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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-DEAN, RESEARCH

The research achievements documented in the 2014-2016 Research Annual Report for the Common Law Section at the University of Ottawa’s Faculty of Law belong to us all—the researchers, the Dean, the administrative staff, and the Vice-Deans Research, including Adam Dodek, Teresa Scassa, Jamie Benidickson and Anthony VanDuzer, on whose work we continue to build. This report shows that our faculty is a research leader among law faculties in Canada on many fronts: in research chairs, in obtaining funding, in producing publications that are influential, and in commanding media and public engagement. Bravo to all!

This law faculty—the largest in Canada at 75 full-time tenure track professors, approximately 30 sessional and adjunct professors, a changing roster of over 15 visiting professors and more than 100 part-time professors—holds many distinctions reflected in our research. Our expertise is broad and deep across many research groups, centres, institutes and networks. The rich interplay between research inquiry and legal and social change generated among our researchers is exemplified through the role our researchers play in provincial, national and international law reform, governance and policy development. What unites our research is a shared commitment to the pursuit of social justice and sound public policy.

The faculty’s Law & Technology group represents the largest group of technology law researchers in Canada, if not internationally. In this area we hold three Canada Research Chairs and two $2.5M SSHRC partnership grants. The research of the group is enhanced by the Centre for Law, Technology and Society as well as the Samuelson-Glushko Canadian Internet Policy and Public Interest Clinic (CIPPIC) and The Open African Innovation Research Network (Open AIR).

The Health Law group boasts a University Research Chair in Health Law and Policy as well as the Bertram Loeb Chair in Organ and Tissue Donation. It brings together the largest group of health researchers in Canada, who individually and collectively participate in the research agendas of the Centre for Health Law & Policy and the Global Strategy Lab.

The Environmental Law group has, for many years, been the home of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law. More recently, the intensity of research has increased with addition of the Institute for the Environment, the Centre for Environmental Law and Global Sustainability, The Sustainable Prosperity Network and the uOttawa-Ecojustice Environmental Law Clinic.
The Social Justice Law group enjoys two chairs: The Shirley Greenberg Chair for Women and the Legal Profession and the University Research Chair on Sexual Assault Legislation. Many of the researchers in this group contribute to the Human Rights Research and Education Centre, and others are involved in specific projects, namely the Ticket Defence Program, the Community Legal Clinic, and Refugee Hub, the Refugee Sponsorship Support Program and the University of Ottawa Refugee Assistance Program.

The French Common Law Program, as well as our relationship with the Faculty of Law’s Section de droit civil provides us with opportunities for bilingual and bijural collaborative projects. We also nurture a vibrant and large Public Law group as well as an emerging cluster of Indigenous legal scholars who are engaged in discovering, mapping and revitalizing Indigenous laws. The International Law group is host to the Hyman Soloway Chair in Business and Trade Law and the CGA Ontario Tax & International Business Research Centre.

We communicate our research results in many fora—the courts, tribunals, the legislatures, in international bodies and traditional scholarly venues like academic conferences here and abroad as well as peer-reviewed journals and books and in collaboration with civil society groups. In 2015, the University of Ottawa’s Faculty of Law earned a prestigious ranking on the Social Science Research Network’s (SSRN) list of the Top 500 International Law Schools based on downloads of our scholarly work, joining only one other Canadian law school on the top ten list. One of our researchers, Craig Forcese, has ranked as one of the Top Ten authors for 2015, out 300,000 authors whose work is available through the network.

We also lead the country in public legal education through sharing our research and expertise through traditional and new media forms. According to recent research on media engagement by law professors across Canada, our faculty is by far the most active in national media among the law schools. Our faculty members have also shown a strong commitment to open-access publication, and some have been leaders in this field. The quality and influence of our research is also reflected by prestigious recognitions bestowed on our scholars by the Royal Society of Canada, the Canadian Bar Association, the Law Society of Upper Canada, the Canadian Council for the Arts, the Barreau du Quebec, the Foundation for Legal Research, and many more.

This Annual Report showcases the Common Law Section’s research excellence in the fiscal years of 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, offering a glimpse of (i) the Research Office, including its goals and staff; (ii) the Section’s research centres, institutes, groups and laboratories; (iii) the research chair holders in the Faculty; (iv) the prestigious awards, prizes and distinctions obtained by our professors; (v) the internal and external funding obtained by our faculty members through a variety of programs, grants and contracts; (vi) the impressive number of publications produced by our professors; and (vi) some new research-related initiatives undertaken by our Faculty. Readers may see some overlap with our previous Annual Research Report, which covered a period ending in July 2014. Henceforth, our reports will follow our fiscal years, beginning on May 1 and ending on April 30 of the following calendar year.

As Vice-Dean Research, I am proud of the level of excellence displayed by our professors and their exemplary commitment to their research, to the faculty and to a better world. I am also deeply appreciative of the professionalism and enthusiasm that our team—Cintia Quiroga, Research Facilitator, Andrew Kuntze, Research Communications Strategist, and Natalie Carter, Research Administrative Assistant—brings to the research enterprise. We could not possibly do it without them.

Elizabeth Sheehy
FULL PROFESSOR & VICE-DEAN OF RESEARCH
SHIRLEY E. GREENBERG CHAIR FOR WOMEN AND THE LEGAL PROFESSION
GOALS OF THE RESEARCH OFFICE

One of the core duties of a university professor is to carry out research. Research is crucial to the development and testing of knowledge, and the kind of independent and objective research that can be carried out in a university environment plays an important role within our society. A vibrant research culture within a law school is a sign of its strength not just as a research institution but as a centre for teaching excellence as well. Moreover, much of the grant funding obtained by faculty researchers translates directly into employment for students. In turn, this enhances the students’ law school experience by giving them hands-on training with research sources and methodologies. Research funding is crucial as well to supporting students in a time of rising tuition and mounting student debt.

The role of the Research Office is to work closely with researchers, administrators, institutional partners, and funding organizations within Canada and abroad to encourage and support the successful engagement of its bilingual faculty in research. Its specific responsibilities include the provision of support and strategic direction for faculty members applying for research-related funding, research award and prize submissions, and Canada Research Chair (CRC) nominations and renewals. It also supports the distribution and management of faculty research funds, offers support for the diversification and funding of international research initiatives, and manages the selection process for faculty research awards. The Research Office also helps to profile the impressive research output of faculty members.

In 2014-2016, Common Law Section professors obtained over $6.5 million in new research funding. During that same period, the Research Office expanded, adding two new staff members to its team in the positions of Research Communications Strategist (Andrew Kuntze) and Administrative Assistant (Natalie Carter). Cintia Quiroga, meanwhile, replaced Hélène Dragatsi as the Faculty’s Research Facilitator in January of 2015. The Office’s growth and its role in helping Common Law faculty members realize an impressive display of accomplishments over the course of 2014-2016 affirm the Common Law Section’s continued commitment to excellence in research and to providing a strong foundation of support to meet the Faculty’s five research priorities.

The Office of Research has set the following priorities:

1. To encourage and support Faculty applications for research funding, especially federal government Tri-Council funding, but also other sources of funding including the Law Foundation of Ontario, private foundations, government and international organizations.

2. To promote the dissemination of Faculty research, both internally within the Faculty and externally to the academic community, to government, the public policy community, the media, the broader public, alumni and prospective students, both graduate and undergraduate.

3. To assist new and junior Faculty members to develop their own research strategy, including support for their research through applicable grants and dissemination of their research.

4. To search out new avenues of research funding to support the work of Faculty members.

5. To promote and support the applications of Faculty members for various awards and prizes.
RESEARCH OFFICE STAFF

To meet the growing needs of the Faculty’s researchers, the Research Office expanded in both size and expertise in late 2014 and into 2015. The office now boasts a team of three staff members who support the development and dissemination of research at the Faculty of Law.

Elizabeth Sheehy - Vice-Dean, Research

Elizabeth Sheehy holds an LL.B. (Osgoode 1981), an LL.M. (Columbia 1984), and an LL.D. (Honoris causa) (Law Society of Upper Canada 2005). She started teaching at the University of Ottawa in 1984 and has been a Full Professor since 1995. She currently holds the Shirley Greenberg Chair for Women and the Legal Profession (2013-16) and previously held the Chair when it was first established (2002-04). In 2013 she was awarded the Roman John Hnatyshyn Award for Law, by the Canadian Bar Association, and in 2014 she was welcomed as a new member of the Royal Society of Canada.

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Andrew Kuntze - Research Communications Strategist

Andrew Kuntze has worked at the faculty of Law since 2008, occupying a variety of communications-related roles, and working on diverse projects ranging from alumni relations to web content strategy. He joined the Research Office in June 2015, and currently oversees the Faculty’s award nomination files, as well as all research-related communications within the Common Law Section. As of 2016, he serves as the editor of Common Law’s SSRN Working Paper Series. Andrew holds a Master’s degree in English Language and Literature.

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Cintia Quiroga - Research Facilitator

Cintia Quiroga holds a Ph.D. in psychology from University of Montreal, and completed her post-doctoral training at McGill University, and the Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO). She joined the Faculty of Law in 2015 and works closely with the Vice-Dean Research and Faculty members to support the development of strategic research initiatives and individual research projects at the Faculty. Dr. Quiroga brings a diverse experience in multidisciplinary research, having worked on several large-scale longitudinal research projects, including community-based research with at-risk adolescents and youth both in the Francophone and Anglophone sector.

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Natalie Carter - Administrative Assistant, Research

Natalie Carter joined the Research Office in 2014, providing much needed support on the Faculty’s myriad grant applications and award nomination files. Before joining the Faculty of Law, Natalie previously worked in the Research Office at the Faculty of Health Sciences for four years.

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NEW FACULTY APPOINTMENTS 2014-2016

As seven new legal experts were welcomed to the Common Law Section in 2014-2016, Canada’s largest law school added even more depth to its already diverse faculty, while increasing its ability to respond to issues of national importance and the challenges facing the legal world.

“The Faculty is growing in strength and depth with these new appointments,” says Common Law’s Dean, Nathalie Des Rosiers. “Our international reputation will certainly be enhanced and we are delighted to continue to support research and teaching of the finest quality at uOttawa.”

PROFESSOR YAN CAMPAGNOLO

Yan Campagnolo is a graduate of both uOttawa’s Civil Law Section ('03) and the Common Law National Program ('04), and has previously worked as a part-time professor with both Sections. His doctoral work at the University of Toronto involved researching Cabinet secrecy from legal, political and theoretical perspectives. This topic also served as the basis of a course he taught at uOttawa for the French Common Law Program in 2014. Professor Campagnolo’s main areas of interest are constitutional law, administrative law, and access to information. In addition to his academic experience, he has clerked at the Supreme Court of Canada and served as legal counsel at the Privy Council Office.

