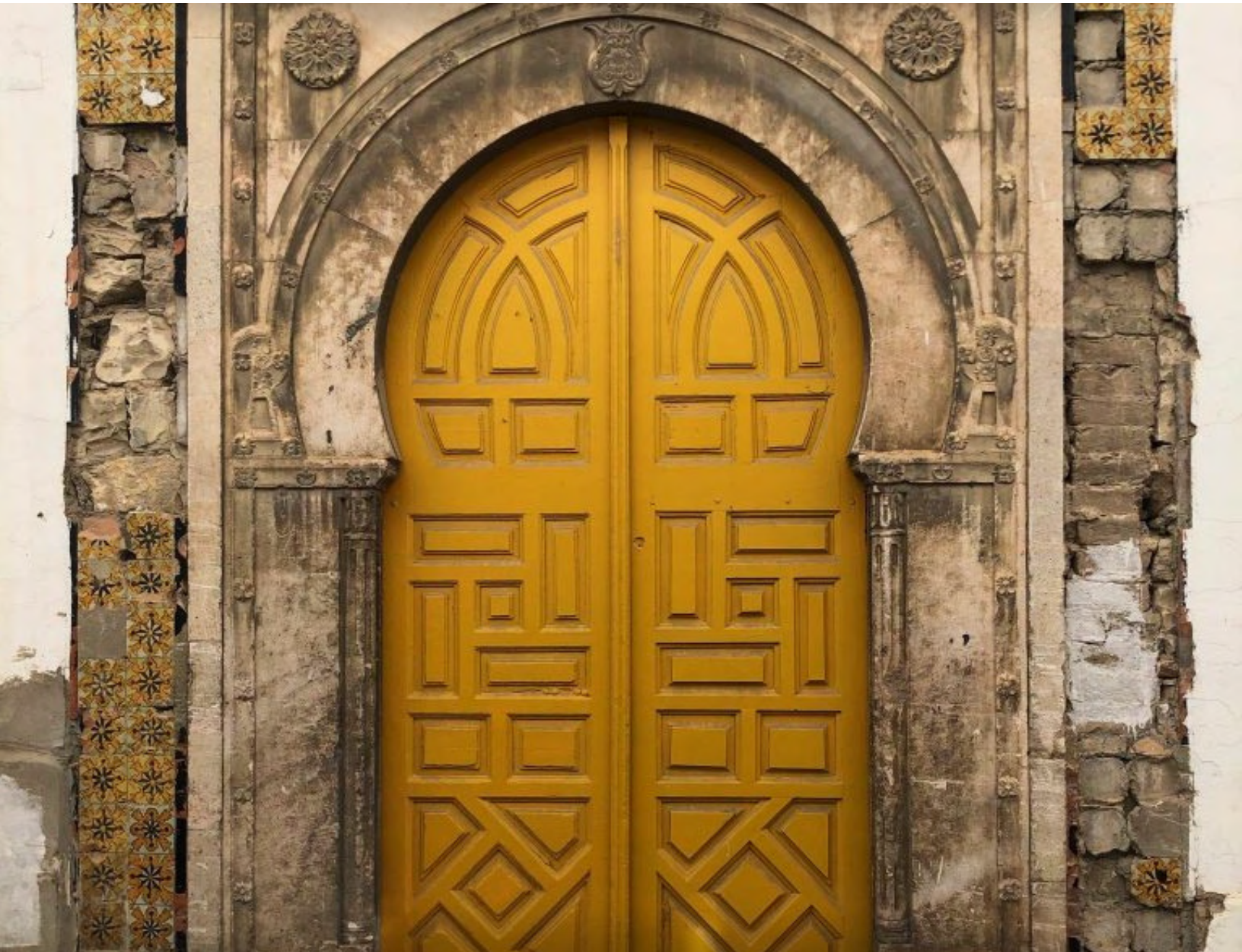
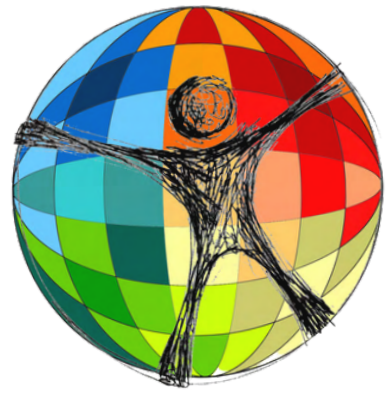


