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Qualifications

- 2019 PhD, School of Politics and International Relations, Australian National University.
Dissertation: *From Tightrope to Gendered Trope: A comparative study of the print mediation of women Prime Ministers*.
Primary Supervisor: Emeritus Professor Marian Sawer. Associate Supervisors:
Professor Helen Keane and Professor Fiona Jenkins.
- 2015 Discourse Analysis, IPSA Methods Summer School Program, National University of Singapore.
- 2014 Bachelor of Arts (Honours, First Class), Gender Studies and Social Analysis and Politics and International Relations, University of Adelaide.

Academic Employment

- 2020 – Associate Lecturer, School of Politics and International Relations, Australian National University.
- 2019 Research Assistant, Dr Chris Wallace, Australian National University, Canberra.
- 2018 – 2019 Editor, *Pop Politics Aus Blog*. Australian National University, Canberra.
- 2018 – 2019 Research Assistant, Dr Michael de Percy and Dr Heba Batainah, University of Canberra, Canberra.
- 2017 – 2018 Research Assistant, Dr Belinda Edwards, University of New South Wales, Canberra.
- 2017 Research Officer, Dr Maria Maley, Australian National University, Canberra.

Grants, Awards and Prizes

- 2018 International Visitor Scheme Grant (£500), Political Studies Association UK (PSA).
- 2018 Vice-Chancellor's HDR Travel Grant (\$1500), The Australian National University.
- 2015 ANU University Research Scholarship (Annual Stipend for a maximum of 3.5 years of Postgraduate study, \$91,000).
- 2014 Business and Professional Women Prize, most outstanding student in Honours Gender Studies, The University of Adelaide.
- 2013 Summer Research Scholarship (\$1,200), The University of Adelaide.

Academic Publications

Journal Articles:

Williams, Blair. 2018. 'Book Review: Gender, Politics, News: A Game of Three Sides'. *Feminist Media Studies* 18 (2): 333–334.

Williams, Blair. 2017. 'A Gendered Media Analysis of the Prime Ministerial Ascension of Gillard and Turnbull: He's "taken back the reins" and she's "a backstabbing" murderer'. *Australian Journal of Political Science* 52 (4): 550–564.

Book Chapters:

Williams, Blair. Forthcoming. 'The Murdoch Presses: Representation of Masculinity and Femininity in Leadership'. In *Gender and Australian Political Leadership*, edited by Zareh Ghazarian and Katrina Lee-Koo. Sydney: NewSouth.

Williams, Blair and Sawyer, Marian. 2018. 'Rainbow Labor and a Purple Policy Launch: Gender and Sexuality Issues'. In *Double Disillusion: The 2016 Australian Federal Election*, edited by Anika Gauja, et al. Canberra: ANU press.

Encyclopaedia Entries:

Williams, Blair. Forthcoming. 'Margaret Thatcher'. In *The International Encyclopedia of Gender, Media, and Communication*, edited by Karen Ross. Wiley Blackwell.

Williams, Blair. Forthcoming. 'Julia Gillard'. In *The International Encyclopedia of Gender, Media, and Communication*, edited by Karen Ross. Wiley Blackwell.

Williams, Blair. Forthcoming. 'Helen Clark'. In *The International Encyclopedia of Gender, Media, and Communication*, edited by Karen Ross. Wiley Blackwell.

Under Review:

Williams, Blair. 'A Tale of Two Women: A comparative media analysis of UK Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher and Theresa May'. *Revise & Resubmit*

Williams, Blair. 'It's a Man's World at the Top: Gendered Media Representations of Julia Gillard and Helen Clark'. *Under Review*.

Working Papers:

Williams, Blair. 'The Family Trope: A comparative analysis of the gendered print mediation of women Prime Ministers'.

Williams, Blair. 'The Queering of Women Prime Ministers: A Visual Analysis of Gendered Political Cartoons'.

Williams, Blair. 'Pacing the Political Tightrope: A Gender Performative Analysis of Julia Gillard and Tony Abbott'.

Engagement

Blog Posts:

Williams, Blair. 2019. '[Feminist or misogynist? Boris Johnson's "woman problem"](#)'. *Broad Agenda*.

Price, Jenna and Blair Williams. 2019. '[Queensland paper backtracks after using violent imagery to depict Annastacia Palaszczuk](#)'. *The Conversation*.

Williams, Blair and Louise Chappell. 2019. '[The "unmarried head prefect" and other tired tropes: How the media stereotyped Gladys Berejiklian](#)'. *BroadAgenda Blog*.

Williams, Blair. 2018. '[The maelstrom of the leadership spill: Julie Bishop and the glass cliff](#)'. *BroadAgenda Blog*.

Williams, Blair. 2018. '[Media coverage of the UK's female prime ministers has become more gendered from Thatcher to May](#)'. *Pop Politics Aus*.

Williams, Blair. 2018. '[Media coverage of the UK's female prime ministers has become more gendered from Thatcher to May](#)'. *Global Institute for Women's Leadership*.

Williams, Blair and Marian Sawer. 2018. '[Rainbow Labor and a purple policy launch: Gender and sexuality in the 2016 federal election](#)'. *BroadAgenda Blog*.