PROFESSOR COLLEEN FLOOD

Prior to her appointment at uOttawa, Colleen Flood worked as a professor at the University of Toronto’s Faculty of Law with a cross-appointment to the Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation and the School of Public Policy. From 2006 to 2011, she served as the Scientific Director of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Institute of Health Services and Policy Research. She now serves as the Director of the Ottawa Centre for Health Law, Policy and Ethics, and holds the University Research Chair in Health Law and Policy. Professor Flood’s main areas of research are comparative health care policy, public/private financing of health care systems, health care reform, and, more generally, accountability and governance issues.
PROFESSOR STEVEN J. HOFFMAN

Prior to joining the Common Law Section in 2014, Professor Hoffman worked as a Project Manager for the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, and as a Fellow in the Executive Office of United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in New York City, where he offered strategic and technical input on a range of global health issues. In addition to his role as an Associate Professor, he is also the Director of the uOttawa Global Strategy Lab, and holds courtesy appointments as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Epidemiology & Biostatistics (Part-Time) at McMaster University, Adjunct Faculty with the McMaster Health Forum, and Adjunct Associate Professor of Global Health & Population at Harvard University.

PROFESSOR JOHN PACKER

In addition to joining the Common Law faculty, John Packer assumed the role of Director of the Human Rights Research and Education Centre (HRREC) at the University of Ottawa. Professor Packer previously held academic positions at the University of Essex where he was the Director of the world-renowned Human Rights Centre and at The Fletcher School, Tufts University. He has held Fellowships at Cambridge and Harvard Universities and lectured at universities and professional institutions around the world. He has been widely published and contributes to the editing of a number of scholarly journals.

PROFESSOR MICHAEL PAL

Michael Pal is a public law scholar, former Trudeau Foundation Scholar and a former Fellow at the Mowat Centre in the School of Public Policy and Governance at the University of Toronto, where he honed his interest in inter-disciplinary studies between law and political science. His research focuses on the law of democracy, administrative law, comparative constitutional law, municipal law, immigration law, empirical legal studies and restitution. Professor Pal has published a wide variety of peer-reviewed articles, including empirical studies of minority voting rights in Canada.
PROFESSOR AMY SALYZYN

Prior to joining the Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa as a Sessional Lecturer, Amy Salyzyn received her LL.M. from Yale Law School and her J.D. from the University of Toronto. She has also served as a judicial law clerk at the Court of Appeal for Ontario and has practiced at a Toronto litigation boutique. Her litigation practice included a wide variety of civil and commercial litigation matters including breach of contract, torts, professional negligence, securities litigation and employment law as well as administrative law matters. In addition to legal ethics, Professor Salyzyn’s research focuses on gender and the law, law and technology and civil justice reform.

PROFESSOR JOÃO VELLOSO

João Velloso has a multidisciplinary background in law, criminology, sociology, anthropology and communication. His Masters’ dissertation focused on legal responses to contemporary slavery and human trafficking in Brazil and his doctoral thesis explored the Immigration and Refugee Board practices on the regulation of immigration in Canada. Prior to joining the Common Law Section, he was a postdoctoral researcher at the Centre de recherche en droit public (CRDP) of the Université de Montréal in 2014-2015, working on the criminalization of protesters during the G20 in Toronto (2010) and the 2012 Quebec student protests (Printemps Érable). Professor Velloso is particularly interested in the governance of security through the use of administrative law and the deterioration of rights resulting from these penal configurations that operate alternatively and in addition to criminal justice.
The Common Law Section’s Centres of Excellence include research centres, networks, programs, laboratories, clinics and research groups that provide valuable meeting places for researchers to exchange ideas and apply their findings. These collaborative environments foster innovation, while offering a common spaces where students and researchers can come together to test and develop their work, creating new ideas and advancing the University’s vibrant research culture.

RESEARCH CENTRES

CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY

DIRECTOR: NATHALIE CHALIFOUR
Website: commonlaw.uottawa.ca/centre-environmental-law-global-sustainability

The Centre for Environmental Law and Global Sustainability is the University of Ottawa’s forum for research, teaching, discussion and advocacy related to environmental law. The Centre aims to promote policy-relevant environmental law research and teaching; encourage collaboration amongst faculty and students on research, teaching and community outreach relating to environmental law; and recruit, assist and train the best environmental law researchers and students. The Centre is home to one of the largest concentrations of environmental law professors of any law school in Canada, with areas of expertise including water law, toxic torts, environmental justice, sustainable food law, international trade, economic instruments biotechnology and aboriginal law.

CENTRE FOR LAW, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY

DIRECTOR: MADELAINE SAGINUR
Website: techlaw.uottawa.ca

The goal of the Centre for Law, Technology and Society is to research, analyze and theorize the complex and interdependent relationships between law, technology and society. This centre for research, student training and knowledge dissemination brings together independent scholars and professors interested in its strategic areas of research, which include a wide variety of subjects relating to law and technology in its broadest sense and from multiple perspectives. The Centre encourages multidisciplinarity, providing the richest and most comprehensive approach to research and policy-making. It seeks to develop a national and international network of associated researchers and institutions, both in law and in many other domains, and serve as a nexus for partnership building and collaborative scholarship.
CGA ONTARIO TAX & INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS RESEARCH CENTRE

DIRECTOR: VERN KRISHNA

The CGA Tax Research Centre promotes research in Canadian federal and provincial taxation and in international tax law. The Centre sponsors the publication of research and tax law and policy, provides a forum for national and international conferences on tax law, and contributes to the development of tax policy and related areas of administration. It participates in academic and professional forums on the domestic and international tax scene and acts as a conduit for communication with various governmental agencies.

HUMAN RIGHTS RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTRE

DIRECTOR: JOHN PACKER
Website: cdp-hrc.uottawa.ca

The Human Rights Research and Education Centre strives to bring together educators, researchers and students from other disciplines to approach issues surrounding human rights from a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary perspective, both in order to respect such rights and to explore that which they require in a complex, interconnected world. The HRREC benefits from a bilingual and bijuridical environment, and is the only institutional human rights research centre located in the National Capital Region. The Centre fosters research, teaching and outreach partnerships, with academic units, governmental and civil society organizations.

OTTAWA CENTRE FOR HEALTH LAW, POLICY AND ETHICS

DIRECTOR: COLLEEN FLOOD
Website: commonlaw.uottawa.ca/health-law

Breakthroughs in the health sciences offer tremendous hope to patients and the public. But with progress, new sets of legal, regulatory and ethical challenges emerge. The interdisciplinary Centre for Health Law, Policy & Ethics is a hub for the generation of new ideas and evidence and the development and dissemination of interdisciplinary research designed to tackle pressing health, health care and health system issues.
RESEARCH NETWORKS

OPEN AIR: THE OPEN AFRICAN INNOVATION RESEARCH NETWORK

DIRECTOR: JEREMY DE BEER
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Open AIR is a unique collaborative network of researchers spread across 14 African countries, Canada, and elsewhere answering two overarching questions: (i) how can open collaborative innovation help businesses scale up and seize the new opportunities of a global knowledge economy?; and (ii) which intellectual property (IP) and associated knowledge governance systems will best ensure that the social and economic benefits of innovation are shared inclusively across society as a whole? Open AIR’s primary goal is to uncover new insights to ease tensions between IP and access to knowledge. Specifically, it aims to solve a problem at the heart of IP and innovation policy: how to reconcile tensions between appropriation and access, excluding and sharing, and competing and collaborating.

RESEARCH GROUPS

INTERNATIONAL LAW GROUP

Website: commonlaw.uottawa.ca/international-law

The uOttawa Faculty of Law is one of Canada’s most prominent international law faculties. Located in the heart of Canada’s capital city, the law school is at the geographic and intellectual centre of international law, as it is practiced in Canada. By positioning itself at the centre of international law teaching and research, the law school attracts a dynamic international law faculty, drawing on the rich academic, professional and governmental resources of the nation’s capital and on visiting academics and practitioners from around the world. The law school’s international law group consists of professors with a rich level of practical and academic experience in the field who offer a comprehensive catalogue of some 30 international law-related courses in English and French, supplemented by numerous established internships, research projects and moot court competitions.

LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Website: commonlaw.uottawa.ca/social-justice

Boasting nearly 50 professors from the Common Law and Civil Law Sections of the Faculty of Law, the Law and Social Justice Group engages in analysis and critique of the role of law in the development and maintenance of social, political and economic inequality. This critical perspective focuses in particular on historically marginalized groups such as women; those facing socio-economic disadvantage; immigrants and refugees; linguistic, ethnic, religious and racial minorities; aboriginal peoples; those with mental and physical disabilities; sexual minorities; the young and the aged. Social Justice professors offer courses that critically examine law’s implication in constructing and maintaining historic and current social, political and economic inequalities, and law’s potential and limitations as an instrument of redistributive and egalitarian social, economic and political change.
PUBLIC LAW GROUP

Website: commonlaw.uottawa.ca/public-law

The Common Law Section has one of the largest and strongest concentrations of public law specialists in Canada. The members of the Public Law Group engage in ground-breaking research and teaching across the many fields of Canadian public law including the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, federalism and the division of powers, the unwritten constitution, administrative law, minority language rights, aboriginal peoples, immigration and refugee law, labour law, criminal law and human rights. As the only law faculty in the nation’s capital, the group enjoys unparalleled access to Parliament, the Supreme Court of Canada, the Federal Courts, and the Department of Justice as well as numerous administrative agencies and government ministries. Members of the Public Law Group are frequently called upon to provide expert advice and commentary to courts, lawmakers, the public service and the media.

THE REFUGEE HUB

DIRECTOR: JENNIFER BOND & EMILY BATES

Website: refugeehub.ca

The Refugee Hub delivers core programming in the area of refugee law and policy, and supports, promotes, celebrates, and brings together the many refugee law and policy initiatives at the University of Ottawa. The University of Ottawa’s Faculty of Law has become a prominent centre for refugee law studies and migrant-rights advocacy, with a large and growing number of faculty experts, campus-based groups, practical learning opportunities, and other unique initiatives. The Refugee Hub builds on this foundation with dedicated programming and helps to strengthen our community by supporting and publicizing the events and achievements of its affiliates, and facilitating collaboration within the Faculty of Law as well as across faculties and the broader Ottawa community.
LABORATORIES

GLOBAL STRATEGY LAB

DIRECTOR: STEVEN J. HOFFMAN
Website: globalstrategy.ninja

The Global Strategy Lab brings cutting-edge science and scholarship to bear on how global institutions, instruments and initiatives are designed to better address the most pressing global challenges related to transnational health threats and social inequalities. The Lab focuses on three priorities: (i) generating evidence about different global strategies including when, how and why they can be used to tackle threats; (ii) developing new analytic, empirical and big data methods for evaluating complex global strategies and using them to draw new insights about how to implement global agreements, goals and policies; and (iii) translating research into evidence-based collective action by working with governments, civil society organizations and international agencies in developing their global strategies and training the next generation of strategic thinkers and leaders in global governance, law and politics.

PROGRAMS

TICKET DEFENCE PROGRAM

DIRECTOR: SUZANNE BOUCLIN
Website: tdp.zedsd.net

The Ticket Defence Program is a community-based organization that, in partnership with the Common Law Faculty at the University of Ottawa, provides legal information and basic legal services to homeless people and people who are street-involved. Its main goal is to challenge the application of laws that are unjust to this already vulnerable segment of the population, and provide representation before the provincial courthouse.