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## ANNUAL REPORT



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# Management Team

**Nandini Ramanujam**, Centre Co-Director and Program Director

**Frédéric Mégret**, Centre Co-Director

**Sharon Webb**, Programs Coordinator

## Special thanks and recognition to Sharon Webb

After 10 years as the Programs Coordinator for the CHRLP, Sharon Webb has moved on to a new and exciting role at the One Drop Foundation. The CHRLP community congratulates Sharon Webb and wishes her all the best in this new endeavour. We also extend our heartfelt thanks for her incredible work for the CHRLP over the past decade. In 2022, Sharon received the McGill "Unsung Hero" award. Her nominators emphasized Sharon's "diligence, attention to detail, efficiency, calm demeanor and kindness" and noted that "she has a particular gift for making the impossible possible by finding creative and accessible solutions". Thank you, Sharon!

Management Board at Dec 2022

The report covers the period 01 Jan 2022- 31 Dec 2022

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## MCGILL CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS & LEGAL PLURALISM

Created in September 2005, the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism was formed to provide students, professors and the larger community with a locus of intellectual and physical resources for engaging critically with the ways in which law affects some of the most compelling social problems of our modern era, most notably human rights issues. Since then, the Centre has distinguished itself by its innovative legal and interdisciplinary approach to understanding and advancing human rights in a complex and legally plural global community.

# WELCOME

Emerging from two years complicated by the COVID pandemic, 2022 has been a year of return to normal for the CHRLP, rich with events, exchanges and encounters. The regular "coffee hour", an opportunity for Centre members to meet and discuss in an informal context, was a symbol of that welcome change. The Centre hosted a major international conference on academic freedom, an opportunity to reflect on an issue that has attracted considerable attention in Québec.

The intersection of human rights and issues of diversity was a particular point of focus for 2022. The Inaugural Michelle Douglas lecture saw Michelle Douglas herself speak about her trajectory as an "accidental legal activist," whilst the Martine Roy Student Colloquium and Prize event provided an opportunity for several students to present papers on LGBTI equality and justice issues. The year was also the beginning of a two year initiative, in association with the Disability-Inclusive Climate Action Research Program (DICARP) and the Institute for Health and Social Policy's (IHSP) Disability Working Group, to evaluate the last 15 years of progress on accessibility and disability rights since the adoption of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The Centre was delighted to co-host an event organized by Tamara Thermitus and featuring artist Manual Mathieu on the legacy of Basquiat from a critical race theory perspective and to sponsor the Annie MacDonald Langstaff Series featuring Professor Esmeralda M. A. Thornhill.

Our students were, as always, on the forefront of proposing and organising events. Thanks to an initiative by DCL student Luisa Castaneda-Quintana, the series "Dialogues on Indigenous Peoples' Territories" was held throughout the year. A group of Montreal students including the Centre's Yuri Alexander Romaña-Rivas and Laura Baron-Mendoza hosted an event on reparations in Colombia and Canada. The CHRLP Blog is testimony to the intellectual life of the Centre and the many contributions by our students.

There was much concern about the implications of the war in Ukraine for human rights and some of the steps that might be taken to foster accountability for war crimes. A special event was organised featuring Professors René Provost, Jennifer Welsh and Vladyslav Lanovoy. Professor Kevin John Heller gave the annual Cassin lecture on "The Concept of 'The Human' in the Critique of Autonomous Weapons."

The Centre hosted a scholar at risk from Russia and visitors from Barbados, Brazil and Australia among others. Thirty-two students participated in the Centre's always vibrant clerkship and intern program. We are grateful to our community, friends, donors, and particularly to our exceptionally talented students for their support and inspiration during a challenging year. We are looking ahead to 2023 with a renewed sense of optimism despite the challenges to human rights in Canada and beyond.