Williams, Blair. 2017. '[He's "taken back the reins" and she's "a backstabbing murderer"](#)'. *BroadAgenda Blog*.

Williams, Blair. 2017. '[Julia Gillard, gender and the media: Treading the tight-rope](#)'. *VIDA Blog: Australian Women's History Network*.

Public Talks and Seminars:

2019 'Why the media is sexist towards women political leaders', TEDx, *Macquarie University*, Sydney, September 2019.

2016 'Gillard and Turnbull: Media Analysis', *ANU Learning Centre*, Canberra, October 2016.

2016 'He's "Taken Back the Reins" and She's "a Backstabbing Murderer": A comparative media analysis of the Prime Ministerial ascension of Julia Gillard and Malcolm Turnbull'. Invited talk. *University of Duisburg-Essen*, Germany, July 2016.

Radio:

2019 – Federal Political Correspondent, *Radio Adelaide*.

ABC Northern Tasmania. Drive. 26 February 2020. 'Interview with Blair Williams'.

Mix 106.3 FM Canberra. News. 26 February 2020. 'A study from the ANU has determined media coverage of female politicians is getting worse'.

2MCE. National Radio News. 26 February 2020. 'Former Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard says the media is largely to blame'.

Radio National. Drive. 25 February 2020. “[“The women beside the men”: Media obsession with female PMs](#)”.

ABC Radio Canberra. Drive. 27 November 2019. ‘[20th Anniversary of Helen Clark’s PM ascension: Talking women in politics](#)’.

ABC Radio Canberra. Sunday Afternoon. 17 November 2019. ‘[One Liners: Gillard’s Misogyny Speech](#)’.

BBC Radio. Up All Night. 25 May 2019. ‘[Interview: Gendered media coverage of Theresa May](#)’.

Radio Adelaide. Breakfast. 20 May 2019. ‘[Politics: What can we expect for the next 3 years?](#)’.

SBS Radio. 13 May 2019. ‘Expertise interview on Women Electoral Lobby’s election scorecard on gender equality policy’.

ABC Radio Adelaide. 27 December 2018. ‘2018 A Year That Was: Interview on Sexism in Australian Politics’.

ABC Radio Darwin. 30 November 2018. ‘Interview on Women Politicians and Sexism in Australian Parliament’.

Radio 1 SRF. News Bulletin. 27 September 2018. ‘Interview on Sexism in Australian Politics’.

Radio 1 SRF. News Bulletin. 27 September 2018. ‘Interview on Racism in Australian Politics’.

ABC Canberra Radio. News Bulletin. 19 June 2018. ‘Interview on Vigil for Eurydice Dixon’.

ABC South East Radio. News Bulletin. 29 September 2016. ‘Interview on Gillard, Turnbull, Clinton and media’.

Triple J. News Bulletin. 28 September 2016. ‘Interview on Gillard, Turnbull and the media’.

Television:

Gillard, Julia. 9 October 2019. ‘[More or less sexist](#)’. Peston ITV.

SBS World News. Feature. 17 April 2019. ‘Expertise interview on the youth vote in the 2019 Australian Federal Election’.

Ten News. News Bulletin. 4 July 2018. ‘[Expertise interview on Senator Leyonhjelm’s Sexist Remarks towards Hanson-Young](#)’.

Print Media:

Tu, Jessie. 2020. ‘[Gender bias in female PM coverage is worsening](#)’. Women’s Agenda. 28 February.

Purtill, James. 2020. ‘[Media’s gendered stereotyping was worse for Gillard than Thatcher 30 years earlier, research shows](#)’. ABC News. 25 February.

ANU Media. 2020. ‘[Media obsession with female PMs’ gender worsening](#)’. ANU Newsroom. 25 February.

Bhandari, Subel. 2020. ‘[Australians are angry with their prime minister on bushfire efforts](#)’. *DPA International*. 5 January.

- Price, Jenna. 2019. '[The ALP has a long way to go on gender equality](#)'. *The Canberra Times*. 18 October.
- Price, Jenna. 2019. '[Labor, the men who run it and their "female worker bees"](#)'. *The Sydney Morning Herald*. 17 October.
- Mao, Frances. 2019. '[2019 election: Why politics is toxic for Australia's women](#)'. *BBC News*. 16 May.
- Baker, Nick. 2018. '[What does Julia Banks' resignation say about the Liberal party?](#)' *SBS News*. 30 August.
- Price, Jenna. 2018. '[All this talk of leadership changes, and barely a whisper about women](#)'. *The Sydney Morning Herald*. 23 February.
- Walker, Aaron. 2016. '[Gillard and Turnbull: a case study in gender bias in Australian media](#)'. *UNSW Newsroom*. 28 September.
- Walker, Aaron. 2016. '[Gillard and Turnbull: a case study in gender bias in Australian media](#)'. *ANU Newsroom*. 28 September
- Faruqi, Osman. 2016. '[New Research Confirms The Media Was Pretty Bloody Sexist When Covering Julia Gillard](#)'. *Junkee*. 28 September.
- Scott, Elise. 2016. '[Gillard subject to gender bias: study](#)'. *Sky News*. 28 September.
- Scott, Elise. 2016. '[Gillard copped media gender bias: report](#)'. *News.com*. 28 September.
- Scott, Elise. 2016. '[Gillard copped media gender bias: report](#)'. *Yahoo*. 28 September.
- Su, Reissa. 2014. '[Julia Gillard's Negative Media Treatment Turns Off Women to Enter Politics](#)'. *International Business Times*. January 15.
- Shepherd, Tory. 2014. '[More women turning off politics after Julia Gillard was badly treated](#)'. *The Advertiser*. 14 January.
- Panahi, Rita. 2014. '[Misogyny!](#)'. *Herald Sun*. 16 January.
- Shepherd, Tory. 2014. '[More women turning off politics after Julia Gillard was badly treated](#)'. *Herald Sun*. 14 January.