THE REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP SUPPORT PROGRAM

DIRECTOR: JENNIFER BOND
Website: refugeessp.ca

The uOttawa Refugee Sponsorship Support Program (SSP) brings together sponsorship experts, pro-bono lawyers, law students, and community organizations to offer direct support to Canadians seeking to sponsor refugees. The SSP has three primary components: (i) a matching program, which provides sponsor groups with direct support from a pro-bono lawyer and law students; (ii) a training program that trains lawyers and law students on the completion of sponsorships, and provides ongoing support for their work through sponsorship experts; and (iii) a public information program, which provides Canadians with easy-to-understand materials regarding sponsorships.
THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROJECT

DIRECTOR: EMILY BATES
Website: uorap.ca

The University of Ottawa Refugee Assistance Project (UORAP) seeks to address key access to justice concerns following the 2012 changes to Canada’s refugee system. UORAP has developed resources and delivered training to over 300 community workers in 6 major refugee-hosting cities in Canada, and continues to research access to justice in the new Canadian refugee system.

ACADEMIES

ACADÉMIE POUR L’EXCELLENCE EN RÉDACTION JURIDIQUE
Website: commonlaw.uottawa.ca/en/students/academie-excellence-redaction-juridique

The Académie pour l’excellence en rédaction juridique aims to promote the French language at the heart of the legal profession and to provide students in the French Common Law Program and the Programme de droit canadien (PDC) with the necessary resources to improve their skills in legal writing. The Académie offers numerous workshops throughout the year to help students develop their written advocacy skills and learn the intricacies of drafting legal memoranda, decision commentaries, and even how to prepare for law exams.

LEGAL WRITING ACADEMY

DIRECTOR: ELLEN ZWEIBEL
Website: commonlaw.uottawa.ca/en/students/legal-writing-academy

The Legal Writing Academy is dedicated to improving legal writing in English. The Academy integrates practical writing instruction throughout all three years of legal study. Common Law English Program students gain experience with real-life writing demands through credited writing courses within the formal curriculum, module units integrated into first-year and upper-year substantive courses, a workshop series open to all students, and peer-mentoring sessions. Academy professors include the founders and experienced lawyers with a passion for writing and writing pedagogy.
LEGAL CLINICS

BUSINESS LAW CLINIC

Website: commonlaw.uottawa.ca/business-law-clinic

The University of Ottawa Business Law Clinic (BLC) is Canada’s first bilingual and bijural program dedicated to providing pro bono business-oriented legal services. The BLC assists startups, SMEs, non-profit organizations, and individuals who cannot afford a lawyer. The BLC works with experienced practitioners, who supervise upper year law students in the delivery of services in the following areas: corporate/commercial law, intellectual property, employment, basic tax, charities, and commercial arbitration. The BLC also produces public education seminars on relevant business law topics in order to improve access to basic legal information for its constituents. The BLC takes clients from across the country, but focuses on the underserved regions of Eastern and Northern Ontario.

GLOBAL HEALTH LAW CLINIC

DIRECTORS: STEVEN HOFFMAN & LATHIKA SRITHARAN
Website: globalstrategy.ninja/clinic

In September of 2015, the uOttawa Global Strategy Lab launched the Global Health Law Clinic, a one-of-a-kind experiential learning opportunity for students at the University of Ottawa who are interested in gaining exposure to global health law and policy issues. The Clinic is a two-term, six-unit course in which teams of 4-5 student fellows work as real-time consultants for carefully selected public service clients to help them articulate a global health challenge they are facing. Throughout the course, student fellows develop a better understanding of a variety of problems, identify creative solutions, and assess implementation considerations.

SAMUELSONGLUSHKO CANADIAN INTERNET POLICY AND PUBLIC INTEREST CLINIC (CIPPIC)

DIRECTOR: DAVID FEWER
Website: cippic.ca

CIPPIC’s mandate is to advocate in the public interest on diverse issues arising at the intersection of law and technology. In pursuit of its public mandate, CIPPIC regularly provides expert testimony before Canadian parliamentary committees, participates in the regulatory activities of various Canadian quasi-judicial bodies such as the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada and the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, appears at all levels of Canada’s judicial system, and participates in various international Internet governance fora. In addition, CIPPIC advises clients (organizational and otherwise) on matters with a public interest dimension, provides public education resources on various legal issues and, by its location at the Faculty of Law, provides direct training and education for law students.
UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA COMMUNITY LEGAL CLINIC

DIRECTOR: LOUISE TOONE
Website: commonlaw.uottawa.ca/community-legal-clinic

The uOttawa Community Legal Clinic provides legal services to the Ottawa community, including providing legal education, advocacy and law reform for, and on behalf of, people of low income, members of historically disadvantaged groups, and students. Staffed by lawyers and law students, the Clinic provides legal advice, and representation at court for a variety of criminal, family and tenant-related matters. It also assists women who have been victims of violence in obtaining compensation. Law students working as caseworkers gain practical legal skills and court/tribunal experience while making a contribution to the Ottawa community.

UOTTAWA-ECOJUSTICE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CLINIC

DIRECTOR: PIERRE SADIK (INTERIM)
Website: ecojustice.ca

The uOttawa-Ecojustice Environmental Law Clinic fills a major gap in Canada’s environmental capacity with a long-needed public interest environmental law organization in the nation’s capital. It is well-positioned to serve the environmental law and policy interests of both local and national clientele, including environmental, aboriginal and community groups in both official languages. The clinic draws on the University’s strengths in environmental law, and related fields such as economics, science and public health, and on Ecojustice’s strengths in law, policy and science. Conceived as a problem-based educational model, the Clinic is helping to train the next generation of environmental law and policy leaders, while encouraging students and faculty to become more involved in community service work.
The Common Law Section’s Research Chairs are leaders in their fields whose expertise is recognized nationally and internationally. Research Chairs are supported institutionally so that they can continue to engage in ground-breaking research and lead major projects that contribute to the education of our students, while training and mentoring future researchers and generating opportunities for collaboration with other researchers.

CANADA RESEARCH CHAIRS

MICHAEL GEIST

CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR IN INTERNET AND E-COMMERCE LAW
TIER 1

Dr. Michael Geist explores myriad legal, policy and governance questions surrounding the Internet and e-commerce, with an emphasis on copyright, privacy, communications and the digital economy. He asks whether Canada’s current digital economy legal frameworks can adequately foster public confidence by addressing next-generation Internet and technology issues. Dr. Geist’s research influences the development of recommendations for Canada’s digital economy strategy and its governance based on the emerging technological and legal landscape. It also results in increased public participation regarding digital economy policy.

IAN KERR

CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR IN ETHICS, LAW AND TECHNOLOGY
TIER 1

Dr. Ian Kerr examines various ethical and legal questions of governance affecting our lives in two different areas: the regulation of on-line conduct, and the regulation of technologies that create challenges for existing legal, regulatory and social structures. His investigations relate specifically to anonymous communication, the emerging role of on-line service providers, and the automation of e-commerce. Dr. Kerr’s research has proven invaluable to scholars across the social sciences, humanities and applied sciences. It also provides businesses and policy makers worldwide with the information tools they need to implement novel regulatory strategies that improve on-line communication and commerce.
TERESA SCASSA
CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR IN INFORMATION LAW
TIER 2

Dr. Teresa Scassa studies legal issues within the dramatically changing information technology environment. She examines the rights of individuals to make use of the trademarks of others for the purposes of critical, artistic or other forms of expression. She also looks at legal issues raised when ordinary citizens participate in the creation of information maps. These digital projects place different types of information in geographical contexts, and raise challenging intellectual property, privacy and ethical issues. Dr. Scassa’s research provides insights into how our modern information society can move forward ethically and responsibly in order to foster human communication and knowledge dissemination.

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CHAIRS

CONSTANCE BACKHOUSE
UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CHAIR ON SEXUAL ASSAULT LEGISLATION IN CANADA

Dr. Constance Backhouse researches the historical and sociological context for the evolution of sexual assault law and its social ramifications in Canada. The criminal cases litigated from 1950 to 1975 were the direct precursor to a series of legislative and judicial reforms on sexual assault, many of which occurred in response to the demands for reform from the second wave of the Canadian women’s movement. Her research allows us to reflect on the social impact of the recent rape law reforms in Canada: What were the objectives? What side effects may have occurred? Have the changes gone too far, impoverishing the rights of accused men and privileging those who complain of sexual assault? Or do the verdicts seem similar to those at the turn of the 20th century? Have the reforms produced little real change?

COLLEEN FLOOD
UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CHAIR IN HEALTH LAW AND POLICY

Professor Flood’s research program aims to provide courts and government decision makers with a greater understanding of the implications and complexities of a two-tiered health system. She is building on her existing platform of scholarship to create a database of all extant laws and policies impacting two-tier health care in all 13 Canadian provinces and in Australia, France and the Netherlands. Professor Flood seeks to identify optimal regulation and policy for ensuring that physicians have sufficient incentive to treat publicly-funded patients on a timely and equitable basis. Her comparative research analyzes the impact of alternative ways of progressively financing health care to respond to key policy objectives like access, quality and cost.
ENDOWED AND SPONSORED RESEARCH CHAIRS

JENNIFER CHANDLER
BERTRAM LOEB CHAIR IN ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION

The Bertram Loeb Chair at the University of Ottawa is the first academic chair in the world dedicated to research in the field of organ and tissue donation. Initiated in 2006 by its benefactor Bertram Loeb and the Bertram Loeb Organ and Tissue Donation Institute, the Chair promotes and supports an innovative multi-disciplinary approach to the study of the issues surrounding organ donation and transplantation. An expert in the study of the law and ethics of emerging biomedical technology, Professor Jennifer Chandler is known nationally and internationally for her ground-breaking work in the areas of organ and tissue donation law, ethics and policy, as well as the legal and ethical implications of the brain sciences.

DONALD MCRAE
HYMAN SOLOWAY CHAIR IN BUSINESS AND TRADE LAW

Professor Donald McRae specializes in the field of International Law and has been an Advisor to the Department of External Affairs of the Government of Canada and Counsel for Canada in several international fisheries and boundary arbitrations. He was Chair of the first dispute settlement panel set up under Chapter 18 of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, and has sat on subsequent panels under Chapters 18 and 19 of the Free Trade Agreement. He was also Chair of the first dispute settlement panel set up under the U.S.-Israel Free Trade Agreement. In 1998 he was appointed the Chief Negotiator for Canada for the Pacific Salmon Treaty. His publications are principally in the field of International law.

ELIZABETH SHEEHY
THE SHIRLEY GREENBERG PROFESSOR OF WOMEN AND THE LEGAL PROFESSION

The Greenberg Chair is designed to strengthen teaching, research and mentorship with respect to feminist perspectives on the law. It is also designed to maintain and foster links between women in the legal academy and women in the legal profession. Elizabeth Sheehy’s pioneering research challenges the boundaries of legal thought and prompts a rethinking of law’s treatment of women. Known for its technical excellence and for challenging law’s doctrinal assumptions, her scholarship has influenced analysis of sexual assault law and criminal law defences. As a leading feminist criminal law scholar, she asks how law might evolve if women were equal partners in law’s conception and application.
Every year, faculty members from the Common Law Section are recognized for their expertise, leadership, and innovation with a broad range of awards, prizes and distinctions. These awards are an integral part of our research agenda: they profile our scholarship to the larger community; they assist our researchers in gaining access to funding and other opportunities to advance legal and social change; and they foster a research community that instils pride and celebrates excellence.