Frédéric Mégret and Nandini Ramanujam  
Co-Directors



# COMMUNITY



# CENTRE MEMBERS

Although the Centre is based at the McGill Faculty of Law, and many of the Centre's members are law professors and lecturers, we are committed to an interdisciplinary approach to human rights. 50% of our members are either cross-appointed or drawn from outside the Faculty of Law, and include political scientists, philosophers, anthropologists, geographers, historians, and specialists in religion and social work. [As of November 2022, the CHRLP team comprised 38 Full Members and 12 Associate Members.](#)

## Full Members

Kirsten Anker (Law, McGill)  
Mark Antaki (Law, McGill)  
Jonas-Sébastien Beaudry (Law, McGill)  
Adelle Blackett (Law, McGill)  
Megan Bradley (Political Science, McGill)  
Angela Campbell (Law, McGill)  
Allison Christians (Law, McGill)  
Miriam Cohen (Law, UDEM)  
Irwin Cotler (Law, Wallenberg Centre)  
François Crépeau (Law, McGill)  
Armand de Mestral (Law, McGill)  
Myriam Denov (Social Work, McGill)  
Bernard Duhaime (Law, UQAM)  
Pearl Eliadis (Law, McGill and Max Bell School of Public Policy)  
Omar Farahat (Law, McGill)  
Evan Fox-Decent (Law, McGill)  
Jane Glenn (Law, McGill)  
David Howes (Anthropology, Law, Concordia)

Sébastien Jodoin (Law, McGill)  
Derek Jones (Law, McGill)  
Alana Klein (Law, McGill)  
Matthew Lange (Sociology, McGill)  
Jacob Levy (Political Science, Philosophy, McGill)  
Catherine Lu (Political Science, McGill)  
Marie Manikis (Law, McGill)  
Frédéric Mégret (Law, McGill)  
Víctor Muñiz-Fraticelli (Law, Political Science, McGill)  
Vrinda Narain (Law, McGill)  
Ronald Niezen (Anthropology, Law, McGill)  
René Provost (Law, McGill)  
Nandini Ramanujam (Law, McGill)  
Sarah Riley Case (Law, McGill)  
Shaheen Shariff (Education, McGill)  
Colleen Sheppard (Law, McGill)  
Mirja Trilsch (Sciences Juridiques; UQAM)  
Jon Unruh (Geography, McGill)  
Shauna Van Praagh (Law, McGill)  
Daniel Weinstock (Law, Philosophy, McGill)

## Associate Members

Payam Akhavan (Law, Massey College)  
Michael Brown (ISID, McGill)  
Daniel Cere (Religious Studies, McGill)  
Achraf El Hila (Law, Université de Rabat)  
Ian Hamilton (Canadian Human Rights Commission)  
Homa Hoodfar (Anthropology, Concordia)  
Nadia Khrouz (Political Science, Université Mohammed V-FSJES Agad)

Laura Madokoro (History, Carleton)  
Yolanda Muñoz (Human Rights Consultant, Independent)  
Aristide Nononsi (University of Ottawa, Human Rights Office)  
Rodziana M. Razali (Human Rights Consultant, Independent)  
Cecilia Thompson (Human Rights Consultant, Independent)





# COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES

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« Offrant une communauté vivante et dynamique d'étudiants doués-es, de chercheurs de talent et de collègues passionnés travaillant sur des questions brûlantes en matière de droits et libertés, le Centre a permis le développement de recherches de pointe sur les questions de migrations et de réfugiés. »

**François Crépeau**

"Being a fellow of the Center for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism has allowed me to become familiar with different perspectives on law and its role in a variety of contexts. It has also permitted me to share with professors who guide my research in a rigorous, valuable, and fruitful way in order to contribute to this field based on an interdisciplinary approach."

**Laura Baron-Mendoza**

"There are so many connections between themes and projects associated with the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism and my book, "Building Justice – Frank Iacobucci and the Life Cycles of Law". Readers will find reflections on the impact of legal pluralism across a spectrum of practice and decision-making, and they will find human rights at the heart of the conversations and justice-building explored throughout the book. I'm delighted and proud to claim the book as part of my ongoing work as a member of the Centre!"

