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Education

- 2026-2027 **Simon Fraser University** | Burnaby, British Columbia.
M.A. in Political Science
Fields of Study:
Quantitative Methods
International Relations
Conflict Studies
Civil War
Terrorism
Diplomacy
- 2022-2026 **University of Toronto** | Mississauga, Ontario.
Honours Bachelor of Arts (*With Distinction*). 3.44 GPA.
Political Science, History.

Fields of Interest

International Relations, Conflict Studies, Democracy, Constructivism, Cold War History, American Politics.

Courses

Research Methods in Political Science I & II; Data Visualization in the Social Sciences; Contemporary Challenges in International Relations; Oil, Energy, and Culture in American Society; Understanding Military Power & Conflict; European Politics I & II; Undergraduate Reading Course.

Affiliations

Co-Founder; Reviewer & Editor, Comparative Politics & Book Reviews. *UTM Undergraduate Journal of Political Science*.

Conferences

- April 8, 2026. Annual UTM Historical Studies Prandium Conference (2026).
"United we Stand, Divided we Drive: How Highways Served as Racial Mechanisms in 20th-Century American Life," **Presenter at the 2025 Prandium Conference**, Mississauga, April 7, 2025.

Academic Publications

"Freed Bondage: How American Liberalism and Slavery Collided in Early American Politics." *UTM Undergraduate Journal of Political Science* 1, no. 1 (2026): 1-9. (In Submission)

Articles

- "*OPINION: Two Things can be Bad: On Iran, the United States, and Military Intervention.*" The Medium - The independent student newspaper of the University of Toronto Mississauga since 1974, March 09, 2026. <https://shorturl.at/EVwmH>.
- "*Op-Ed: US VOTERS DESERVE BETTER.*" The Medium - The independent student newspaper of the University of Toronto Mississauga since 1974, January 25, 2026. <https://tinyurl.com/3bp8t9cp>.
- "*Op-Ed: US DEMOCRATS' INTERNAL BATTLES.*" The Medium - The independent student newspaper of the University of Toronto Mississauga since 1974, January 12, 2026. <https://tinyurl.com/4j783mtr>
- "*Liberals Have Failed to Confront Authoritarianism.*" The Medium - The independent student newspaper of the University of Toronto Mississauga since 1974, November 17, 2025. <https://shorturl.at/HKbYF>.
- "*OPINION: Ukraine and Gaza Are Different Fights in the Same Struggle.*" The Varsity - The University of Toronto's Student Newspaper Since 1880, November 01, 2025. <https://shorturl.at/pyqoL>.
- "*Op-Ed: An Election We May Never See Again.*" The Medium - The Independent Student Newspaper of the University of Toronto Mississauga since 1974, October 13, 2025. <https://shorturl.at/zfQnk>.
- "*Freedom via Authoritarianism? Have Bukele's Reforms Improved El Salvador?*" Canada The Essential Channel - Analytical Journalism to Understand the World, February 15, 2025. <https://shorturl.at/5wBtZ>.
- "*On 2SLGBTQ+ Rights Canada Is Great, but Not Perfect.*" UNICEF Canada: For Every Child, June 17, 2024. <https://shorturl.at/jodNN>.

Initiatives

March 2, 2026. Helped plan and worked at **The Politics of Nonviolence: Traditions, Tensions, and Transformations** Conference at the University of Toronto Mississauga.

March, 2026. Created the website for the *UTM Undergraduate Journal of Political Science*.

Awards and Honours

- 2024 **Sustainability Award** (\$115), University of Toronto Mississauga Student Union.
 Social Justice and Equity Award (\$115), University of Toronto Mississauga Student Union.
 Charity Award (\$115), University of Toronto Mississauga Student Union.
- 2022 **Ontario Scholar**, Government of Ontario.

Certifications

- 2026 **Youth CAN Sustain Certificate**, SDSN Canada, University of Calgary.
- 2025 **Certificate Degree in Global Perspectives** (3.68 GPA), University of Toronto Mississauga.
 UNICEF Youth Advocate Certification, UNICEF Canada.

Technical Skills

Languages	English (Native)
Programming Languages	R
Markup Languages	LaTeX, html
Data Visualization Tools	VOS-Viewer

Academic References

Dr. Alexander Reisenbichler

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