In 2014, the Common Law Section also instituted an internal awards program that recognizes our faculty members’ dedicated teaching, sustained and creative research, and generous service to the community. Each of these recipients genuinely contributes to strengthening our institution.

The Common Law Section is immensely proud of the excellence of all of its researchers, and congratulates each of the following award, prize and distinction recipients for their impressive contributions.

**EXTERNAL HONOURS AND UNIVERSITY DISTINCTIONS**

**CONSTANCE BACKHOUSE**

- *Elected President of The Academy of Social Sciences of The Royal Society of Canada, 2014*

  Professor Backhouse was elected President of The Academy of Social Sciences of The Royal Society of Canada (RSC) in 2014. She became a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 2004 and has been a Member of the RSC Council since 2010.

- *Molson Prize, 2015 (Canadian Council for the Arts)*

  Professor Constance Backhouse was awarded the prestigious Molson Prize for social sciences by the Canada Council for the Arts for 2015. The Molson Prizes, worth $50,000 each, reward and encourage contributions to Canada’s cultural and intellectual heritage and have, in the past, been awarded to a wide range of individuals, from poets, visual artists and musicians, to philosophers, economists and historians.

- *Alumni Gold Key “Achievement” Award, 2016 (Osgoode Hall Law School)*

  Professor Constance Backhouse, a graduate of Osgoode Hall Law School, received the school’s Alumni Gold Key Award in the category of “Achievement”, recognizing her exceptional professional success, leadership, and contributions to the community at large.
**JANE BAILEY**

- **100 Best Political Books of 2015 (The Hill Times)**
  Professor Jane Bailey’s book, *eGirls, eCitizens*, co-edited with Professor Valerie Steeves of the uOttawa Faculty of Social Sciences, ranked at number 29 on The Hill Times’ list of the 100 Best Political Books of 2015.

- **Finalist, IndieFab Book of the Year Award, 2015 (IndieFab Awards)**
  Professor Jane Bailey’s book, *eGirls, eCitizens*, co-edited with professor Valerie Steeves of the Faculty of Social Sciences has been selected as one of 2015’s IndieFab Book of the Year Award Finalists. The book is listed as a finalist in the category of Adult Nonfiction – Social Sciences.

- **Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Law, 2016 (Canadian Bar Association)**
  Professor Jane Bailey is the recipient of the Canadian Bar Association’s (CBA) 2016 Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Law, which recognizes outstanding contributions to the law or legal scholarship in Canada. In the course of a career that has spanned more than two decades, Prof. Bailey has dedicated herself to fighting the spread of hatred and creating equality-enhancing environments in online spaces – especially for young women and vulnerable youth.

**JENNIFER BOND**

- **Appointed Special Advisor to Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, 2015-2016**
  Professor Jennifer Bond was invited to serve as special advisor to the Minister of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship, the Honourable John McCallum, on the Syrian refugee initiative. Building on her years of involvement with refugee issues, she played a key role in helping the federal government achieve its goal of welcoming 25,000 Syrian refugees to Canada by February 25, 2016.

- **CARLA Award, 2016 (Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers)**
  Professor Jennifer Bond was honoured with a 2016 Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers Award (CARLA), which recognizes people or groups of people who have made exceptional contributions to the protection of refugees.

- **Early Researcher Award, 2016 (Ministry of Research and Innovation)**
  Professor Jennifer Bond received an Early Researcher Award (ERA) from the Ministry of Research and Innovation for a five-year project entitled “Access to Justice in Canada’s Refugee System.”
• **Early Researcher Award, 2015 (Ministry of Research and Innovation)**

Professor Suzanne Bouclin received an Early Researcher Award (ERA) from the Ministry of Research and Innovation for a five-year project entitled “Addressing the Access to Justice Crisis for Homeless People: The Potential for New Communications Technologies.”

• **Young Researcher of the Year, 2015 (University of Ottawa)**

Professor Suzanne Bouclin received the University of Ottawa’s Young Researcher of the Year Award for 2015 in the category of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. Her research explores the intersection of law, art and film, bridging the gap between law and cultural theory with special attention to women and people living in poverty.

• **Membership in the Global Young Academy, 2016**

Professor Suzanne Bouclin was selected for membership to the prestigious Global Young Academy (GYA), a group of outstanding young scientists and scholars from around the world, on the strength of her wide-ranging, ground-breaking research, which seeks to further access to justice by deploying popular and new media technologies to challenge inequalities and increase legal literacy.

• **Lillian Robinson Scholars Program Award, 2014 (Simone de Beauvoir Institute)**

Professor Angela Cameron was awarded the Lillian Robinson Scholars Program Award from the Simone de Beauvoir Institute for her paper entitled “Sperm Donation in Ontario: An Empirical Study”. 
JENNIFER CHANDLER

- **Awarded Bertram Loeb Research Chair in Organ and Tissue Donation, 2015 (Bertram Loeb Organ and Tissue Donation Institute)**

  Initiated in 2006 by its benefactor Bertram Loeb and the Bertram Loeb Organ and Tissue Donation Institute, the Chair promotes and supports an innovative multi-disciplinary approach to the study of the issues surrounding organ donation and transplantation. Jennifer Chandler earned the distinction for her ground-breaking work in the areas of organ and tissue donation law, ethics and policy, as well as the legal and ethical implications of the brain sciences.

NATHALIE DES ROSIERS

- **Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, 2014**

  Dean Nathalie Des Rosiers was awarded fellowship in the prestigious Royal Society of Canada for her status as an internationally acclaimed constitutional law expert, whose research has profoundly transformed the areas of sexual and spousal abuse, rights of minorities, and civil liberties.

- **Walter Owen Book Prize, 2014 (Foundation for Legal Research)**


- **Canadian Civil Liberties Association Award, 2015 (Canadian Civil Liberties Association)**

  Dean Des Rosiers received the Canadian Civil Liberties Association Award in recognition of her contributions to the defence of civil liberties. Dean Des Rosiers served as the General Counsel for the CCLA from 2009 to 2013.

- **Christine Tourigny Award of Merit, 2015 (Barreau du Québec)**

  The Tourigny award is handed out each year to a female lawyer in recognition of social commitment and contributions to the advancement of female legal professionals. The Barreau highlighted Dean Nathalie Des Rosiers’ commitment to encouraging young women lawyers and promoting a spirit of equality, in both the field of academics and in the legal world.

- **Lawyer Emeritus Distinction, 2015 (Barreau du Québec)**

  Dean Nathalie Des Rosiers was awarded the Lawyer Emeritus distinction, a special honour granted by the Barreau du Québec to pay tribute to members of the Quebec bar who have brought honour to the legal profession over the course of an outstanding professional career.
ADAM DODEK

• **Top 25 Most Influential Lawyers in Canada, 2014**  
  *(Canadian Lawyer Magazine)*

Professor Adam Dodek was named to Canadian Lawyer Magazine’s list of the Top 25 Most Influential Lawyers in Canada. The list highlights lawyers who have been influential within the profession as well as Canadian society over the previous 18 months. The magazine describes Prof. Dodek as “emerging as a Canadian champion for legal professionalism and legal ethics.”

• **Law Society Medal, 2015** *(The Law Society of Upper Canada)*

Professor Dodek was honoured with the Law Society Medal, the Law Society of Upper Canada’s highest distinction, for his outstanding service as a researcher, teacher and public educator, in accordance with the highest ideals of the legal profession.

• **Walter Owen Book Prize, 2015** *(Foundation for Legal Research)*

Professor Adam Dodek was chosen by the Foundation for Legal Research as the winner of the 2015 Walter Owen Book Prize for his distinguished book Solicitor-Client Privilege *(LexisNexis Canada)*. He is the sixth professor from the Common Law Section to win the award in the past six years.

STEWART ELGIE

• **Canada’s Clean50 Award, Thought Leader Category, 2015**  
  *(Delta Management Group)*

Professor Stewart Elgie was selected as the 2015 winner of Canada’s Clean50 Award in the Thought Leader category. The Clean50 awards annually honour Canada’s leaders in sustainability and are considered to be Canada’s foremost awards in the field of environment and economy. Prof. Elgie was recognized for his role as the founder of Sustainable Prosperity, Canada’s major green economy think tank and research network.

CRAIG FORCESE

• **Top 10 Ranking in Law Downloads, 2015**  
  *(Social Sciences Research Network)*

Professor Forcese ranked as one of the Top 10 authors in Law on the Social Science Research Network (SSRN). Prof. Forcese and his frequent co-author Kent Roach were the only Canadian scholars in the Top 10 list. SSRN ranks the Top 3,000 authors out of nearly 300,000 contributors – just being in the top 3,000 means an author is in the top 1 per cent. Making it into the top ten suggests that Prof. Forcese has truly become one of the leading voices in legal academia, both inside and outside of Canada.
PIERRE FOUCHER

• **Ordre de la Pléiade, 2015** (*Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie, Ontario Branch*)

Professor Pierre Foucher was awarded the prestigious Ordre de la Pléiade by the Ontario branch of the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie (APF) for his contributions to the development of the French Language in Ontario.

• **Finalist, Bernard-Grandmaître Prize, 2016** (*Association des communautés francophones de l’Ontario*)

Professor Pierre Foucher was selected as a finalist for the Bernard-Grandmaître Prize by the Association des communautés francophones de l’Ontario (ACFO), an association of Franco-Ontarian community organizations. He was recognized for his work in support of Francophone communities.

MICHAEL GEIST

• **100 Best Political Books of 2015** (*The Hill Times*)

Professor Michael Geist’s book, Law, Privacy and Surveillance in Canada in the Post Snowden Era, co-edited with Professor Wesley Wark of the uOttawa Faculty of Social Sciences, ranked at number 49 on The Hill Times’ list of the 100 Best Political Books of 2015.

VANESSA GRUBEN

• **Awarded James Kreppner Fellowship, 2015** (*Canadian Blood Services*)

Professor Vanessa Gruben was awarded the James Kreppner Fellowship in Blood System Studies for her project “Organ Donation in Canada: Engaging with Stakeholders and Proposing Solutions to Current Legal and Ethical Challenges.” The Kreppner Fellowship is one of many funding programs established by Canadian Blood Services in support of blood-related medical, legal, and ethical research.
MARTHA JACKMAN

• Touchstone Award, 2015 (Canadian Bar Association)
Recognizing her 25 years of commitment to upholding the equality rights of those living in poverty, Professor Martha Jackman was honoured with the Canadian Bar Association’s (CBA) 2015 Touchstone Award, which is presented annually to an individual who promotes equality in the legal profession.