**Shauna Van Praagh**

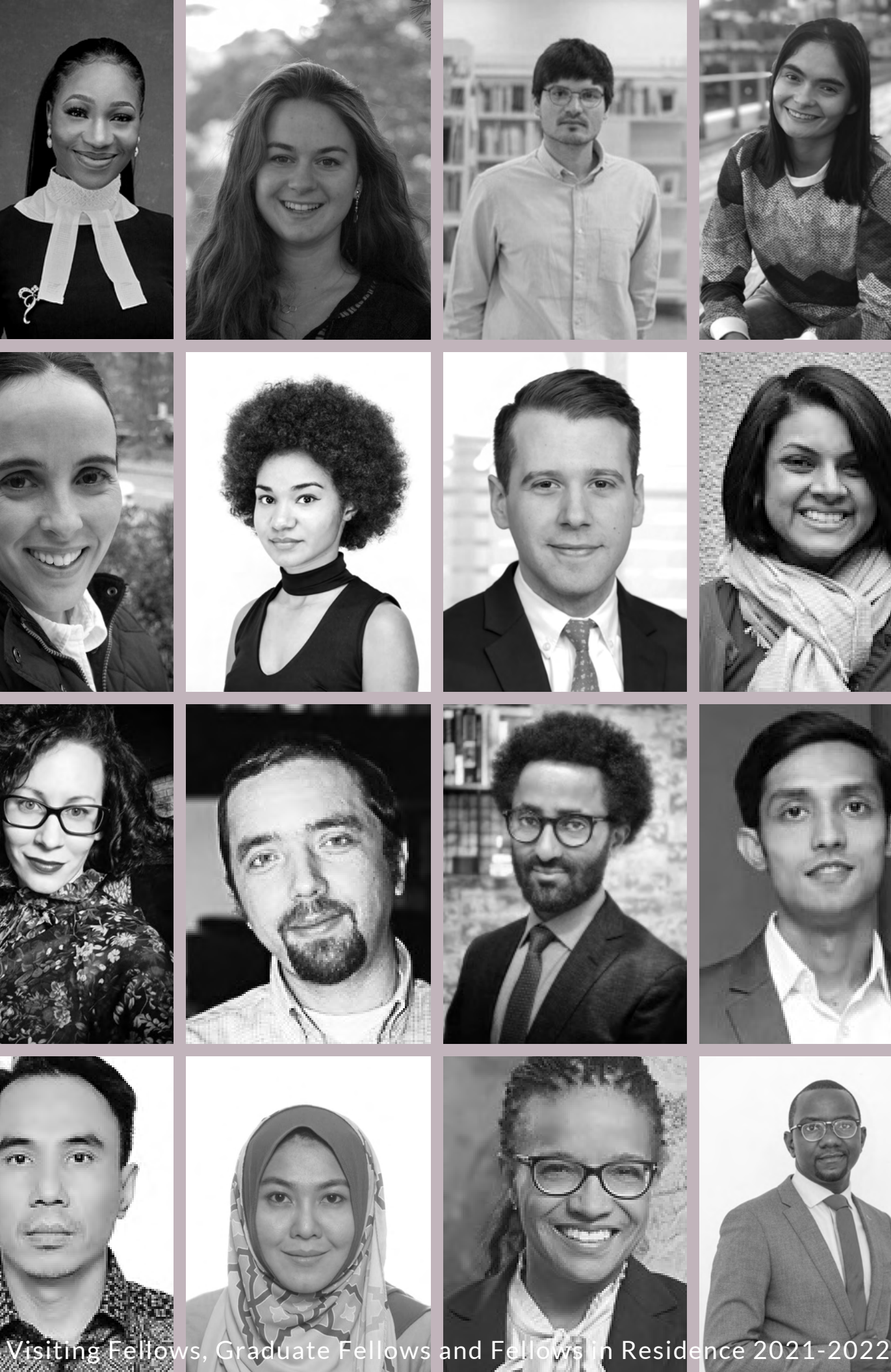
"The coffee hours were an amazing space to get close with the fellows and share ideas and thoughts about academic or advocacy projects, as well as life objectives."

**Luis Chinchilla**

"Being an O'Brien Fellow presents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to vigorously develop my very own subjective understanding in designing a humanistic questioning and, hopefully, a conception of being human itself."

**Pranoto Iksandar**

# SCHOLARSHIP



Visiting Fellows, Graduate Fellows and Fellows in Residence 2021-2022



# VISITORS AND FELLOWS

## O'BRIEN GRADUATE FELLOWS

Soorya Balendra, *Sri Lanka*  
Laura Baron-Mendoza, *Colombia*  
Maria Adelaida Ceballos-Bedoya, *Colombia*  
Luis Chinchilla, *Honduras*  
Moushita Dutta, *India*  
Cynthia Kelechi Eboson, *Nigeria*  
S. M. Morsalin Hider, *Bangladesh*  
Pranoto Iskandar, *Indonesia*

