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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)
School of Applied Psychology, Griffith University, Gold Coast, Australia, anticipated 2029.

PhD in Political Science
School of Government and International Relations, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia, 2023.

Bachelor of Government and International Relations (Honours) Class 1
School of Government and International Relations, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia, 2017.

Master of International Relations
School of Government and International Relations, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia, 2013.
Joint program with the Department of Social Sciences, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany (conferred by Griffith University).

Bachelor of International Relations
School of Government and International Relations, Griffith University, Gold Coast, Australia, 2012.

Associate of Arts
Political Science and Government, Capilano University, North Vancouver, BC, Canada, 2010.

TEACHING

Sessional Lecturer, Griffith University, Brisbane and Gold Coast, Australia.

Graduate Course Taught:

Introduction to International Relations (2023).

Undergraduate Courses Taught:

The Government Business Nexus: Intervening, Lobbying and Responding (2023).

The Purpose of Business (2022–2023).

Engaging Australia and the Asia-Pacific (2022–2023).

The Age of Migration (2022).

EMPLOYMENT

2025–present **Director of Education and Research**, Youth For Excellence Association, Burnaby, BC, Canada.

2022–2024 **Communications Consultant**, Global Data Institute, International Organization for Migration (IOM) HQ, Geneva, Switzerland.

2016–2022 **Communications Officer – Consultant**, Department of Operations and Emergencies, IOM HQ, Geneva, Switzerland.

2015–2016 **Communications Officer**, Media and Communications Division, IOM HQ, Geneva, Switzerland.

2015 **Research Officer**, Migration Research Division, IOM HQ, Geneva, Switzerland.

2013–2014 **Donor Relations Officer**, Donor Relations Division, IOM HQ, Geneva, Switzerland.

PUBLICATIONS

Collaborative Report

International Organization for Migration. (2015). *World Migration Report – Migrants and cities: New partnerships to manage urban mobility*. United Nations. https://doi.org/10.18356/be2a2be6-en

Szabo, D. W. (2015). *World Migration Report 2015 – Cartographic and Editorial Contribution.* United Nations. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18452649

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Journal Article

Szabo, D. W. Mobilizing network social capital during high-risk migration through the Sahara desert.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Book Chapters

Szabo, D. W. Teaching ethnic and cultural diversity. In J. W. Roberts (Ed.), Teaching Middle East and North Africa politics. Edward Elgar Publishing.

Journal Articles

Szabo, D. W. Securitization of migration: Implications for migrant political inclusion.

Szabo, D. W. Determination Model: Toward a developmental architecture for emerging political science researchers.

Szabo, D. W. Resilient survivor: Rethinking victim framings in migration studies.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

2026 Griffith University International Academic Merit Scholarship. A$29,200.

2024 Best Poster, 24th International Migration Conference, Universität Klagenfurt.

2023 Student Experience of Teaching Survey Commendation, Griffith University.

2018 Griffith University International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (GUIPRS). A$142,000.

2018 Griffith University Postgraduate Research Scholarship (GUPRS). A$94,787.

2017 University Medal for Outstanding Academic Excellence, Griffith University.

SELECT COMPETITIVE FUNDING RESULT

2025 Horizon Europe – Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowship (MSCA-PF), Call: HORIZON-MSCA-2025-PF. Proposal ID: 101277966 (COALITION). European Commission panel-reviewed proposal. Evaluation score: 58%. Budget requested: €193,643.

INVITED TALKS

2015–2016 IOM and the UN Humanitarian System, workshop series, Palais des Nations, United Nations Office at Geneva, Switzerland, multiple dates.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Affiliated Event

2026 Determination Model™: A Framework for Researcher Confidence and Identity in Political Science. American Political Science Association (APSA), 122nd APSA Annual Meeting Affiliated Event, The Westin Copley Place, Boston, Massachusetts, United States, 5 September.