JOHN MARK KEYES

• Francophile of the Year, 2015 (Association des communautés francophones de l’Ontario)
Professor John Mark Keyes was honoured for his work as the co-champion for Official Languages and the co-chair of the Justice Workplace Charitable Campaign while at the Department of Justice. As a Francophile and legislative expert, he recently worked on a legislative approach to designating the City of Ottawa as officially bilingual.

VERN KRISHA

• Appointed as Advisor to Canada Revenue Agency, 2015-2016
Professor Vern Krishna was appointed by the Auditor General of Canada (OAG) to provide broad, strategic advice for the performance audit of the tax appeals program at the Canada Revenue Agency. The report will be tabled in Parliament in the fall of 2016.

STEVEN J. HOFFMAN

• New Investigator Salary Award, 2015 (Canadian Institutes of Health Research)
Professor Steven Hoffman received a New Investigator Salary Award from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) for his project “Developing a Science of Global Health Strategy,” enacted through his Global Strategy Lab (GSL), an interdisciplinary research program based at the Faculty of Law.
FRANÇOIS LAROCQUE

• Award of Excellence in International Law, 2014 (Ontario Bar Association)

François Larocque was awarded the Ontario Bar Association’s 2014 Award of Excellence in International Law, recognizing his outstanding achievements in the field of international law in Ontario.

• Order of Merit, 2014 (Association of French-Speaking Jurists of Ontario)

Professor François Larocque received the Order of Merit from the Association of French Speaking Jurists of Ontario (AJEFO), which is given to those who have demonstrated exceptional service to the legal profession, particularly by ensuring and facilitating access to legal services in French.

• Professional Engagement Award, 2014 (Amnesty International Canada)

Professor François Larocque was awarded Amnesty International Canada’s Professional Engagement Award for his work on a case concerning Canada’s law on state immunity. The quality of Professor Larocque’s work brought the case all the way to the Supreme Court of Canada.

NICOLE LAVIOLETTE

• Order of Merit, 2014 (Association of French-Speaking Jurists of Ontario)

Professor Nicole LaViolette received the Order of Merit from the Association of French Speaking Jurists of Ontario (AJEFO), which is given to those who have demonstrated exceptional service to the legal profession, particularly by ensuring and facilitating access to legal services in French.

• SOGIC Hero Award, 2015 (Canadian Bar Association)

Professor Nicole LaViolette was awarded the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Conference (SOGIC) Hero Award for 2015 by the Canadian Bar Association. The SOGIC award recognizes excellence within the Canadian legal profession in advancing the cause of equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and two-spirited (LGBTT) people.

PACIFIQUE MANIRAKIZA

• Appointed Member of the first African Union-led Commission of Inquiry on South Sudan, 2014

The Commission was tasked with investigating human rights violations during the ongoing armed conflict in South Sudan. With the benefit of Professor Manirakiza’s experience and expertise, the Commission’s findings were welcomed by the Sudanese people and praised by the international community at large.
Sheila McIntyre

- **2015 Governor General’s Award in Commemoration of the Persons Case (Governor General of Canada)**

  Retired Professor Sheila McIntyre is among five Canadian women honoured with a 2015 Governor General’s Award in Commemoration of the Persons Case, recognizing those who have made outstanding contributions to the quality of life and the goal of equality for women and girls in Canada. Recipients of these Awards continue the tradition of courage, integrity and hard work that the Famous Five of the Persons Case inspired.

Donald McRae

- **Distinguished University Professor, 2015 (University of Ottawa)**

  Professor Donald McRae earned the title of “Distinguished University Professor,” conferred on uOttawa faculty members in recognition of exceptional scholarly achievement, pre-eminence in a particular field of knowledge and a solid teaching record.

- **Order of Canada, 2015 (Governor General of Canada)**

  Professor Donald McRae was elected to the Order of Canada in recognition of his status as a renowned lawyer and scholar, and a leading authority on the law of the sea and international economic law. He is also one of just three Canadians ever elected to serve on the United Nations’ International Law Commission.
ERROL MENDES

- **Elected President of the International Commission of Jurists, Canadian Chapter, 2015**

Professor Errol Mendes was elected President of the Canadian Chapter of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), a worldwide organization based in Geneva with chapters all over the world.

- **Order of Ontario, 2016 (Lieutenant Governor of Ontario)**

Professor Errol Mendes was elected to the Order of Ontario, the province’s highest honour, in recognition of his contributions as an influential advocate for the universal application of human rights. He is internationally renowned as one of Canada’s leading experts on human rights law and constitutional democracy.

- **Law Society Medal, 2016 (The Law Society of Upper Canada)**

Professor Errol Mendes was honoured with the Law Society Medal, the Law Society of Upper Canada’s highest distinction, for his extraordinary contributions as an academic, legal advisor, adjudicator and teacher. He is recognized as an expert on constitutional law, corporate governance, human rights and diversity.

PETER OLIVER

- **Christensen Visiting Fellowship, 2014-2015 (St. Catherine’s College, Oxford)**

Professor Peter Oliver was awarded the Christensen Visiting Fellowship, an annual programme under which scholars, either from the UK or from overseas, who wish to spend a term in Oxford are welcomed with temporary membership to the Senior Common Room at St Catherine’s College.

TERESA SCASSA

- **Academic Excellence Award, 2014 (Canadian Association of Law Teachers)**

Professor Teresa Scassa was awarded the 2014 Canadian Association of Law Teachers (CALT) Award for Academic Excellence, which honours exceptional contributions to research and law teaching by a Canadian law teacher in mid-career.

- **Award for Excellence in Research, 2014-2015 (Association of Professors of the University of Ottawa)**

Professor Teresa Scassa was awarded the 2014-2015 Award for Excellence in Research by the Association of Professors of the University of Ottawa (APUO), which celebrates a researcher at uOttawa who has earned distinction for herself or himself, as well as the institution in general, as a result of the importance and exceptional characteristics of her or his research work.
ELIZABETH SHEEHY

- **David Walter Mundell Medal, 2014 (Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General)**

Professor Elizabeth Sheehy was awarded the 2014 David Walter Mundell Medal, in recognition of her status as a legal writer who has made a distinguished contribution to the law. In 2014, Prof. Sheehy released Defending Battered Women on Trial: Lessons from the Transcripts (UBC Press), which examines the barriers to women trying to leave violent men and the practical and legal dilemmas that face battered women on trial for murder.

- **Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, 2014**

Professor Elizabeth Sheehy was awarded fellowship in the prestigious Royal Society of Canada for her pioneering research that challenges the boundaries of legal thought and prompts a rethinking of law’s treatment of women.

- **Finalist, Canada Prize in the Social Sciences, 2015 (Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences)**

Professor Elizabeth Sheehy’s book Defending Battered Women on Trial: Lessons from the Transcripts (UBC Press), earned her a spot as one of five finalists for the 2015 Canada Prize in the Social Sciences, awarded annually for the best scholarly books in the humanities and social sciences that have received funding from the Awards to Scholarly Publications Program (ASPP).

JOÃO VELLOSO

- **Jean-Paul Brodeur Prize, 2015 (Criminologie Journal)**

Professor João Velloso was awarded the 2015 Jean-Paul Brodeur Prize, awarded by the journal Criminologie, for his article “Au-delà de la criminalisation : l’immigration et les enjeux pour la criminologie” (“Beyond Criminalization: Immigration and the Stakes for Criminology”).

ELLEN ZWEIBEL

- **Award for Instructional Design, Teaching and Learning, 2015 (Canadian Network for Innovation in Education)**

Professor Ellen Zweibel and her Common Law Section colleague, Professor Virginia McRae, along with a team of dedicated experts from the uOttawa Centre for e-Learning, including Elizabeth Campbell Brown, Caroline Marcoux, Erwan Pérès, Marc Bélanger and Richard Pinet, were recognized for their “Legal Memos Made Easy” module on Pointfirstwriting.com. The website is dedicated to teaching law students how to write for the legal world, drawing on expert advice, while providing detailed samples and thoughtful exercises. “Legal Memos Made Easy” is the website’s first module.
INTERNAL AWARDS

TEACHING AWARDS

The Excellence in Teaching Award – Awarded annually to three full-time faculty members (one in the French common law program (PF) and two in the English common law program (EP)) who have demonstrated outstanding performance in teaching by one or more of the development of innovative teaching methods and programs, dedication to the student experience, etc. One of the three awards is reserved for pre-tenure faculty.


The Part-Time Professor Award for Excellence in Teaching – Awarded annually to two part-time faculty members, one in each of the English (EP) and French (PF) sections, who have demonstrated outstanding performance in their teaching.

2014 RECIPIENTS: Jean-Nicolas Bustros (PF) Tolga Yalkin (EP)

2015 RECIPIENTS: Daniel Boivin (PF) Virginia McRae (EP)

The Award for Significant Service to Graduate Studies – Awarded annually to a faculty member, including emeritus or adjunct, who has made significant contributions to the Graduate Studies program through supervision, teaching graduate level courses and/or evaluating graduate work.

2014 RECIPIENT: Chidi Oguamanam

2015 RECIPIENT: Nathalie Chalifour
RESEARCH AWARDS

The Excellence in Research Award – Awarded annually to a member of the faculty who has earned distinction as a result of the importance and exceptional characteristics of his or her research over the past seven (7) years.

2014 RECIPIENT: Jennifer Chandler
2015 RECIPIENT: Jeremy de Beer

The Emerging Researcher Award – Awarded annually to a member of the faculty who has earned distinction as a result of the importance and exceptional characteristics of his or her research work. The nominee must hold a full-time tenured or tenure track position at the Faculty. At the time of nomination, the nominee must have completed at least two years, but less than seven years as a full-time professor at the University of Ottawa or elsewhere.

2014 RECIPIENT: Jennifer Bond
2015 RECIPIENT: Sarah Morales

SERVICE AWARDS

The Public Engagement Awards – Two awards presented annually to members of the faculty (full- or part-time) or staff who have earned distinction by contributing to public education and law reform by sharing their expertise with the broader community. The prizes are awarded in two sub-categories: (a) Public education and outreach, and (b) Media relations.

a) Public education and outreach – Successful candidates will have a demonstrated record of presentations at public events and other large-scale outreach initiatives aimed at expanding public understanding and legal change on a given topic.

b) Media relations – Successful candidates will have a demonstrated record of commenting on important legal topics, and/or will have succeeded in bringing their research findings into the public domain and reform debates through the media.

N.B. These awards were introduced in 2015

2015 RECIPIENTS:

Steven Hoffman (Public education and outreach)
Carissima Mathen (Media relations)
The Community Service Award – Presented annually to a member of the faculty (full- or part-time) or staff who has earned distinction as a result of outstanding service to the broader community through any or all of pro bono or volunteer work, media relations or other public service work.

2014 RECIPIENT: Suzanne Bouclin

2015 RECIPIENTS: Pacifique Manirakiza
Angela Cameron

The Alumni Award – Presented annually to a Common Law alumnus or alumna who has earned distinction as a result of outstanding service to any of the following: the Faculty; the University; or the broader community through any or all of pro bono or volunteer work, media relations or other public service work.

