GET TO KNOW ME:
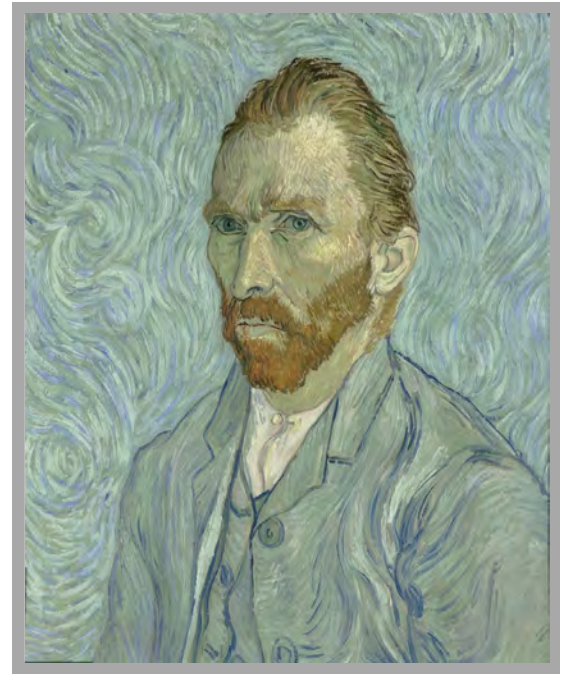## PROFESSOR EDITION ✏️

NAME: Sebastien Parker

FYF SEMINAR I WILL BE TEACHING IN 2022-2023:

How the Social informs the Political

HOMETOWN: Rockland, Ontario

THE LAST GREAT MOVIE I SAW WAS:

Turning Red

MY 'ACTUAL' FAVOURITE MOVIE: Synecdoche, New York

THE SONG I HAVE ON REPEAT RIGHT NOW: Bon Iver - Holocene

FAVOURITE FOOD: Chocolate -- at any time of day

GUILTY PLEASURE: Reality TV (Bachelor, 2H2H, Ultimatum, Love is Blind, you name it...)

I AM SURPRISINGLY VERY GOOD AT: Doing a self-portrait.

A FUN FACT ABOUT MYSELF: *Richard Ayoade voice over Travel Man music* or *James Acaster on WILTY*, take your pick: On a solo trip to Greece, I once nearly drowned trying scuba diving for the first time.

SELF PORTRAIT

MY FAVOURITE THING ABOUT TEACHING:

Hearing and discussing students' perspective(s) on diverse issues; helping students develop their own critical voice while working on important questions and challenging ideas.

WHY YOU SHOULD TAKE MY CLASS:

All the FYF seminars will be fascinating. If you want to read and hear about socio-structural explanations for political outcomes like polarized attitudes, activism, and voting, then this course might be for you.

WHAT I WANT MY STUDENTS TO KNOW:

Courses are not just about the content. In this seminar, for example, it's really important for me that you get introduced to case studies from diverse places -- some of which you have not read about before. Communicating ideas effectively, both in writing and verbally, are fundamental skills no matter what you decide to do. We will thus focus on that as well!

A COOL FACT ABOUT MY FIELD OF STUDY:

One of the major figures in the field of political sociology -- whom we will discuss -- taught at UofT

SOME FINAL WORDS:

University can be challenging, but it is also extremely rewarding. There are many resources & people around to help. Ask many questions. Above all, look to take full advantage of your undergrad experience -- in meeting new folks, getting involved, and taking courses in different fields. Looking forward to meeting you all :)