship Studies*, 15(2), 227-246. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13621025.2011.549717>
- **Vives, L. (2011)** White Europe: an alternative reading of the Southern EU border. *Geopolíticas*, 2(1): 51-70. https://doi.org/10.5209/rev_GEOP.2011.v2.n1.37897

Book Chapters and Reference Works

- ***Hessek, E. R.** and Vives, L. (2026). Canada's Visa Regime: A Global Model at a Crossroads. Francesco Gatta and Mario Savino (eds.). *Visas in Migration and Asylum Law: The Key that Opens the Door*. Routledge (ISBN 9781032945651) (p. 291-313).
- **Vives, L.** (accepted) Anarcho-syndicalism and class-based solidarity at sea: rescue, migration, and the southern European border. Marcus Rediker and Nandita Sharma (eds.) *Maritime Solidarity Past and Present*. Pluto.
- **Vives, L.** (2025) La migration des enfants non accompagnés à travers la frontière méditerranéenne. Dans Rea, A. Dimé, M. et White, B. (eds.) *Les frontières des circulations migratoires africaines*. Montréal, QC / Bruxelles : Presses de l'Université de Montréal et Éditions de l'Université de Bruxelles (pp. 123-144).
- **Dembínska, M.**, Amiriaux, V., Crépeau, F., Gagnon, A., Paquet, M., Soehl, T. and Vives, L. (2024). Migration and Citizenship [translation]. In F. Mérand and J. Welsh, *The Afterworld: Long Covid and International Relations*. Ottawa, ON: Ottawa University Press (pp. 175-189).
- **Dembínska, M.**, Amiriaux, V., Crépeau, F., Gagnon, A., Paquet, M., Soehl, T. and Vives, L. (2023). Migration et citoyenneté. Dans F. Mérand et J. Welsh, *Le monde d'après. L'impact de la « longue Covid » sur les relations internationales*. Montréal, QC : Presses de l'Université de Montréal (pp. 123-144).
- **Vives, L.** and Lois, M. (2022) Les frontières étatiques : origines, résistance et nouvelles territorialités. In Martin, P., Sébastien Rioux, Violaine Jolivet (eds.) *Géographies humaines. L'espace en partage*. Montréal, QC : Les Presses de l'Université de Montréal (pp. 89-105).
- **Vives, L.** and *Williams, K. (2022) Cerrando la brecha: Estadísticas oficiales sobre menores extranjeros no acompañados en el Mediterráneo. In F. Durán (ed.), *Menores migrantes en tiempos de pandemia. Una visión multidisciplinar*. Granada: Editorial Comares.
- **Vives, L.** and *Williams, K. (2021) Closing the gap: Official statistics on the migration of unaccompanied migrant children across the Mediterranean. In C. Dauvergne (ed.) *Handbook on the Law and Politics of Migration* (pp.125-140). Edward Elgar.
- **Vives, L.** and Sinha, V. (2020, translation) Discriminación en el acceso a los servicios de salud pública de las Primeras Naciones en Canadá: el caso de Pinaymootang. In Lois, M. and Akkaya, A. (eds.) *Las luchas por la descolonización en el siglo XXI: experiencias más allá de Europa* (pp. 181-210). Madrid: La Catarata.
- **Vives, L., Mohabir, N.** (2020) Postcolonialism. In: Kobayashi, A. (Ed.), *International Encyclopedia of Human Geography*, 2nd edition. vol. 10, Elsevier, pp. 289–295. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-08-102295-5.10856-X>
- **Vives, L.** (2012) Fragmented migrant (her)stories: opportunities of multi-sited ethnography for feminist migration research. In Bonifacio, G. (ed.) *Feminism and migration: cross-cultural engagements*. London and New York: Springer.

Conference Proceedings and Other Academic Publications

- **Murillas García, I.**, Boutin-Roy, M., & Vives, L. (2026). Criminalisation of maritime migration. ArcGIS StoryMaps. <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/689a90c36c114da78feca3affd21bf6>
- Côté-Boucher, K., Vives, L., Garnier, A. & Paquet, M. (2024). Introduction. Frontières : entre criminologie et interdisciplinarité. *Criminologie*, 57(2), 5–25. <https://doi.org/10.7202/1114782ar>

- **Vives, L.** Death at Sea: dismantling the Spanish Search and Rescue system. Blog entry / companion piece for the article of the same title in the journal *Geopolitics* which allowed for such article to become access-free for a month. <https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/research-subject-groups/centre-criminology/centreborder-criminologies/blog/2022/03/death-sea>
- **Vives, L.** and *Williams, K. (2021) Ojos que no ven: la muerte administrativa de los menores no acompañados en la Unión Europea. (Conference proceedings, Congreso Internacional Multidisciplinar: Infancia, Juventud Migrante y Otras Personas Vulnerables, pp. 171-195).
- **Vives, L.** and Silverman, S. (2019) “Unaccompanied and separated children in Canada: Towards a Best interests of the Child framework.” Policy recommendations prepared at the request of Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada.
- **Álvarez Cortés, J.C., Vives, L.,** and *Ruiz Mosquera, A.C. (2018) La protección de la Seguridad Social por hijos a cargo de los trabajadores migrantes en el derecho internacional. In *Protección a la familia y seguridad social. Hacia un nuevo modelo de protección sociolaboral* (Tomo II, Capítulo IV, pp. 87-119). Murcia, Spain: Laborum (Conference proceedings: II Congreso Internacional y XV Congreso Nacional de la Asociación Española de Salud y Seguridad Social).