Chair

2026 Session 2A, London Centre for Interdisciplinary Research, Migrating World: International Conference on Migration, Identity and Belonging, Birkbeck, University of London, United Kingdom, 4–5 July.

2025 Migration and Integration, European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, 26–29 August.

2025 Political Parties and Political Participation, European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, 26– 29 August.

Discussant

2026 Poster Session - Policy Challenged and Innovations, American Political Science Association (APSA), 122nd APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition, Boston, Massachusetts, United States, 3–6 September.

2026 Immigration, Migration, and Borders, American Political Science Association (APSA), 122nd APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition, Boston, Massachusetts, United States, 3–6 September.

2026 American Political Science Association / Political Studies Association , Teaching and Learning Symposium on Teaching Political Science in an Age of Generative Artificial Intelligence, virtual, 22–26 June.

Chair and Discussant

2024 Foreign Policy and External Relations, European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, University College Dublin, Ireland, 12–15 August.

Paper Presentations

2026 Determination Model: A framework for researcher confidence and identity in political science. Australian Political Studies Association Annual Conference, Deakin University, Geelong, Victoria, Australia, 24–26 November.

2026 Negotiating belonging: Toward a more inclusive understanding of integration in the European Union. Australian Political Studies Association Annual Conference, Deakin University, Geelong, Victoria, Australia, 24–26 November.

2026 Negotiating belonging: Toward a more inclusive understanding of integration in the European Union. London Centre for Interdisciplinary Research, Migrating World: International Conference on Migration, Identity and Belonging, Birkbeck, University of London, United Kingdom, 4–5 July.

2026 Belonging in the academy: Researcher confidence and identity in migration scholarship. London Centre for Interdisciplinary Research, Migrating World: International Conference on Migration, Identity and Belonging, Birkbeck, University of London, United Kingdom, 4–5 July.

2025 COALITION Project: Converting challenges to opportunities, supporting researchers to move beyond the state of the art. Australian Political Studies Association Annual Conference, University of Melbourne, Australia, 24–26 November.

2025 COALITION Project: Converting challenges to opportunities, supporting researchers to move beyond the state of the art. European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, 26–29 August.

2025 Migrant agency and states' securitisation for migration: Prospects for migrants' political inclusion. London Centre for Interdisciplinary Research, Migrating World: International Conference on Migration, Identity and Belonging, Birkbeck, University of London, United Kingdom, 5–6 July. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.15901302

2024 Migrant agency and states' securitisation of migration: Implications for migrant participation and expanding notions of political inclusion. Australian Political Studies Association Annual Conference, University of Western Australia, Perth, 25–28 November.

2024 Migrant agency and states' securitisation of migration: Implications for migrant participation and expanding notions of political inclusion. European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, University College Dublin, Ireland, 12–15 August.

2023 Extraordinary Decisions® Network-derived social capital as a survival strategy on routes through the Sahara Desert. 23rd International Migration Conference - Youth in Migration Societies, TH Köln - University of Applied Sciences, Germany, 15–16 June.

Poster Presentations

2025 Migrant agency and states' securitisation of migration: Implications for reform [Poster presentation]. American Political Science Association (APSA), 121st APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition, Vancouver Convention Centre, Canada, 11–14 September. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17387981

2024 Extraordinary Decisions® Network-derived social capital as a survival strategy on routes through the Sahara Desert [Poster presentation]. 24th International Migration Conference - Global Citizenship Education, Universität Klagenfurt, Austria, 12–14 June. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.15151418

CAMPUS TALK

2021 High-risk migration and the construction of network-derived social capital through the Sahara Desert. Centre for Governance and Public Policy Seminar Series, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia, 30 July.

SERVICE

To the Profession

2026–2028 **Council Member,** Migration and Citizenship Section, American Political Science Association.

2026–2028 **Co-convenor,** Teaching and Learning Group, Australian Political Studies Association.