Leanna Katz, *Canada*  
Tanya Monforte, *United States*  
Emmanuel Charles Moshi, *Tanzania*  
April Amanda Nutakor, *Ghana*  
Jeanne Pérès, *Canada*  
Yuri Alexander Romaña-Rivas, *Colombia*  
Vishakha Wijenayake, *Sri Lanka*

## GRADUATE FELLOWS

Luisa Castaneda Quintana, *Colombia*

Isabella Spano, *Italy*

## O'BRIEN FELLOWS IN RESIDENCE

Kristen Lyons, *Australia* (September 2022 - November 2022)  
Valentin Migabo, *Congo* (June 2021 - May 2022)  
Andrey Shcherbovich, *Russia* (July 2021 - July 2022)

## VISITING FELLOWS, RESEARCHERS, POST-DOCS

Slava Balan, *Moldova* (2020-2023)  
Camille Marquis Bissonnette, *Canada*  
Giusto Amedeo Boccheni, *Italy*  
Sonia Cancian, *Canada* (2021-2022)  
Mauro Cristeche, *Argentina* (2019-2023)  
Sarah Federman (2022 - 2023)

Daniel Del Gobbo, *Canada*  
Shimelis Kene, *Canada* (2020 - 2023)  
Marina Sharpe, *Canada* (2023)  
Tamara Thermitus, *Canada* (2020-2022)  
Edward van Daalen, *The Netherlands* (2021-2022)

## ASSOCIATE FELLOWS

Malado Agne, *Senegal* (2020-2021)  
Pierre-Luc Bouchard, *Canada* (2020-2021)  
Achraf El-Hila, *Morocco* (2020-2021)  
Edit Frenyó, *Hungary* (2020-2021)

Edin Hodžić, *Bosnia and Herzegovina* (2020-2021)  
Nadia Khrouz, *Morocco* (2020-2021)  
Rodziana Razali, *Malaysia* (2020-2021)  
Abdourahmane Seck, *Senegal* (2020-2021)

## STUDENT COORDINATORS AND RESEARCHERS

Alexander Agnello (research)  
Ashli Au (Disability Initiative)  
Katrina Bland (research)  
Amanda Bowie-Edwards (Disability initiative)  
Bianca Braganza (Internships program)  
Casey Broughton (Disability Initiative)  
Nicholas Caivano (research)  
Emma Classen-Howes (research)  
Clarisse Delaville (research)  
Julia Green (Internships program)

Justin Jalea (Scholars at Risk; communications)  
Jiasi Lui (O'Brien Programs and International Clerkships)  
Elise Mallette (Disability initiative)  
Shona Moreau (Events and communications)  
Mehlka Mustansir  
Kayla Maria Rolland (Internships program)  
Alexa Nesbitt (events and communications)  
Ellen Spannagel (Disability initiative)  
Angela Yang (events and communications)  
Raina Young (events and communications, research)

DIVERSITY

# O'BRIEN FELLOWS' PERSPECTIVE



"I am grateful to have had the opportunity to benefit from the O'Brien Graduate Fellowship. Besides the generous financial support I received to undertake my Master of Laws studies, the Fellowship also helped me build connections with fellow peers and Professors in my research field. Without the O'Brien Graduate Fellowship, my graduate student experience would not have been complete."

~ April Amanda Nutakor



"The O'Brien Fellowship gave me the unique opportunity to study in a prestigious university and to build a stronger professional network. Overall, the O'Brien Fellowship is an extraordinary and rich opportunity for those committed to justice and human rights law."

~ Luis Chinchilla



"The O'Brien Graduate Fellowship allowed me to take up my research project as ambitiously as I liked to... while enrolled in the program, I had the opportunity to make sense of almost every aspect of the research questions that had been on my mind for years."

~ Pranoto Iskandar



"The O'Brien Graduate Fellowship has allowed me to create a bigger network and learn from other contexts."

~ Laura Baron-Mendoza



# RESEARCH & INNOVATION

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The dynamism and intellectual diversity of our community of scholars and thinkers provides a fertile environment for collaborative and innovative research. These themes are a dynamic work-in-progress overview and showcase some of the expansive research agenda of our members.