PUBLIC AND POLICY ENGAGEMENT

Policy reports

- ***Sangster, M., Vives, L.,** *Chadwick, K., Gerlach, A. and Sinha, V. (2019) “Advancing Jordan’s Principle by realizing enhanced service coordination in the Alberta Region.” Calgary/Edmonton, AB: The First Nations Health Consortium.
- **Sinha, V., Vives, L., Gerlach, A.** (eds.) (2019) “Implementing Jordan’s Principle service coordination in the Alberta Region: The First Nations Health Consortium.” Calgary/Edmonton, AB: The First Nations Health Consortium.
- **Vives, L., Sinha, V.,** *Burnet, E., Lach, L. in collaboration with Pinaymootang First Nation and Nanaandawewigamig, First Nations Health and Social Secretariat of Manitoba (2017). “Honouring Jordan’s Principle: obstacles to access to equal health and social services for First Nations children with complex needs living in Fairford, Manitoba.” Fairford, MB: Pinaymootang First Nation, Canada.
- **Vives, L.** (2007) “Knowledge transfer: towards better policies in the reduction of homelessness in British Columbia.” Report commissioned by the National Homelessness Initiative, Human Resources and Social Development Canada.

Op-eds and Media Articles

- **Vives, L.** and **Boza, D.** Régularisation. Et si le Canada s’inspirait de l’Espagne ? (*La Presse*, June 3, 2026) <https://www.lapresse.ca/dialogue/opinions/2026-06-03/regularisation/et-si-le-canada-s-inspirait-de-l-espagne.php>
- **Vives, L.** and **Martin, P.** Le Canada doit agir face à la guerre des États-Unis contre les migrants (*La Presse* February 6, 2025). <https://www.lapresse.ca/dialogue/opinions/2025-02-06/le-canada-doit-agir-face-a-la-guerre-des-etats-unis-contre-les-migrants.php>

- **Vives, L.** and *Hessek, E. Une frontière plus étanche ne résoudra rien (*La Presse* March 4, 2023). <https://www.lapresse.ca/debats/opinions/2023-03-04/chemin-roxham/une-frontiere-plus-etanche-ne-resoudra-rien.php>
- **Vives, L.** La negación de auxilio es una política migratoria inaceptable. *El Diario*, February 15, 2022. https://www.eldiario.es/andalucia/el-blog-de-apdha/negacion-auxilio-politica-migratoria-inaceptable_132_8744578.html
- **Vives, L.** and **Zhyznomirska, L.** Outsourcing migration control is leading to violence in eastern Europe and beyond. *The Conversation*, December 8, 2021. <https://theconversation.com/outsourcing-migration-control-is-leading-to-violence-in-eastern-europe-and-beyond-172135>
- ***Jannard, L.P., Vives, L.** and Côté-Boucher, K. À quoi peut-on s'attendre au chemin Roxham? *Le Devoir*, November 23, 2021. <https://www.ledevoir.com/opinion/idees/649125/demandeurs-d-asile-a-quoi-peut-on-s-attendre-au-chemin-roxham>
- **Vives, L.** La crise des migrants en Europe. *Nouveau Projet*, Automne-hiver 2019 (n. 16), p. 78-79.
- **Vives, L.** Spain's model for saving lives at sea should be emulated in the EU. *The Conversation*, July 22 2019. <https://theconversation.com/spains-model-for-saving-lives-at-sea-should-be-emulated-in-the-eu-120205>

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- Un scandale nommé Ceuta (Laura-Julie Perreault, *La Presse* September 7, 2026). <https://www.lapresse.ca/international/chroniques/2026-09-07/un-scandale-nomme-ceuta.php>
- Interview for Montreal Now with Arron Rand (*CJAD*, August 4, 2026).
- The World Report (Macia Ross, *CBC*, August 3, 2026).
- The World this Hour (*CBC*, August 3, 2026)
- Entretien avec Frédéric Arnould pour le Téléjournal 22 h, *Radio Canada* (July 31, 2026).
- Pourquoi des milliers de migrants se sont-ils rués sur la frontière entre Ceuta et le Maroc ? (Léo Mercier-Ross, *Le Devoir*, July 31, 2026). <https://www.ledevoir.com/monde/europe/999104/pourquoi-milliers-migrants-sont-ils-rues-frontiere-entre-ceuta-maroc>
- Les Îles Canaries, au cœur des parcours de migration vers l'Europe : Luna Vives. Entretien avec Hugo Lavoie pour Le 15-18, *Radio Canada* (July 7, 2026) <https://ici.radio-canada.ca/ohdio/premiere/emissions/le-15-18/segments/rattrapage/2421879/iles-canaries-au-coeur-parcours-migration-vers-europe-luna-vives>
- La régularisation des personnes migrantes sans status en Espagne. Entretien avec Christian Latreille pour *Sur le Terrain*, *Radio Canada ICI RDI* (June 5, 2026).
- On The Gates of the Sea (Tanya Singh, *The Internationalist* Newsletter Issue 155, December 2025). <https://act.progressive.international/the-internationalist-issue-155/>
- Geographer Luna Vives examines migrant search and rescue in the Mediterranean (Austin Kocher, Substack November 21, 2025). <https://austinkocher.substack.com/p/book-event-in-the-gates-of-the-sea>
- El vuelco de cayucos es frecuente, pero no con muertes y tan cerca de tierra como en El Hierro: “Era algo previsible y evitable” (María García Arenales, *Infobae* May 29, 2025). <https://www.infobae.com/espana/2025/05/30/el-vuelco-de-cayucos-es-frecuente-pero-no-con-muertes-tan-cerca-de-tierra-como-en-el-hierro-era-algo-previsible-y-evitable/>

