

Committee: **Transportation Advisory Committee**

Organization/Sector represented:

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Occupation: **PhD Candidate**

Work experience: **I have lived in London for the past six years where I have worked as a PhD Candidate and Teaching Assistant at Western in the Department of History. Prior to living in London, I worked for two years with the federal government in Ottawa.**

Education: **I graduated with a BA in History from the University of Ottawa in 2011 and a Masters in History from the University of Waterloo in 2012. I moved to London in 2012 to begin my PhD.**

Skills: **If accepted as member of the Transportation Advisory Committee, I would bring the perspective of one of the many Western students who rely on public transportation as their only mode of transportation. Previous discussions relating to transit at the university have focused on how students can travel to and from Western. This framing ignores that students also rely on public transit for their groceries, jobs, and leisure. I hope to bring the perspective of Western students to the committee. Moreover, as a PhD Candidate and Teaching Assistant, I am accustomed to explaining complex ideas to a diverse audience in easy and understandable ways. I am able to write clearly and effectively under pressure, which may also serve the committee well.**

Interest reason: **I am interested in participating more fully in community life in London after living here for six years. The issue of transportation is important to me, both as an environmentalist as well as someone concerned about urban poverty. Transportation is important economic and environmental issue that I believe deserves London's attention.**

Contributions: **I have participated on several committees at Western and hope to use these existing networks to gather student opinions and share them with committee members.**

Past contributions: **I am currently a member of Western's Society of Graduate Students (SOGS). In the past, I have represented the views of students in the Department of History in previous SOGS events and during periods of important decision making (health care plans, etc.).**

Interpersonal: **As a Teaching Assistant at Western, I lead weekly discussions with undergraduate students about the course material and their assignments. I am accustomed to leading group discussions and ensuring that students are able to share their views in a respectful manner. I pride myself on my ability to guide discussion while making each student feel heard. I have been nominated for several teaching awards at Western as a result of my ability to empathize with and engage students in critical and rewarding discussions.**

Interview interest: **Yes**