## **Transnational Human Rights, Justice and Governance**

*Adelle Blackett, Allison Christians, Sébastien Jodoin, Frédéric Mégret, René Provost, Mirja Trilsch*

## **Mobility, Migration and Sustainable Development**

*Megan Bradley, François Crépeau, Myriam Denov, Nandini Ramanujam*

## **Indigenous Governance and Legal Traditions**

*René Provost, Kirsten Anker and Ronald Niezen*

## **Legal Theory and Cultural Legal Pluralism**

*Mark Antaki, Omar Farahat, Evan Fox-Decent, David Howes, Catherine Lu, Victor Muñoz-Fraticelli, René Provost, Daniel Weinstock, Jonas-Sébastien Beaudry*

## **Gender Justice**

*Shaheen Shariff, Colleen Sheppard, Nandini Ramanujam, Marie Manikis*

## **Health, Environment, and Policy**

*Jonas-Sébastien Beaudry, Sébastien Jodoin, Angela Campbell, Derek Jones, Alana Klein, Nandini Ramanujam, Daniel Weinstock*

## **Constitutionalism and Human Rights**

*Vrinda Narain, Colleen Sheppard, Evan Fox-Decent*

## **Diversity, Inclusion and Access to Justice**

*Angela Campbell, David Howes, Sébastien Jodoin, Shauna Van Praagh, Jonas-Sébastien Beaudry, Nandini Ramanujam*

## **Peace and Conflict, Laws of War, and Emerging Global Orders**

*Megan Bradley, René Provost, Myriam Denov, Jon Unruh*

# THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Under the leadership of Professor **Nandini Ramanujam**, the Centre has been dedicated since 2012 to providing opportunities for people with disabilities and those interested in becoming the next generation of advocates. Here were a few items on the agenda in 2022.

## Disability, Human Rights and the Law Initiative

The CHRLP's Disability and Human Rights Initiative is now in its 11th year of exploring compelling issues in Disability. The initiative theme in 2022-2023 is **Lessons from the Past Fifteen Years: Accessibility and Disability Rights**. Aligning with the 15th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Initiative's events this year focus around taking a look back at the last decade and a half with a critical and analytical lens. We ask: What advances have been made? What are some of the lessons learnt? What we should draw from experiences of disability policy, accessibility implementation, and social advocacy moving forward?

The first event in the 2022-2023 series was hosted in Fall 2022. It consisted of a panel with guest speakers **Jewelless Smith**, **Anne Fracht**, and **Hezzy Smith**.

## Disability and Human Rights Internships

Every year, the CHRLP provides opportunities to IHRIP interns to work in the field of disability rights. For summer 2022, the following students worked in disability-related fields:

- **Laiba Asad** - Council of Canadians with Disabilities, Winnipeg, Canada
- **Andrea Carboni Jiménez** - Legal Clinic on Human Rights and Disability, Lima, Peru

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Special thanks to the Rathlyn Foundation and the McGill Faculty of Law for their support of the Disability and the Law series

### LESSONS FROM THE PAST FIFTEEN YEARS: ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY RIGHT

Virtual panel event on Zoom:  
<https://mcgill.zoom.us/j/88517033156>

In recent years, there have been great strides in accessible policy and technology in the face of adversity, but also tense reminders of how tenuous disability rights are in practice. This panel explores what accessibility looks like in practice and in theory, what can be learned across jurisdictions within and outside of Canada, shortcomings in contemporary disability rights, and future steps.

#### Guest Speakers

**Jewelless Smith**  
Feminist disability activist, scholar, writer, and artist

**Anne Fracht**  
Self-Advocacy Associate, Harvard Law School Project on Disability

**Hezzy Smith**  
Director of Advocacy Initiatives, Harvard Law School Project on Disability

More information :

**October 31, 2022**  
**1 - 2:30 pm ET**



# DISABILITY INCLUSIVE CLIMATE ACTION

## Disability Inclusive Climate Action Research Program

The Disability-Inclusive Climate Action Research Program (DICARP) is a partnership between the Canada Research Chair in Human Rights, Health, and the Environment and the CHRLP. Drawing on the human rights model of disability, DICARP works with disability and climate activists and experts from around the world to generate, co-produce, share, and translate knowledge on how efforts to combat climate change can be designed and implemented in ways that respect, protect, and fulfill the human rights of disabled persons. The members of the DICARP research team include CHRLP co-director Professor **Nandini Ramanujam**, CHRLP Faculty member Professor **Sébastien Jodoin** and several students in the BCL/JD programme.