- Trump et la non-diplomatie migratoire (Sarah Champagne, *Le Devoir*, March 15, 2025). <https://www.ledevoir.com/monde/855637/trump-non-diplomatie-migratoire>
- Baisse, répression, record ... Un bilan 2024 contrasté sur les routes migratoires vers l'Europe (Ève Chalmardrier, *Le Marin* March 7, 2025). <https://lemarin.ouest-france.fr/monde/migrants/baisse-repression-record-un-bilan-2024-contraste-sur-les-routes-migratoires-vers-leurope-db6aab7c-f8fc-11ef-a6a4-567d76e1951c>
- La journée internationale des personnes migrantes (Nicolas Haddad, *Y a pas deux matins pareils*, Radio Canada December 18, 2024). <https://ici.radio-canada.ca/ohdio/premiere/emissions/y-a-pas-deux-matins-pareils/segments/ratrapage/1944799/ouverture-emission-et-tour-table-equipe>
- Quebec premier warns of a possible influx of migrants following Trump's election (Maura Forrest, *The Canadian Press* November 7, 2024). <https://www.westernwheel.ca/quebec-news/quebec-premier-warns-of-a-possible-influx-of-migrants-following-trumps-election-9767942>
- Las muertes de personas migrantes en el mar se pueden evitar con “más medios para Salvamento Marítimo y Voluntad política” (María García Arenales, *Infobae*, September 30, 2024). <https://www.infobae.com/espana/2024/10/01/las-muertes-de-personas-migrantes-en-el-mar-se-pueden-evitar-con-mas-medios-para-salvamento-maritimo-y-voluntad-politica/>
- Mourir en mer, une tragédie devenue banale pour les migrants (Ève Chalmardrier, *Le marin*, March 30, 2024). <https://lemarin.ouest-france.fr/monde/migrants/infographie-mourir-en-mer-une-tragedie-devenue-banale-pour-les-migrants-278073cc-ed9-11ee-98ed-5193e885a6e0>
- “You close Roxham Road, People are just going to cross somewhere else” (Toula Drimonis, *The Walrus* March 19, 2024). <https://thewalrus.ca/close-roxham-road/>
- "Si se militarizan las fronteras, lo único que se logra es que muera más gente" (Saúl García, *Diario de Lanzarote* and syndicated media, December 12, 2023). <https://www.diariodelanzarote.com/noticia/%E2%80%9Csi-se-militarizan-las-fronteras-lo-%C3%BAnico-que-se-logra-es-que-muera-m%C3%A1s-gente%E2%80%9D>
- La Tunisie, l'UE et les migrants (Jean-Cristophe Laurence, *La Presse* October 8, 2023). <https://www.lapresse.ca/international/2023-10-08/radioscopie/la-tunisie-l-ue-et-les-migrants.php#>
- Quelqu'un devra bien prendre soin des migrants de la vague qui s'en vient (Marie Vastel, *Le Devoir*, July 15, 2023). <https://www.ledevoir.com/opinion/editoriaux/794629/serie-les-defis-de-de-main-quelqu-un-devra-bien-prendre-soin-des-migrants-de-la-vague-qui-s-en-vient>
- Search for 300 migrants reported missing in Atlantic shows difficulty of locating ships (Nick Logan, *CBC News*, July 13, 2023). <https://www.cbc.ca/news/world/canary-islands-missing-migrants-1.6905393>
- Radiojournal Radio Canada (interview with Diana Gonzalez, July 10, 2023)
- Les passages illégaux de personnes augmentent à la frontière canado-américaine (entretien avec Marc Babin, *Le réveil / Nouvelle-Écosse et T.-N.-L.*, April 6, 2023). <https://ici.radio-canada.ca/ohdio/premiere/emissions/267/le-reveil-nouvelle-ecosse-et-t-n>
- Migrants irréguliers aux frontières : que doit-on faire ? (entretien avec Denis Duchesne, *Le réveil / Île-du-Prince-Édouard*, April 5, 2023). <https://ici.radio-canada.ca/ohdio/premiere/emissions/le-reveil-ile-du-prince-edouard/episodes/698653/ratrapage-du-mercredi-5-avril-2023/15>
- Akwesasne : Les victimes tentaient d'entrer aux États-Unis : Entrevue Luna Vives (entretien avec Janic Tremblay, *L'heure du monde* March 31, 2023). <https://ici.radio-canada.ca/ohdio/premiere/emissions/l-heure-du-monde/episodes/697827/ratrapage-du-vendredi-31-mars-2023>