Podcasts:

- Policy Forum. 18 November 2019. *Democracy Sausage*. '[Women in politics special](#)'.
- Policy Forum. 3 December 2018. *The Brief Podcast*. 'Women in politics: Creating space for female representation'. <https://www.policyforum.net/the-brief-women-in-politics/>

Teaching

- 2019 Co-Lecturer and Course Coordinator, Australian National University:
Race, Ethnicity and Representation.
- 2016 – 2019 Sessional Tutor:

Student experience survey (SELTS) average: 4.7/5

Race, Ethnicity and Representation. Australian National University, Canberra.

Refugee Politics: Displacement and Exclusion in the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries. Australian National University, Canberra.

Communication and Media Research. University of Canberra, Canberra.

2017 – 2019 Guest Lecturer, Australian National University:

Gender and Politics

Politics in Britain

Media Politics: Political leaders, media moguls, journalists and audiences

Race, Ethnicity and Representation

Research and Writing in Political Science.

Conference presentations

- 2019 ‘It’s a Man’s World at the Top: Gendered Media Representations of Julia Gillard and Helen Clark’, Australian Political Studies Association (APSA) Conference, Flinders University, Adelaide.
- 2019 ‘It’s a Man’s World at the Top: Gendered Media Representations of Julia Gillard and Helen Clark’, European Conference of Politics and Gender (ECPG), University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam.
- 2018 ‘The Queering of Women Prime Ministers: A Visual Analysis of Gendered Political Cartoons’, International Political Science Association (IPSA) Conference, Brisbane.
- 2018 ‘The Grocer’s and Vicar’s Daughters: A comparative media analysis of UK Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher and Theresa May’, International Political Science Association (IPSA) Conference, Brisbane.
- 2018 ‘The Grocer’s and Vicar’s Daughters: A comparative media analysis of UK Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher and Theresa May’, Political Studies Association (PSA) Conference, Cardiff University, Cardiff.
- 2017 ‘Tale of Two Women: A comparative media analysis of UK Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher and Theresa May’, Australian Political Studies Association (APSA) Conference, Monash University, Melbourne.
- 2017 ‘Tale of Two Women: A comparative media analysis of UK Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher and Theresa May’. European Conference of Politics and Gender (ECPG), University of Lausanne, Lausanne.
- 2017 ‘Julia Gillard and the Sexist Australian Voter: Exposing a hidden variable bias’. Political Studies Association (PSA) Conference, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow.
- 2016 ‘He’s “Taken Back the Reins” and She’s “a Backstabbing Murderer”’: A comparative media analysis of the Prime Ministerial ascension of Julia Gillard and Malcolm

Turnbull'. Australian Political Studies Association (APSA) Conference, UNSW, Sydney.

2016 'He's "Taken Back the Reins" and She's "a Backstabbing Murderer": A comparative media analysis of the Prime Ministerial ascension of Julia Gillard and Malcolm Turnbull'. International Political Science Association (IPSA) Conference, Poznan.

2016 'He's "Taken Back the Reins" and She's "a Backstabbing Murderer": A comparative media analysis of the Prime Ministerial ascension of Julia Gillard and Malcolm Turnbull'. Oxford Women's Leadership Symposium, University of Oxford, Oxford.

2016 'He's "Taken Back the Reins" and She's "a Backstabbing Murderer": A comparative media analysis of the Prime Ministerial ascension of Julia Gillard and Malcolm Turnbull'. Australian Women and Gender Studies Association (AWGSA) Conference, Griffith University, Brisbane.

2015 'Pacing the Political Tight-Rope: A Gender Performative Analysis of Julia Gillard and Tony Abbott'. Transforming the Field of Study - ANU Gender Institute Conference, Canberra.

2015 'The Future of Gendered Representations in Politics: Julia Gillard, Gender Performativity and the Media Diatribe'. Australian Political Studies Association (APSA) Conference, University of Canberra, Canberra.

Service To Profession

2016 – Executive Board Member, IPSA RC19 Gender Politics and Policy.

2016 – Social Media Coordinator, IPSA RC19 Gender Politics and Policy.

2016 – Social Media Coordinator, APSA Women's Caucus.

2017 – Reviewer: *Australian Journal of Political Science; Politics & Gender; Feminist Media Studies; European Journal of Politics and Gender.*