2025–2026 **Awards Committee Member,** Best Graduate Paper, Migration and Citizenship Section, American Political Science Association.

2022–2023 **Student Mentor,** Griffith Business School, Griffith University, Brisbane and Gold Coast, Australia.

To the Community

2016–2019 **Scholarship Committee Chair,** LGBTI Pulse Memorial Scholarship®, Youth For Excellence Association (YFE) and International Organization for Migration (IOM).

2016–2019 **Scholarship Review Board Member,** LGBTI Pulse Memorial Scholarship, YFE and IOM.

RESEARCH METHODS TRAINING

2026 European Consortium for Political Research Methods School, Analysing Your Qualitative Data with MAXQDA, online, 16–20 February.

CURRICULUM DESIGN

Szabo, D. W. & Mueller, T. R. (2018). *Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) Educational Materials.* International Organization for Migration.

Szabo, D. W. The Advantage™ Educational Materials [Adult Leadership Development]. Youth For Excellence Association, 2002–2007.

Szabo, D. W. The Summit Educational Materials [Adult Leadership Development]. Youth For Excellence Association, 2002–2007.

Szabo, D. W. Elegant Destiny™ Educational Materials [Adult Leadership Development]. Youth For Excellence Association, 2002–2007.

Szabo, D. W. Taking Action™ Leadership Conferences Educational Materials [Youth Leadership Development]. Youth For Excellence Association, 1993–2007.

ADDITIONAL TEACHING

Instructor, IOM and the UN Humanitarian System, International Organization for Migration HQ, Geneva, Switzerland, 2015–2016.

Instructor, The Advantage, The Summit, and Elegant Destiny [Adult Leadership Development], Youth For Excellence Association (ViCor International), Vancouver, BC, Canada, 2002–2007.

Facilitator, Taking Action Leadership Conferences [Youth Leadership Development], Youth For Excellence Association, Vancouver, BC and Toronto, ON, Canada—Seattle, Washington, USA, 1993–2007.

Facilitator, Taking Action Leadership Conferences [Youth Leadership Development], Youth For Excellence Association, Byron Bay, Australia, 2002, Hong Kong, China, 2004, and Puerto Rico Territory, USA, 2005.

Program Leader, Pursuit of Excellence [Adult Leadership Development], Context International, Vancouver, BC, Canada, 2000–2002.

Facilitator, ISLI Youth Leadership Conference, ISLI Development Group Association, Gambier Island, BC, Canada, 1992.

Facilitator, ISLI Youth Leadership Conferences, International Student Leadership Institute, Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana, USA—Vancouver, BC, Canada, 1988–1991.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

BSAFE: UN security awareness training, United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS), 2023.

21st Century Leadership, Context International, Wilsonville, Oregon, USA, 2000, 2005.

Program Leader Training, Context International, San Francisco, California, USA, 2001–2003.

ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Ballot Issuing Officer (Provincial Election), Elections Canada, Vancouver, BC, Canada, 2026.

Voting Agent (Municipal Election), City of Vancouver, Vancouver, BC, Canada, 2026.

Information Officer (Federal Election), Elections Canada, Burnaby, BC, Canada, 2025.

Assistant to the Volunteers Coordinator, Oxfam Australia, Brisbane, Australia, 2012.

Fundraiser and Producer, Soulful Productions, Vancouver, BC, Canada, 1998–2018.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Educational Research Association (AERA), 2025–present.

American Political Science Association (APSA), 2023–present.

American Psychological Association (APA), 2026.

Australian Political Studies Association (AusPSA), 2023–present.

Australian Psychological Society (APS), 2026.

Centre for Migration Studies (CMS), The University of British Columbia, 2026.

European Communication Research and Education Association (ECREA), 2025–present.

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), 2023–present.

International Studies Association (ISA), 2026.

LANGUAGES

Portuguese (intermediate speaking), Italian (intermediate comprehension), French (basic).

REFERENCES (Available on request).