- Fermer le chemin Roxham, une bonne nouvelle pour le Québec et le Canada ? Léa Martin (24 heures, March 24, 2023). <https://www.24heures.ca/2023/03/24/fermer-le-chemin-roxham-une-bonne-nouvelle-pour-le-quebec-et-le-canada>
- La fermeture du chemin Roxham fait réagir en Ontario. ICI Toronto (Radio-Canada, March 24, 2023). <https://ici.radio-canada.ca/nouvelle/1966230/chemin-roxham-entente-canada-etats-unis-migrants-asile-ontario>
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- Arrêtons de parler de « crise de réfugiés »! UdeM nouvelles (Virginie Soffer, April 26, 2022). <https://nouvelles.umontreal.ca/article/2022/04/26/arretons-de-parler-de-crise-des-refugies/>
- Accueil des déplacés ukrainiens : quel rôle doit jouer le Canada ? Radio Canada Acadie, Le réveil (François-Pierre Dufault, March 25, 2022). <https://ici.radio-canada.ca/ohdio/premiere/emissions/le-reveil-nouvelle-ecosse-et-t-n/episodes/616082/ratrapage-du-vendredi-25-mars-2022>
- Quatre crises humanitaires provoquées par des conflits (Florence Morin-Martel, March 12, 2022) La Presse, <https://www.lapresse.ca/international/2022-03-12/personnes-deplacees/quatre-crisis-humanitaires-provoquees-par-des-conflits.php>
- Des ressortissants africains discriminés : seule les « vrais Ukrainiens » autorisés à fuir? (Anne-Sophie Poiré, February 28, 2022). 24 heures, <https://www.24heures.ca/2022/02/28/discrimines-des-ressortissants-africains-sont-coincees-en-ukraine>
- Migrants haïtiens. « C’est très douloureux » (Florence Morin-Martel, October 10, 2021). La Presse, <https://www.lapresse.ca/actualites/2021-10-10/migrants-haitiens/c-est-tres-douloureux.php>
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- “Quand l’Europe repousse ses frontières,” Interview by Laura-Julie Perreault in Arrêt sur le Monde (CÉRIUM), October 23, 2019. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l42qNdpm_-8
- Les espagnols de nouveau appelés aux urnes (9/11/2019). La Presse, http://mi.lapresse.ca/screens/c740d2a8-72ff-4792-b9c6-483187a2ba87_7C_0.html

FUNDING

Awarded

2026-20029	Main applicant , STEP UP EU. Jean Monnet Actions Erasmus+ program for Centres of Excellence, European Commission (100,000 € + 30,000 CAD\$ from institutional contributions).
2025-2027	Principal Investigator , <i>The Vertical Border: How Aerial Technology is Reshaping Border Security</i> (Co-PI: Liliana Pérez, Université de Montréal). SSHRC Insight Development (430-2025-00511, \$69,177)
2025-2029	Principal Investigator , <i>Maritime Search and Rescue and migration control in the EU</i> . SSHRC Insight (435-2025-0153, \$239,161)

- 2023-2027 **Co-applicant**, *Automated decision-making systems and migration management in Canada: 2022-2027* (Principal investigator: Danièle Bélanger, Université Laval). SSHRC Insight (435-2023-0819, \$398 000).
- 2023-2027 **Collaborator**, *ÉRIQA: Équipe de recherche sur la migration au Québec et ailleurs* (Principal Investigator: Mireille Paquet, Concordia University). FRQSC Équipe (\$70 000).

Completed

- 2021-2025 **Collaborator**, *Skilled migrant decision making under uncertainty* (DEMA) (Principal investigator: Anna Triandafyllidou, Toronto Metropolitan University). SSHRC Insight Grant (\$270,200)
- 2020-2024 **Principal Investigator**, *The impact of restrictive border policies on unaccompanied migrant children in North America and Europe*. SSHRC, Insight Development Grant (430-2020-00700, \$72,270).
- 2019-2024 **Principal Applicant**, *Understanding Europe in a changing world*. Jean Monnet Actions Erasmus+ program, European Commission (30,000 €).
- 2019-2021 **Collaborator**, *Équipe de recherche sur l'immigration dans le Québec actuel* (ÉRIQA) (Principal Investigator : Mireille Paquet, Concordia University). FRQSC Équipe (\$76,814)
- 2018-2021 **Co-Principal Investigator**, *Research from the Ground Up: Building a Migration Research Collective / Construire la recherche : la création d'un collectif de recherche sur les migrations*. SSHRC Connection (\$38,868).
- 2018-2019 **Collaborator**, *Symposium on the new politics of immigration* (Principal applicant: Mireille Paquet, Concordia University). SSRHC Connection (\$19,070).
- 2018-2019 **Principal Investigator**, *Assessing quality and completeness of administrative data on migrant children crossing the European Union's Mediterranean border*. SSHRC Subvention Exploration (\$4,500).
- 2018-2022 **Principal Investigator**, *Les enfants qui voyagent seuls : le parcours des mineurs non accompagnés vers l'Union Européenne*. FRQSC (2019-NP-253366, \$49,955).
- 2017 **Co-Principal Investigator**, *Supporting the implementation of Jordan's Principle in Alberta*, with the First Nations Health Consortium, (Co-investigator: Prof. Vandna Sinha, McGill University. Health Canada, Government of Canada.
- 2016-2017 **Principal Investigator**, *Access to equitable services for First Nations children with special needs in Pinaymootang, Manitoba* (Co-investigators: Prof. Vandna Sinha and Prof. Nico Trocmé, McGill University). SSRHC, Building Research Capacity Partnership Grant.