2014 RECIPIENT: Marlyse Dumel

2015 RECIPIENT: Lila Demirdache

The Outstanding Staff Service Award – Presented annually to a member of the staff of the Common Law section who has earned distinction as a result of outstanding service to the Faculty or the University.

2014 RECIPIENT: Fran Russo

2015 RECIPIENT: Valérie Leclercq

The Distinctive Service Faculty Award – Presented annually to a member of the faculty who has earned distinction as a result of outstanding service to the Faculty or the University, in particular through committee work, administrative assignments or other forms of service not directly related to teaching or research.

2014 RECIPIENTS: Yves Le Bouthillier & Jamie Benidickson (jointly nominated)

2015 RECIPIENT: John Currie
The following table shows external and internal funding managed at the Common Law Section during the fiscal years of 2014-2015 and 2015-2016.

*Note: The figures in the table below may include multi-year grants that were initially awarded prior to 2014-2015.*

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<sup>1</sup>Includes five transfers to five co-researchers ($34,500, $48,000, $12,000, $15,000, $7,000, totaling $116,500).  
<sup>2</sup>Includes one transfer to a co-researcher ($35,164).  
<sup>3</sup>Includes two transfers to two co-researchers ($15,000 and $14,500, totaling $29,500).
### EXTERNAL FUNDING

**NEWLY FUNDED RESEARCH**

The following table shows new external research funding awarded during the fiscal years of 2014-2015 and 2015-2016. This table includes funding received by both regular faculty members and affiliated researchers.

*Note: As of this writing, some funding announcements are still under embargo and are thus not included in the table.*

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EXTERNAL FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

The following highlights display some of the major grants received in a variety of external funding categories in the fiscal years of 2014-2015 and 2015-2016. The highlights below are by no means comprehensive, but they offer glimpse into the kind of innovative and important externally-funded research happening at the Common Law Section.

SSHRC PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

Four professors from the Faculty of Law’s Centre for Law Technology and Society were awarded prestigious multi-million dollar Partnership Grants from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) in 2015. The Partnership Grants are each worth approximately $2.5 million, spread out over seven years. The grants aim to “support formal partnerships between academic researchers, businesses, community and grassroots organizations, and other partners that will advance knowledge and understanding on critical issues of intellectual, social, economic and cultural significance” (SSHRC Partnership Grants: An Overview). The highly competitive process shortlisted 24 projects in 2014, and awarded a total of 17 grants throughout Canada in 2015. That two of those projects hail from the same research centre at uOttawa is both an incredible feat and proof that the Centre for Law, Technology and Society is truly at the forefront of research in its field.

Professors Valerie Steeves (Faculty of Social Sciences) and Jane Bailey (Faculty of Law, Common Law Section) received a Partnership Grant for a project entitled “The eQuality Project,” which brings together a broad range of civil society, educational and government partners interested in exploring young peoples’ experiences online, specifically examining the targeting of youth and other vulnerable audiences by advertisers. The project seeks to answer the question of how society can create an equality enhancing and affirming environment in online spaces, where kids can understand from a young age what their rights are and what their responsibilities are to one another. The project takes a multidisciplinary approach to the study of online behavioural targeting and cyberbullying as elements that shape the potential for a lived equality in networked spaces. It marks an important contribution to legal scholarship in that it protects some of Canada’s most vulnerable populations, while helping the nation’s legal framework adapt to the rapidly-changing world of online technology.

Professors Jeremy de Beer and Chidi Oguamanam, both from the Common Law Section, were awarded a grant to expand their Open African Innovation Research network, known as Open AIR. With partners across government, civil society and the private sector in 14 African countries, they are working to ease the inherent tensions between intellectual property and access to knowledge, build connections amongst Canada and the world’s fastest growing economies, and train new scholars with unique international experiences and perspectives. The team aims to solve two core research questions: how can open collaborative innovation help businesses scale up and seize the new opportunities of a global knowledge economy?; and which knowledge governance systems will best ensure that the social and economic benefits of innovation are shared inclusively across society as a whole? In answering these questions, the network links Canadian scholars and students, and by extension public and private sector decision makers, with counterparts on a continent widely acknowledged to be at the forefront of future economic growth.

In addition to the above Partnership Grants, Professor Craig Forcese serves as a co-applicant, representing the University of Ottawa, on a $2.15 million Partnership Grant awarded to the The Canadian Network for the Study of Terrorism, Security, and Society (TSAS) in 2015. TSAS is hosted by the University of British Columbia and is managed by Professor Daniel Hiebert. It was established in 2012 and is intended to foster multidisciplinary research on terrorist radicalization, the coordinated interaction of academic researchers with government officials, and the cultivation of a new generation of young scholars interested in terrorism, security, and the impact of both on society. The network has attracted over 160 academic researchers and is the only project of its kind in Canada. Prof. Forcese’s participation in this grant success will allow the uOttawa Faculty of Law to finance graduate student research into anti-terrorism law and national security accountability issues for the next 7 years or so.
SSHRC INSIGHT GRANTS

SSHRC Insight Grants aim to help researchers develop knowledge and understanding about people, societies and the world by supporting a wide variety of subject areas. Common Law professors earned five Insight Grants in 2014-2015, and two more in 2015-2016. Here are just some examples of research funded by these grants:

Professor Larry Chartrand, with Common Law colleague Darren O’Toole and Sébastien Grammond of the Civil Law Section, earned a five-year SSHRC Insight Grant in 2014 for a project entitled “Métis Treaties in Canada: Past, Present and Future.” The project seeks to address serious gaps of knowledge on Canada’s Métis. The project involves a laborious review of political and legal agreements between Métis and the Crown, as well as between Métis and First Nations, going back to the 19th century. As a lawyer and a Métis who grew up in northern Alberta, Professor Chartrand is acutely aware of injustices the Métis have faced, particularly with respect to land claims. While the Métis Treaties Project will cast a critical look at the historical evolution of Métis agreements with the federal government and with First Nations, it will also project into the future and involve the Métis community in its research.

Professors Nathalie Chalifour and Heather McLeod-Kilmurray, along with Sophie Thériault of the Civil Law Section, earned a SSHRC Insight Grant in 2014 for a project entitled “Environmental Justice in Canadian Environmental Law and Policy.” The project uses three case studies to help answer the following questions: How does Canadian environmental law and policy create or contribute to environmental injustices, either at a substantive or procedural level? What reforms are necessary to ensure that Canadian environmental law achieves its environmental goals in a way that does not perpetuate systemic inequalities, but rather helps to promote a fair and just society as required by the Canadian Constitution? The research results will enrich understanding about the role of environmental law in creating and/or perpetuating environmental injustices in Canada.

Professor Jamie Benidickson earned a SSHRC Insight Grant in 2015 for a project entitled “Resource Recovery from Sewage: Energy, Nutrients and Wastewater Re-cycling,” which builds on his earlier examination of the social and legal history of sewage in his book The Culture of Flushing. This new project explores the intersection of our incomprehensively vast underground wastewater infrastructure with a series of contemporary environmental challenges including climate change mitigation and adaptation, nutrient recovery and energy supply, and water conservation. As the deeply-ingrained cultural legacy of “flush and forget” is gradually being overcome by an appreciation of more sustainable approaches to wastewater, this research will have a profound effect on a range of contemporary policy objectives in the national and international context.

Professor Craig Forcese received a SSHRC Insight Grant in 2015 for his project, “The Caroline incident: Canada’s lasting colonial contribution to international law.” The Caroline incident was a military skirmish in 1837 along the Upper Canada-United States border that resulted in a hugely important Canadian contribution to the history of international law, one that continues to dominate modern international relations. This research project will complete an intricate analysis of the events surrounding the Caroline affair, the diplomatic exchange that followed, and its extraordinary impact on the long-term development of international law into the modern period. The projected monograph and several scholarly articles will be completed in time for the 175th anniversary of the influential 1842 diplomatic exchange. This anniversary (2017) is also the 150th anniversary of Confederation.
SSHRC INSIGHT DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Insight Development Grants support research in its initial stages, enabling researchers to experiment with new methods and theoretical approaches.

An example is Jennifer Bond’s project “Access to Justice in Canada’s Refugee System: The Use of Evidence in the Refugee Status Determination Process,” which earned an Insight Development Grant in 2014-2015. This project, undertaken with Professor David Wiseman, will investigate the acquisition, presentation and use of evidence in the recently reformed refugee status determination process from an access to justice perspective. Every year, thousands of refugee claimants seek protection in Canada from persecution, torture, and risk to life. Canada is obliged by international and domestic law to undertake a fair assessment of the merits of each claim, and to provide protection to those who meet the legal definition of a refugee. To meet this obligation, Canada’s refugee status determination system must be fair and accessible to each claimant. Professor Bond’s research will address a deficit of study in this area while maximizing the academic and applied benefits of the significant assets they already have in place under the University of Ottawa Refugee Assistance Project (UORAP).

SSHRC CONNECTION GRANTS

Aiming to facilitate opportunities for exchanging knowledge and engage stakeholders with important research issues, SSHRC Connection Grants support events and outreach activities geared toward short-term, targeted knowledge mobilization initiatives. In 2014-2015, Common Law professors earned four Connection Grants. Another one was earned in 2015-2016.

One example is Professor François Larocque’s Connection Grant for a Symposium hosted by the Ottawa Law Review entitled “The Changing Landscape of Canadian Electoral Law. The Ottawa Law Review (OLR) is a fully bilingual, student-run, and peer-reviewed law review, which has a proud tradition of hosting successful annual symposiums to explore emerging legal issues. In light of the federal election in the fall of 2015, the OLR partnered with the Journal of Parliamentary and Political Law to host its 2015 symposium on electoral law. Under Professor Larocque’s guidance, the event received over 200 participants, exploring the topic of electoral law by cultivating an open, yet critical space for discourse about the efficacy and viability of recent reforms.

Professor Anthony VanDuzer received a Connection Grant in 2014 for a two-day workshop entitled “Investment Policy and Promotion: Law, Economics and Policy,” which led to a unique multidisciplinary study of how countries can use domestic policy measures, institutional reform and international trade and investment treaties more effectively to attract foreign investment and maximize its benefits. The workshop brought together experts in international development economics, international trade and investment law, political science, business strategy, and taxation from the University of Ottawa and the World Trade Institute (WTI) at
the University of Bern, Switzerland, as well as other academic institutions and international organizations from Canada, Switzerland and elsewhere.

Professor P.M. Vasudev also received a Connection Grant for his an international symposium on “Corporate Governance and Capital Markets” hosted in June 2015. The goal of the symposium was to review major developments, worldwide, in corporate governance and capital markets and map emerging trends. Constantly evolving, the fields of corporate governance and capital markets offer rich material for analysis. In partnership with the Faculty of Law at the University of Auckland, Professor Vasudev brought together scholars and experts from the US, Canada, the UK, Europe, New Zealand, Asia, and Africa to present research on cutting-edge developments and trends, providing a platform for an international dialogue on topical subjects in corporate governance and capital markets.

**SSHRC MAJOR COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH INITIATIVE**

The SSHRC Major Collaborative Research Initiatives (MCRI) program supports leading-edge research with true potential for intellectual breakthrough that addresses broad and critical issues of intellectual, social, economic and cultural significance through the effective coordination and integration of diverse research activities and research results.

