Sylvia Bashevkin
Education

An esteemed professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto for almost 40 years, Sylvia Bashevkin has championed women's voices in research and academic leadership throughout her career. She is an author, activist and mentor who is an internationally recognized leader in the field of gender and politics.

When Sylvia began her teaching career, she was the only woman in Erindale College's political science department. Sylvia has worked to diversify political science curricula to include feminist perspectives, and advocated for the recruitment of women faculty members. She has brought women's political struggles and triumphs to the forefront of scholarly conversations in her research and analyses of women's participation in politics. Her books include *Women as Foreign Policy Leaders*; *Women, Power, Politics: The Hidden Story of Canada's Unfinished Democracy*; and *Tales of Two Cities: Women and Municipal Restructuring in London and Toronto*.

From 2005 to 2011, Sylvia served as the first woman principal of University College, the University of Toronto's founding college. She served as president of the Canadian Political Science Association and the women and politics research section of the American Political Science Association. Her scholarly distinctions include: fellowship in the Royal Society of Canada, the Jill Vickers Prize from the Canadian Political Science Association, the Mildred Schwartz Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Political Science Association, the Ursula Franklin Gender Studies Award from the Royal Society, and the Bertha Lutz Prize from the International Studies Association.

Sylvia has volunteered with the Committee for '94, Toronto Women's Call to Action and the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund.

Through her extensive work as an educator and author, Sylvia has steered those who might not otherwise think about women and girls toward seeing a gender dimension. This in turn has improved the city and country we live in.

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