INVITED TALKS

- The Gates of the Sea: Rescue and sovereignty at Europe's border. May 4, 2026. Insitut d'études européennes, UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles, Belgium.
- Still making Europe: The sea border as a power structure. March 18, 2026. Simone Veil Lecture, Jean Monnet Centre of Montreal. McGill University, Canada.

- *The Gates of the Sea: Migration and Rescue at the Edges of Europe*. February 3, 2026. UniGR-Center for Border Studies. Université de Lorraine, France (online event).
- *The Gates of the Sea: Migration and Rescue at the Edges of Europe*. Lecture and book Launch. November 13, 2025. University of Ottawa, organized by the Shirley Greenberg Chair for Women and the Legal Profession (Ottawa, Ontario).
- *The Gates of the Sea*. Book Launch. November 6, 2025. Librairie De Stiiil (Montreal, Quebec).
- Lancement du livre *The Gates of the Sea*. October 21, 2025. Université Laval, organized by the Chaire de recherche du Canada sur les dynamiques migratoires mondiales (Quebec City, Quebec).
- Globalización, desigualdades y frontera (roundtable). May 21, 2024. Universidad de Granada (Granada, Spain).
- Evolving maritime search and rescue along the border of the EU: death, resistance, hope. May 14, 2024. Institute of Migration and Intercultural Studies, University of Osnabrück (Osnabrück, Germany).
- Irregular migration and regularization processes: USA, Canada and Spain. Universidad de Granada. April 29, 2024 (Granada, Spain).
- La migration maritime : entre sauvetage et contrôle. Université de l'Ontario Francophone. February 28, 2023 (Toronto, Ontario).
- The humanitarian crisis and international responses to Ukrainians fleeing the war. The Russia-Ukraine War: a Forum and Fundraiser. St. Mary's University. March 25, 2022 (Halifax and online).
- La crise humanitaire en Ukraine : 5 actions pour les États. Table ronde virtuelle sur les réfugiés de la guerre en Ukraine. CÉRIUM. March 16, 2022 (online).
- The transformation of Search-and-Rescue systems in the Mediterranean (2022). McGill Institute for the Study of International Development / McGill Refugee Research Group. February 17, 2022 (online).
- L'abandon des obligations de recherche et sauvetage en Méditerranée occidentale (2021). Université de Laval, Département de géographie (GGR7060). November 10, 2020 (online).
- From there to here (2020). University of British Columbia, Department of Geography (GEO 535 An introduction to international migration and settlement). November 18, 2020 (online).
- Le démantèlement de SASEMAR (2020). Université de Laval, Département de géographie (GGR7060). November 10, 2020 (online).
- Regards sur les frontières : entre contrôle et solidarité. Institut National de Recherche Scientifique. February 13, 2020 (Montreal, QC).
- Life and death in the Mediterranean (2019). Concordia University, Department of Geography (GEOG 398 Refugees and Forced Migration in Today's World). October 17, 2019.
- Migration to Europe (2019). "The future of the European Union. 30th Anniversary of the Jean Monnet activities." April 1. Jean Monnet Centre of Montreal (Montreal, QC).
- With Sinha, V. (2017) "Pinaymootang Children with Special Healthcare needs: service disparities". September 6, 2017. Presented at the Jordan's Principle Action Table, convened by the Assembly of First Nations in collaboration with the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (Health Canada) and Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (Ottawa, ON)

- with Sinha, V. “The impact of service disparities on First Nations children with complex needs living on reserves, their families, and their communities: a case study”. February 8, 2017. McGill University, Centre for Research on Children and Families (Montreal, QC).
- “Access to equitable services for First Nations children with special needs in Fairford, MB”. March 3, 2017. McGill University, Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism (Montreal, QC).
- with Sinha, V. “Honouring Jordan's Principle: Access to equitable services for First Nations children with special needs in Pinaymootang, Manitoba”. March 28, 2017. Regional Forum on Jordan’s Principle: Practice Standards and Guidelines for Full Implementation (Winnipeg, MB).
- “Unreported: documented migration from Senegal to Spain.” October 6, 2011. Université de Montréal, Département de Géographie (Montreal, QC).

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (SINCE 2017)

Conferences organized

- Fronteras Ibéricas II (co-organizer). Universidad Complutense de Madrid. January 24-25, 2024 (Madrid, Spain).
- Congreso Internacional Multidisciplinar: Infancia, Juventud Migrante y Otras Personas Vulnerables (member of the scientific committee). Universidad de Granada. February 11 and 12, 2021 (virtual conference).
- Understanding migration and mobilities in a globalized world: Building networks of knowledge and practice in Canada. Second annual meeting of the Migration Research Collective / Collectif de Recherche sur les Migrations (organizer). Université de Montréal. February 28 and March 1, 2019 (Montréal, QC).
- Managing Migration in a global context. Launching event and first annual meeting of the Migration Research Collective (organizer). Université de Montréal. November 9 and 10, 2017 (Montreal, QC).