Professor Amy Salyzyn was added as a Co-Investigator on a $2.5 million SSHRC MCRI grant for a project entitled “Repenser le droit processuel : vers une cyberjustice” (“Rethinking Procedural Law: Towards a Cyberjustice”). This seven-year project, which began in 2011, seeks to consolidate the emerging research on cyberjustice in the social sciences in order to develop ways to reengineer the judicial process to restore a feeling of confidence amongst litigants and to promote access to justice. The grant is based at the Université de Montréal under Principal Investigator Karim Benyekhlef. Professor Salyzyn is working with University of Ottawa’s Professor Jane Bailey, along with other researchers, on research that explores the limits and boundaries of digitalization.

**CANADIAN INSTITUTES OF HEALTH RESEARCH GRANTS**

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) provides funding to support research proposals in all areas of health research leading to the creation of new knowledge and its translation into improved health for Canadians, more effective health services and products, and a strengthened Canadian health care system.

Professor Colleen Flood was awarded an Open Operating Grant in 2015 for a project entitled “A Comparative Evaluation of Canada’s Regulation of Two-Tier Care and the Relationship to Wait Times.” As Canadian Medicare is increasingly debated before the courts, laws limiting two-tier medicine and queue-jumping are being challenged as contrary to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms given long wait times. Professor Flood’s research aims to provide courts and government decisions-makers with clear, comprehensive data and analysis on the advantages and disadvantages of different types of regulation to mitigate the adverse impacts of two-tier health care.

Professor Steven Hoffman received a New Investigator Salary Award in 2015 from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) for his project “Developing a Science of Global Health Strategy,” enacted through his Global Strategy Lab (GSL), an interdisciplinary research program based at the Faculty of Law. The New Investigator Salary Award program provides outstanding new investigators with the opportunity to develop and conduct health research through contributions to their salaries. Professor Hoffman’s project will explore how international collaboration be strengthened to scale-up cost-effective and life-saving commodities, especially for the world’s poorest women and children.
FOUNDATION FOR LEGAL RESEARCH OPERATING GRANTS

The Foundation for Legal Research provides funding for legal research on the existing rules of law, the workings of the legal system, and the development of fields peripheral to legal doctrine, such as criminology, psychology, psychiatry, sociology and economics and their relationship to rules of law. The goal of the Foundation is to encourage legal writing that would be valuable to Canadian lawyers, notaries and judges in their day-to-day practice of law and into the administration of justice. In 2014-2015, Common Law professors earned three grants from the Foundation, with three more following in 2015-2016. Here are some examples of the kinds of research that benefit from this funding:

Professor Nathalie Chalifour received a Foundation for Legal Research Operating Grant in 2014 for a project entitled “The Application of s. 7 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms to Environmental Cases.” Section 7 of the Charter guarantees the right to life, liberty and security of the person. The scope of these rights has been the subject of intense debate and analysis since the Charter’s inception, and Professor Chalifour’s research explores whether s. 7 offers protection against environmental harms created by the state. While efforts to have environmental rights recognized under s. 7 have thus far been unsuccessful, the question of whether the Charter provides protection against state-sponsored environmental harms remains open; Professor Chalifour’s research investigates its application in such cases.

Professor Jena McGill received a Foundation for Legal Research Operating Grant in 2014 for her project on “Reconciling Competing Human Rights Claims in Canada.” As a result of the increasing diversity of Canadian society, growing popular consciousness about human rights, and Canada’s constitutional commitments to multiculturalism and equality, more and more legal claims in recent years have involved apparent conflicts between individual rights guaranteed in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and/or statutory human rights codes. The aim of Professor McGill’s project is to produce a series of scholarly articles about contemporary challenges inherent in balancing conflicting rights and freedoms through the constitutional and human rights systems in Canada.

Professor Sarah Morales was awarded a grant from the Foundation for Legal Research (FLR) in 2015 for a project entitled “Recognizing the ‘Sacredness’ of the Process: Reconciling the Hul’qumi’numm Legal Tradition & the Canadian Legal System.” The indigenous Hul’qumi’numm legal tradition is an intricate and complex system that transforms and develops within the communities to which it applies. It is, in short, a living legal system. The goal of Prof. Morales’ project is to establish a process for resolving conflicts between indigenous legal traditions and non-indigenous legal traditions that can lead to true reconciliation. She suggests that the processes being relied on today are failing because they aren’t reflective of the indigenous cultures who are a party to the process.

LAW FOUNDATION OF ONTARIO RESPONSIVE GRANTS PROGRAM

The Law Foundation of Ontario’s Responsive Grants Program enables the LFO to fund research projects generated by non-profit community groups with the goal of improving access-to-justice. These grants have provided seed funding for hundreds of innovative projects across Ontario.

Professor Mary Cavanagh from the School of Information Studies at the Faculty of Arts and Common Law’s Professor Marina Pavlović received a Responsive Grant in 2015 for a new access-to-justice project entitled “Mapping the Front End: Legal Information Seeking Practices.” The project stems from recent studies that found that a large percentage of all Canadian legal problems deal with consumer issues, and that consumers, generally, are ignorant of their consumer rights. Acknowledging Canada’s increasingly complex communications marketplace, the project seeks to establish best practices and an online toolkit for Canadian consumers, providing them with meaningful and reliable information to help them understand their rights, make informed choices, and evaluate solutions for successful self-advocacy.
ONTARIO EARLY RESEARCHER AWARDS PROGRAM

The Early Researcher Award program helps promising, recently-appointed Ontario researchers build their research teams of undergraduates, graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, research assistants, associates, and technicians. The goal of the program is to improve Ontario’s ability to attract and retain the best and brightest research talent.

Professor Suzanne Bouclin received an Early Researcher Award (ERA) in 2015 from the Ministry of Research and Innovation for a five-year project entitled “Addressing the Access to Justice Crisis for Homeless People: The Potential for New Communications Technologies.” Her research aims to provide direct social and legal benefits to homeless people facing obstacles in securing access to justice in Ontario. Using new media and communications technologies, the project seeks to enhance homeless people’s digital literacy and increase their access to necessary legal information. Professor Bouclin is part of a group of 11 researchers from the University of Ottawa who shared a total of $1.54 million as part of the Early Researcher Award program in 2015. She is the first-ever recipient of an Ontario ERA in the field of Law.

OTHER EXTERNAL FUNDING SOURCES

Beyond Canada’s primary granting agencies, research funding can come from a wide variety of sources, including international ones. Below are some examples:

A prime example is Professor Steven Hoffman’s major research and development agreement with the Norwegian Institute of Public Health for a 5-year $4.6 million project entitled “Strengthening International Collaboration for Capitalizing on Cost-Effective and Life-Saving Commodities.” The project investigates how international collaboration can be strengthened to scale-up cost-effective and life-saving commodities, especially for the world’s poorest women and children. The ambitious project aims to evaluate existing and new global health governance structures and international legal mechanisms with a view to improving prioritization, financing and incentives for global innovation of new, life-saving commodities.

Professor Marina Pavlović was awarded a research grant from the Forum of Canadian Ombudsman (FCO) in 2015 for a project exploring the role of private-sector industry ombuds schemes as tools for increasing access to justice for consumers. Prof. Pavlović’s project is based on a 2007 study exploring legal problems experienced by Canadians. The study found that a large percentage of all Canadian legal problems deal with consumer issues, and that consumers, generally, are ignorant of their consumer rights. Professor Pavlović’s project suggests that meaningful access to justice in the area of consumer rights requires consumer empowerment, allowing consumers to become effective self-helper, with access to customized and subject-specific dispute resolution mechanisms. Her proposed research will examine the role of private-sector industry ombuds schemes as tools for increasing access to justice for consumers of financial, telecommunications, and air travel services.

Professor Amy Salyzyn was awarded a grant from the Canadian Bar Association’s Law for the Future Fund in 2014 for a project on the future of lawyer competence. Clients with incompetent lawyers face a variety of risks, including receiving substandard legal advice, having their confidential information disclosed without their consent or, in extreme cases, having their liberty unjustly removed. Despite the importance of lawyer competence, however, law societies have struggled to effectively regulate in this area. Professor Salyzyn’s project focuses on developing a conceptual framework through which to consider contemporary lawyer competence.

The Centre for Law, Technology and Society (CLTS) obtained a major grant from The Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada (OPC) to organize and host the third Pathways to Privacy Research Symposium in 2015. The symposium, entitled “A Return to First Principles for Privacy at the Cutting-Edge,” explored the values that underlie privacy protection and examined how these values are furthered, but also threatened, by technological and scientific developments. It featured research conducted under the OPC’s Contributions Program, and provided a forum for academic researchers, civil society and public interest groups, and individuals to discuss privacy research results and their relevance for Canadians.
INTERNAL FUNDING PROGRAMS

The Research Office of the Common Law Section offers internal funding programs to support research and knowledge mobilization by its Faculty members. These programs complement other funding opportunities provided by the Office of the Vice-President Research, many of which require Faculty matching funds, and support researchers seeking external funds, particularly Tri-Council funds, in the development of competitive proposals.

The Research Development Programs support Emerging Researchers through two funding opportunities, the Emerging Researcher Fellowship Program and the Junior Faculty Development Program – Seed Funding, as well as Established Researchers through the Bridge Funding opportunity. LFO Access to Justice Grants are awarded to researchers at every career stage to conduct legal research activities that provide students with opportunities for experiential learning. The 4A/Tri-Council Grant Development Program offers funding for researchers to work on the resubmission of a grant application.

The Knowledge Mobilization Programs provide funding to organize events on campus, and for international travel and exchange thanks to opportunities such as the Conferences and Workshops on Campus Opportunity, SSHRC International Travel Grants, and the Visiting Scholar Program. The Research Promotion and Dissemination program provides funding to the Research Office for initiatives and activities that promote research at the Common Law Section.
### ALLOCATION OF INTERNAL FUNDING PROGRAMS FOR 2014-2015 AND 2015-2016

The table below shows the overall funds allocated for each internal funding program and indicates that the Research Office was able to fund three new programs in 2015-2016 with less funding than the previous year.

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Note. CL = Common Law Section’s operating budget; LFO = Program funded through the LFO Comprehensive Grant; Greenberg = One program funded by the Shirley Greenberg Chair; uOttawa = Funded through the university international travel allocation.
The Common Law Section’s faculty is composed of a wide range of experts, many of whom are renowned as leaders in their respective fields. Through their scholarship, our professors have contributed to the exploration and transformation of Canadian laws, practices and legal systems.

Below is a list of publications produced by our faculty members in 2014-2016, arranged alphabetically by the professors’ names. Common Law Professors published 45 books or monographs, 115 book chapters, and 191 journal articles in 2014-2016.

The following chart shows how the publications produced by Common Law professors in 2014-2016 divide among some of the most widely studied areas of law at the University of Ottawa.

