

BIOGRAPHY – Melanee Thomas

Melanee Thomas (she/her/they) is a Professor of Political Science at the University of Calgary. Her research broadly addresses 1) the causes and consequences of gender-based political inequality, with a particular focus on political attitudes and behaviour, and 2) the politics of energy transition from fossil fuels to more renewable sources of energy, and how this is affected by liberal colonialism, anti-Indigenous racism, and multi-level governance. Her research helps identify how Canadians think about themselves in politics, explain how this is structured by gender and sexism, racism and colonialism, and then develop potential solutions that ameliorate and strengthen our democratic politics. Her research has been published by Oxford University Press, *Politics & Gender*, *Electoral Politics*, *Political Behaviour*, *Political Communication*, and the *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. Outside of her work at UCalgary, Dr. Thomas has served as an Alberta Provincial Audit Committee public member and as an expert witness for the Attorney General of Canada and the Parliament of Canada.