Papers Presented

- “Geografías políticas del mar: fronteras y gobernanza de las movilidades humanas.” Con María Lois. Geografías para un mundo cambiante: nuevas miradas sobre el territorio (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain). May 29-30, 2026.
- “Otras estrategias para regularizar a la población extranjera en situación irregular: el caso de Canadá.” Congreso Internacional Gobernanza y Migraciones: de la geopolítica internacional a la integración local (Universidad de Granada, Spain). June 11-13, 2025.
- “A new ocean geopolitics: The location of the sea border according to the Spanish Navy” (with María Lois, Universidad Complutense de Madrid). Conference Who needs a border wall? UQÀM (Montreal, QC). May 8-9, 2025.
- “Una raya en el mar.” Conference Fronteras ibéricas II. Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Madrid). January 25, 2024.
- “Resistance from within: Spanish rescue workers at the sea border.” Conference Maritime Solidarity: past and present. International Institute of Social History (Amsterdam). September 23, 2023.

- “Maritime search and rescue in Europe: From protecting human life to protecting the border.” Bordering migration workshop: Theoretical debates and recent developments in policy and practice. Toronto Metropolitan University. March 21, 2023.
- “Maritime SAR systems and migration in the EU.” Conference Borders and Borderwalls: Security, Environment and Resistance. Université de Québec à Montréal. October 21, 2022.
- “Chronic of a crisis foretold: Asylum seekers and the case of Roxham Road on the Canada-US border.” Conference of the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies. October 28, 2021 (online).
- “Ojos que no ven: La migración de menores no acompañados en el Mediterráneo.” Congreso Internacional Multidisciplinar: Infancia, Juventud Migrante y Otras Personas Vulnerables. February 11, 2021 (online).
- “The dismantling of the Western Mediterranean SAR system.” European Association of Social Anthropologists. July 24, 2020 (online).
- “Infancia migrante no acompañada y radicalización: la experiencia española desde la perspectiva canadiense.” Summer School on International Security and Vulnerable Groups. July 17-20, 2019 (Malaga, Spain). Universidad de Malaga.
- “Unaccompanied and separated migrant children in the Mediterranean: a preliminary analysis of the data” (with Dr. Kira Williams). Annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies. May 14, 2019 (York, Ontario). York University.
- « Circulation transnationale en Méditerranée : la problématique des enfants mineurs non-accompagnés. » Journées d’études villes africaines, mobilité et innovation, G3. April 18, 2019 (Rabat, Morocco). Université Internationale de Rabat.
- “Migration control and defensive interventions along the Mediterranean border.” Migration and Security. March 25, 2019 (Quebec City, Quebec). ULaval.
- “A comparative analysis of migration control strategies along the Western and Eastern Mediterranean routes: Sovereign interventions through militarization and deportation.” *Fences, Walls and Borders: A New Era? (In)security, Symbolism, Vulnerabilities*. September 28, 2018 (Montreal, Quebec). UQAM.
- “Towards a global anti-immigration border?” The New Politics of Immigration Symposium. June 28, 2018 (Montreal, Quebec).
- “Spaces for the political engagement of unwanted sea migrants: from the Canary Islands to Lesbos (2005-2017).” Annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers. May 31, 2017 (York, Ontario).
- “Documenting Jordan’s Principle implementation: a call for community-based evidence”. Annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers. May 31, 2016 (Halifax, NS).
- “Sailing through: border control practices and the unwanted migration of Senegalese citizens to Spain”. International Political Science Association Conference. July 23, 2014 (Montreal, QC).
- “A mother’s journey: migration and motherhood across the southern European border”. February 24-28, 2012. Annual Association of American Geographers Conference (New York, NY).
- “Floating bodies and razor-wire fences: crossing the border between West Africa and the EU”. May 17, 2011. Conference *Fences, Walls and Borders: a state of Insecurity?* (Montreal, QC).
- “Dakar - Madrid: the long journey of the unwanted migrant”. Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies Conference. May 11, 2011 (Montreal, QC).

Organized and chaired sessions

- Politiques d'immigration sous Trump 2: Impacts sur les Etats-Unis et le Canada, conférence par Valérie Lacarte (discussant). Event organized by the ÉRIQA, Université de Montréal. June 17, 2025 (Montreal).
- Sauvetage en Méditerranée centrale : La relève citoyenne face à la défaillance de l'Europe (chair and discussant). Centre Jean Monnet de Montréal, CÉRIUM and ÉRIQA. Université de Montréal. April 13, 2023 (Montreal).
- Table ronde: L'Europe face aux enjeux migratoires (discussant). Centre Jean Monnet de Montréal, CÉRIUM and ÉRIQA. Université de Montréal. April 13, 2023 (Montreal).
- Table ronde: (Im)mobilités, espaces et frontières (participant). UQAM, Chaire Raoul-Dandurand. April 6, 2023 (Montreal).
- Migration and displacement (discussant). McGill University, Conference of the Institute of International Development. March 31, 2023 (Montreal).
- New Directions in critical border studies 3: Reflections from the field (discussant). Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers. March 24, 2023 (online / Montreal node).
- New directions in critical border studies 2: Emerging scholars (discussant). Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers. March 24, 2023 (online / Montreal node).
- Atelier créatif : Activisme et poésie avec Ketty Nivyabandi, Amnestie Internationale Canada (interviewer). CÉRIUM. Université de Montréal, March 13, 2023.
- "International agreements among EU states and Third Countries in the externalization of the borders" (discussant). In "Connecting shores, crossing boundaries. Current trends on migration research and methodological challenges", Migration Studies PhD Summer School (MISSCHO). Universidad de Granada. July 18-21, 2022.
- "Migrations, développement et démographie" (discussant). Séminaires virtuels "Les Pactes mondiaux sur les migrations et les réfugiés : vers une optimisation de la mobilité humaine (2018-2022). Université de Montréal, Université de Laval, McGill University and Université de Québec à Montréal. October 8, 2021 (online).
- "Migration and urban change: visualizing diverse cities" (discussant). Paper presented by Dan Hiebert. Conference organized by the Centre for Immigration Policy Evaluation, Concordia University. February 18, 2018 (Montreal, QC).
- "Performing the border: policies, practices, people" (chair). International Political Science Association Conference. July 21, 2014 (Montreal, QC).
- "Sense of place: arts and politics, a cultural geography perspective" (co-organizer and discussant). International Political Science Association Conference. July 22, 2014 (Montreal, QC).
- "The ends of Europe: the evolving territorial and symbolic b/ordering of the EU project" (co-organizer and discussant). February 24-28, 2012. Association of American Geographers Conference (New York, NY).