*Note: some publications may cover more than one area.*

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FACULTY OF LAW RANKS AMONG TOP INTERNATIONAL LAW SCHOOLS FOR SSRN DOWNLOADS

In 2015, the University of Ottawa’s Faculty of Law earned a prestigious ranking on the Social Science Research Network’s (SSRN) list of the Top 500 International Law Schools. uOttawa ranked in the top ten on the list of total downloads from international law schools. This means the scholarship of uOttawa law researchers is being seen by more people than ever, and truly places uOttawa’s legal research production amongst the top schools in the world.

SSRN’s research networks collect and distribute a database of the highest quality research papers from authors all over the world. The Electronic Paper Collection currently contains over 500,000 downloadable full text documents.

SSRN measures the contributions of organizations as a way of documenting the scholarly impact of the authors affiliated with institutions represented in the SSRN eLibrary. An organization’s ranking reflects the interest in the work of its authors, as well as interest in the organization itself.

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2016


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2015


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2014


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2016


2015


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2014


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2016


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NEW INITIATIVES

VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Faculty of Law was pleased to launch its Visiting Scholars Program in 2015, aimed at welcoming visitors, particularly international visitors, to undertake research and reflection while housed in our faculty for periods of weeks to months.

The Visiting Scholars Program is open to all professors, researchers and graduate students who wish to visit for any period of time at the Faculty of Law, gaining access to library and internet services, participation in our abundant and enriching lecture series, and connections to our vibrant research community.

The first visiting scholar to take advantage of the program was Professor Richard Albert, who joined the Common Law Section for three weeks from July 9 – 31, 2015. Richard Albert is an Associate Professor at Boston College Law School and, in 2015-16, a Visiting Associate Professor of Law and Political Science at Yale University. A specialist in comparative public law with a focus on formal and informal constitutional amendment, he has published papers in the leading peer-reviewed journals for comparative public law, including the *International Journal of Constitutional Law*, the *American Journal of Comparative Law*, and the *McGill Law Journal*. Prior to joining the faculty of Boston College Law School, he served as a law clerk to the Rt. Hon. Beverley McLachlin, P.C., Chief Justice of Canada.

During his stay, Professor Albert delivered a faculty seminar entitled “The Difficulty of Constitutional Amendment in Canada.”
SHIRLEY GREENBERG INTERNATIONAL BURSARY FOR VISITING SCHOLARS

The Common Law Section launched the Shirley Greenberg International Bursary for Visiting Scholars in 2015, providing funding to a visiting professor from abroad every year.

One bursary of $7,500 will be awarded each academic year to a visitor whose research project reflects the goals of the Shirley Greenberg Chair of Women and the Legal Profession: “The holder of the Chair works with a large existing group of feminist scholars, all committed to women’s equality through law, to encourage women to enter the profession, to train legal professionals to deliver services to women, to connect women in law school with women in the legal profession, and to further law reform and research impacting on women as clients and women in the profession.”

Visitors are provided with office space, wireless and library access, and the opportunity to present their research at a faculty seminar. Recipients of the Greenberg Bursary may also be asked to provide guest lectures in courses that coincide with their expertise, and may request to teach a course while visiting.

FACULTY OF LAW WELCOMES VISITING FELLOW BRUCE CAMPBELL

From January 2016 to December 2016, Bruce Campbell, Executive Director of Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, will be hosted at the Faculty of Law thanks to a Community Leadership in Justice Fellowship awarded by the Law Foundation of Ontario.

Mr. Campbell is a leading policy expert in Canada. The focus of his Fellowship – which is hosted jointly by a partnership of the Common Law and Civil Law Sections, as well as the Human Rights Research and Education Centre (HRREC) – will be public disasters and associated regulatory failure. He is offering a directed readings course as well as a seminar, both entitled “Transporting Oil by Rail: Lessons from the Lac-Mégantic disaster”. His work with students in these courses is based on his research into the problems of transporting oil by rail brought to light by the regulatory failure and corporate negligence behind the 2013 Lac-Mégantic disaster.

While at the Faculty Mr. Campbell is preparing his book manuscript, which examines the limitations and inadequacies of the legal justice system, asking whether the citizens of Lac-Mégantic, who have been victimized by a flawed regulatory system, have again been victimized by a flawed legal system.
“A LOT TO LEARN FROM EACH OTHER”: FACULTY OF LAW ESTABLISHES INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS WITH CHINESE UNIVERSITIES

From October 13 to 22, 2015, Dean Céline Lévesque of the Civil Law Section and Professors Colleen M. Flood and Steven J. Hoffman of the Common Law Section formed a small delegation from the Faculty of Law to tour China, visiting six Chinese Universities in an effort to forge important new relationships and develop opportunities for future international collaboration.

Dean Lévesque and Dean Nathalie Des Rosiers of the Common Law Section have established an international vision for the Faculty of Law, and they view China and its many law schools as important potential collaborators. One of the priorities in these international collaborations is developing opportunities in the area of health law and policy. As two of the law school’s most renowned experts in the field, Professors Colleen M. Flood and Steven J. Hoffman were happy to join Dean Lévesque on the trip.

Health law is an urgent topic in China at the moment. Just as Canadian law schools have been developing an increased capacity for health law over the last 20-30 years, Chinese law schools are currently interested in the field as China forges ahead with the development of new legislation for national health insurance, while trying to ensure a better level of universal access to health care for all of its residents. Health law is a key focus, not only for government officials, but for the country’s law schools, which are eager to develop the capacity to participate in this legal reform moment.

“What they do right now will set the course of history for their access to health care for a long time to come,” says Prof. Flood. “They can learn from what we’ve learned. And we can learn from watching them develop. I think it’s a really interesting moment in time in China right now. And the chance to witness and even be involved with creating something of that magnitude is very enticing.”

Naturally, this is not the Faculty of Law’s first foray into China. The law school has had a strong relationship with the South West University of Political Science and Law (SWUPL), one of the top ranked law schools in China, since 2008, as well as exchange agreements with other Chinese schools. But this trip served as an opportunity for the delegates to more thoroughly introduce uOttawa and all of its unique offerings to a far broader range of Chinese researchers and students. While health law served as one focus of the trip, it was clear to the delegates that there are many opportunities for collaboration with a wide variety of schools across a whole host of different legal disciplines. China is a civil law regime with some parts of its system inspired by common law, so the unique bi-juridical and bilingual nature of uOttawa’s law school is very attractive for Chinese students and researchers.

“I think we have a lot to offer,” says Dean Lévesque. “uOttawa is very international in its outlook, and we’re very interested in comparative law. The combination of that with the diverse environment of the Nation’s Capital, makes our Faculty of Law a very compatible match with many of the schools we visited.”
HEALTH LAW RESEARCH CENTRE POOLS UNPARALLELED EXPERTISE FOR A BETTER HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Breakthroughs in health sciences can offer tremendous hope to patients awaiting a cure or better treatments. But such progress also generates new sets of legal, policy and ethical challenges. Innovation in science requires corresponding innovation in regulation and governance, as well as researchers and decision-makers who can work across disciplines and contextually apply this knowledge.

As home to the largest concentration of health law experts in Canada, the University of Ottawa has established the Centre for Health Law, Policy and Ethics (CHLPE), which aims to transfer knowledge into the hands of those who can improve the lives of people, particularly the most disadvantaged.

“This Centre will be a hub for new ideas and evidence as well as the training of outstanding graduate students,” said the Centre’s inaugural director, Colleen Flood, professor and University Research Chair in Health Law and Policy. “Our research will bring greater and deeper cross-disciplinary collaborations in order to generate the research we need for a twenty-first century health and health care system.”

Focussing on four main themes, namely, technology and innovation, unique populations, aging, and domestic and global governance, the CHLPE will act as a focal point for research alliances that leverage the University’s many strengths, such as brain and mind research, public health and applied research, public law and public policy, social justice, human rights, and law and technology.

Some of the collaborations the Centre will pursue include supporting health care providers and governments in response to the Supreme Court’s decision to legalize assisted suicide or addressing the complex challenges of regulating breakthroughs in genetics, neuroscience, and robotics. The Centre will also foster collaboration on matters of social justice, such as legal and ethical issues surrounding the compulsory medical treatment of Aboriginal children; women’s rights, such as access to abortion; and access to health services by persons with disabilities.

The Centre will also capitalize on the University of Ottawa’s proximity to decision-makers in government and in professional organizations: we intend to help researchers and experts in such organizations so that research can better inform practice and policy.
THE INNOVATIVE GLOBAL STRATEGY LAB

“Today’s greatest challenges like climate change, refugee migration and pandemics show how our students need the skills to work internationally with different kinds of organizations to solve real-world problems,” says Professor Steven Hoffman, Director of the University of Ottawa’s Global Strategy Lab, which is connected to the Centre for Health Law, Policy and Ethics. Launched in 2015, the Global Strategy Lab (GSL) brings cutting-edge science and scholarship to bear on how global institutions, instruments and initiatives are designed to better address the most pressing global challenges related to transnational health threats and social inequalities.

The Lab focuses on three priorities: (i) generating evidence about different global strategies including when, how and why they can be used to tackle threats; (ii) developing new analytic, empirical and big data methods for evaluating complex global strategies and using them to draw new insights about how to implement global agreements, goals and policies; and (iii) translating research into evidence-based collective action by working with governments, civil society organizations and international agencies in developing their global strategies and training the next generation of strategic thinkers and leaders in global governance, law and politics. Through its many research activities, Prof. Hoffman’s Global Strategy Lab has garnered considerable experience working with domestic and international agencies and has built a network of global health partners.

In 2015, the GSL partnered with Wiley Online Library to launch a new premium open-access journal, Global Challenges. Prof. Hoffman and GSL Senior Fellow John-Arne Røttingen are Co-Chief Editors for the Global Health section of the journal. Some of humanity’s major challenges – including health security and disease, climate change, access to clean water and sanitation – are becoming world-wide reasons for injustice, conflicts, and war. Global Challenges seeks to publish “high-quality research papers, reviews, editorials, and commentaries spanning research and practice related to these global challenges. The aim is to mobilize debate and leadership regarding these challenges and to create a platform for directing and setting the research, policy, and practice agendas. Global Challenges will initially focus on five major challenges: Climate Change, Energy, Water, Global Health, and Food, Agriculture & Nutrition, with each subject area overseen by Chief Editors.”
UNIWEB ACADEMIC CV SYSTEM

The University of Ottawa has adopted a new academic CV system, called UNIWeb, that will allow each professor to maintain a single online CV. Among other things, the system will provide a quick and seamless way to format CVs according to a variety of different templates, simplifying the process of applying for grants through different funding agencies. Furthermore, by collecting information online, the system enables enhanced searching and networking possibilities with other researchers sharing similar interests.

In addition to serving as a repository for CV information, UNIWeb also allows researchers to maintain a public profile. The main UNIWeb page for uOttawa features clusters of Research interests, as well as a menu of Academic Units. As more and more professors across campus begin creating their public profiles, users will eventually be able to see connections between uOttawa professors with similar research interests. Students will also be able to search uOttawa professors based on their fields of interest.

The Common Law Section began using the UNIWeb system in 2015, and anticipates significantly expanding its presence on the system in 2016.