Campus and departmental talks

- Témoignage. Colloque « L'expérience pédagogique : au cœur de la transformation à l'université ». Centre de Pédagogie Universitaire (23 mai 2018).

- « Contrôle des frontières et droits humains en Méditerranée ». Conférences GéoMIDI, Département de Géographie (3 octobre 2017).

TEACHING (SINCE 2017)

INT6240M	Frontières, mobilité et appartenance : Comprendre la migration dans l'Europe d'aujourd'hui (CÉRIUM Summer School, 2026) (Université de Montréal)
PLU6915A	Borders, Flows and Human Rights in the European Union (CÉRIUM Summer School, 2024) (Barcelona, Spain)
PLU6915	Migration Governance in the European Union (CÉRIUM Summer School, 2022) (Malaga, Spain)
GEO1222	Espaces globaux, territoires locaux (Taught three times 2018-2020)
GEO2532	Techniques d'enquête et d'analyse (Taught eight times 2018-2026)
GEO3010	Travail Dirigé : Migrations temporaires au Canada (Joël Wheeler-Noiseux and Marie-Anne Thessereault, Winter 2023).
GEO3010	Travail Dirigé : La Déclaration universelle des droits de l'homme dans les contextes de vulnérabilité importante (Audrey Raïche, Fall 2019)
GEO3010	Travail Dirigé : Migration, réseaux et frontières (Jacob Bruel-Courville, Fall 2017)
GEO3452	Thème régional : Géographie de l'Europe (Fall 2021)
GEO3462	Thème régional : Migrations et frontières entre l'Afrique et l'Europe (Taught five times 2018-2025)
GEO3463	Géographie des migrations et des frontières (Taught twice 2025-2026)
GEO6011	Évolution des idées en géographie (Taught twice 2018-2019)
GEO6031	Projet de maîtrise I (Taught three times 2020-2022)
GEO6032	Projet de maîtrise II (Winter 2021)
GEO6200	Géographie politique (Taught three times 2020-2024)
GEO6393	Lecture dirigée : Migration et gouvernance frontalière (Jeanne Beauchemin et Jessie Bigras-Lauzon, Summer 2020)
GEO6393	Lecture dirigée : Migration, frontières et mineur.e.s non accompagné.e.s (Marianne Turcotte-Plamondon, Fall 2019)
GEO6393	Trav. Dirigé : Cartographie thématique (Marianne Turcotte-Plamondon, Winter 2020)

GRADUATE SUPERVISION

Doctoral Supervision

- Geneviève Fournier, 2026–2030
- Amanda Dionis, 2026–2030
- Itziar Murillas, 2026–2030

- Lizzie Hessek, 2021–2026 (in progress)

Master's Supervision

- Marie-Pierre Tremblay, 2023–2025 (maîtrise recherche, in progress)
- Franck Gustave, 2022–2023 (maîtrise recherche, completed)
- Jessie Bigras-Lauzon, 2019–2024 (maîtrise recherche, completed)
- Alicia Tintelin, 2024-2025 (maîtrise avec stage, completed)
- Homa Azodi, 2024-2025 (maîtrise avec stage, completed)
- Cécilia Philippe, 2023-2024 (maîtrise avec stage, completed)
- Sarah Rahmouni, 2023-2025 (maîtrise avec stage, completed)
- Jeanne Beauchemin, 2019-2022 (maîtrise recherche, completed)
- Marianne Turcotte-Plamondon, 2019-2021 (maîtrise professionnelle, completed)

Other Supervision and Mentoring

- Cheick Oumar Tiendrebéogo, 2024-2025 (stage doctoral au CÉRIUM, completed)
- Lyna Mansouri, 2021-2022 (honors student, completed)
- Guillermo Candiz, 2020-2023 (postdoctoral student, completed)
- Jacob Bruel-Courville, 2018-2019 (honors student, completed)
- Ana Cristina Ruiz Mosquera, 2018-2019 (doctoral intern, completed)

JURY PARTICIPATION

June 2026	Committee member , Geneviève Fournier, ULaval, Département de géographie (master's thesis)
May 2026	Committee member , Camille Martel, Université du Havre, France (doctoral dissertation)
February 2026	Chairperson and committee member , Gerardo José Luis Romero Perea, Université de Montréal, International Studies (master's thesis)
June 2025	Chairperson and committee member , Jeimy Arias Castaño, Université de Montréal, Geography (doctoral dissertation)
June 2025	Dean representative , Raymond Tchassem Nzalé, Université de Montreal, Faculté de droit (doctoral defence)
December 2024	Committee member , Rimal Illel Mahleb, Université de Montréal, Géographie (doctoral research proposal)
May 2022	Chairperson and committee member , Simon Demers, Université de Montréal, Géographie (maîtrise recherche)

May 2022	Committee member , Émilie Therrien, Université de Montréal, Criminologie (maîtrise avec travail dirigé)
May 2022	Committee member , Daphné Baillargeon, Université de Montréal, Géographie (honours report)
April 2022	Dean representative , Juliette Dupont, Université de Montréal, Science Politique (doctoral defence)
April 2022	Chairperson and committee member , Lama Boustani, Université de Montréal, Geography (doctoral research proposal)
February 2022	Committee member , Krishna Daly-Erraya, Université de Montréal, Relations internationales (rapport de stage)
December 2021	Chairperson , Lama Boustani, Université de Montréal, Geography (doctoral comprehensive exams)
December 2021	Chairperson and committee member , Alexander Weisler, Université de Montréal, Geography (doctoral research proposal)
September 2021	Dean representative , Angelica Higuera, Université de Montreal, Anthropology (doctoral defence)
February 2021	Chairperson and committee member , Elisa Cohen-Boucher, Université de Montréal, Geography (master's thesis)
August 2020	Dean Representative , Daniela Heimpel, Université de Montréal, Political Science (doctoral defence)
February 2020	Chairperson and committee member , Linamar Campos Flores, Université de Montréal, Geography (doctoral defence).
December 2019	Chairperson and committee member , Jeimy Alejandra Arias Castañeda, Université de Montréal, Geography (doctoral research proposal)
April 2019	Chairperson and committee member , Jeimy Alejandra Arias Castañeda, Université de Montréal, Geography (doctoral comprehensive exams)
July 2018	External examiner , Monfort Tougouyo, Université de Lille II (master's student)
April 2018	Chairperson , Aba Sadki, Université de Montréal, Geography (doctoral student)
September 2017	Chairperson , Aba Sadki, Université de Montréal, Geography (doctoral student)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2026	Lead and scientific director , Sea Borders Laboratory.
2024	Special Issue editor . Côté-Boucher, K., Vives, L., Garnier, A. and Paquet, M. (2024). <i>Frontières. Criminologie</i> 57(2). 14 articles
2024	Expert evaluator , PhD Dissertation, Lucía Granda Ortells (dir. Rosa María Soriano Miras, Department of Sociology Universidad de Granada)
2019	External evaluator , Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

2017-2020	Co-founder , Migration Research Collective / Collectif de Recherche sur les Migrations
2016-2022	Editor , ACME: an international journal for critical geographies
2014-2018	Co-chair , RC15 (Political Geography), International Association of Political Science
2014-2016	Board member , Research Ethics Board, Dawson College (Montreal, QC)

Peer reviewer, *Geographia Polonica* (2026), *Third World Quarterly* (2026), *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies* (2026), *Recherches féministes* (2025), *Surveillance & Society* (2024), *Journal of Territorial and Maritime Studies* (2024), *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies* (2024), *Journal of Borderlands Studies* (2023), *Environment and Space D* (2022, 2023), *Geopolítica(s)* (2022), *Geoforum* (2022), *International Migration Review* (2021), *Scripta Nova* (2021), *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* (2019, 2020), *Antipode* (2018), *Political Geography* (2016, 2018, 2019, 2020), *International Relations* (2014), *Gender, Place and Culture* (2013), *Geopolitics* (2018, 2019, 2020, 2024), *Global Networks* (2010), *Laws* (2013), *Urban Geography* (2007).

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Departmental Service – Département de géographie, Université de Montréal

2026	Member , comité de renouvellement, Pierre Paul Audate
2025	Member , comité de renouvellement, Audrey Campeau
2022-2023	Member , Comité d'embauche, poste SIG
2022-2023	Member , Comité de direction
2020-2023	Member , Comité du premier cycle
2018-2020	Member , Comité de la bibliothèque

Faculty Service – Faculté des Arts et des Sciences, Université de Montréal

2024-2027	Committee Member , International Studies graduate program
2020-2023	Représentante départementale , Comité du Baccalauréat en enseignement de l'univers social au secondaire
2017-2024	Member , Programme bidisciplinaire géographie-démographie

University Service – Université de Montréal

2024-2026	Jury member , SSHRC Doctoral Scholarship selection committee (Université de Montréal)
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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

2021-present	Grupo de estudio sobre espacio y poder (UCM-970648)
2019-present	Centre d'études et de recherches internationales Université de Montréal (CÉRIUM)

2019-present	Jean Monnet Centre of Montreal, Université de Montréal - McGill University
2019-present	Équipe de recherche sur la migration au Québec et ailleurs (ÉRIQA)
2018-present	Centre for Refugee Studies, York University
2011-present	Canadian Association of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies
2009-present	Canadian Association of Geographers

LANGUAGES

Spanish	Native speaker
English	Bilingual proficiency
French	Full professional proficiency

INTERNATIONAL STAYS

2023-2024	Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain
7-2022	Universidad de Granada, Spain
7-8/2019	Universidad de Granada, Spain and Universidad de Malaga, Spain
7-8/2018	Universidad de Granada, Spain