This research programme resulted in several publications in 2022, including **two major research reports** that attracted media coverage around the world, including from the Associated Press, CBC, The Guardian, and La Presse. The first report, released in collaboration with the International Disability Alliance, examined the climate commitments and policies adopted by state parties to the Paris Agreement and found that people with disabilities were systematically left out of national responses to the climate crisis. The second report analysed the inclusion of people with disabilities and their rights in a dataset of 85 climate policies adopted by the federal government, provinces, and five large municipalities in Canada and reached similar conclusions in a Canadian context. DICARP also co-organized and participated in official side-events held at the multilateral meetings associated with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (New York, June 2022) and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (Sharm el sheikh, November 2022). Through DICARP, McGill law students had the opportunity to attend these international negotiations and provide support to the efforts of organizations of people with disabilities advocating at the intersections of disability and climate justice. As a result of DICARP's reputation as an innovative research programme, Prof. Jodoin regularly receives invitations to speak at conferences, provide advice, and share knowledge from governments, international organizations, NGOs, and academic institutions.

# INDIGENOUS JUSTICE & RECONCILIATION

The CHRLP is committed to engaging with Indigenous rights and justice. One way this is reflected is in the rich array of experiential learning opportunities available to students.

The Centre arranges internship opportunities within organizations engaged in Indigenous affairs. In 2022, six interns, working mostly on-site or hybrid, spent the summer engaged with Indigenous rights.


- **Jack Ball** - Yukon Human Rights Commission
- **Brandon Bonspiel** - Justice Department at the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne
- **Eric Epp** - Métis Nation Saskatchewan
- **Nicolas Kamran** - Maliiganik Tukisiiniakvik Legal Services in Nunavut
- **Angela Nassar** - Instituto de Democracia y Derechos Humanos, Lima, Peru
- **Hannah Reardon** - Justice and Correctional Services of the Cree Nation Government

## Dialogues on Indigenous Peoples' Territories: Stories of Resilience

In 2022, the Centre also co-coordinated the "Dialogues on Indigenous Peoples' Territories: Stories of Resilience" event series, an initiative to start conversations on Indigenous Peoples, their realities, endeavours, and positive contributions to issues of global concern. The dialogues are co-coordinated with Doctoral Candidate **Luisa Castaneda-Quintana** and Indigenous Law Association / Association du Droit Autochtone (ILADA).

Four sessions were hosted in 2022:

- **February 17, 2022:** Indigenous Peoples and Global Challenges
- **March 31, 2022:** Challenging Scientific Hierarchies through Indigenous Peoples' Knowledge
- **October 6, 2022:** Indigenous Peoples in Asia: Challenges and Complexities
- **November 23, 2022:** State of Realization of the Rights to Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation for Indigenous Peoples



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**Dialogues on Indigenous Peoples' Territories: Stories of Resilience**  
Session Three: Indigenous Peoples in Asia, Challenges and Complexities

**Guest:**  
Dr. Kundan Kumar  
Indigenous Peoples Resources and Climate Change Expert

**Host:**  
Luisa Castaneda-Quintana,  
DCL Candidate, McGill University

Thursday, October 6 2022  
13:00 - 14:30 EDT  
Room 101 - New Chancellor Day Hall  
McGill University, Faculty of Law

Brian Snelson - Flower Hmong women, Coc Ly market, Sapa, Vietnam 2004



# PREVENTION OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE ON CAMPUSES

The iMPACTS project is a multi-year, collaborative and multidisciplinary research initiative seeking to address sexual violence in the sphere of higher education, in Canada and internationally. In 2022, a research team at the CHRLP contributed to the project by exploring the legal and quasi-legal dimensions of the problem of sexual violence on higher education campuses, with a focus on the role and responsibilities of higher education institutions in creating safe and inclusive environments. The team's research has resulted in two bibliographies that are available for public use, a forthcoming podcast, and a forthcoming academic article. The research team is composed of Professor **Nandini Ramanujam**, Professor **Colleen Sheppard**, **Clarisse Delaville** and **Raina Young**.

## Tackling Sexual Violence on Quebec Campuses

In a documentary podcast series, the research team is investigating the following:

- Whether the legislative shifts in Quebec give more proactive responsibility to universities to tackle Gender-Based Sexual Violence (GBSV) have been effective;
- Whether any factors are hindering the concrete application of the policies, resulting in implementation gaps;
- What are the paths forward for an effective decrease in GBSV, considering best practices developed in other parts of Canada and in other OECD countries.

The first episode of the podcast was released in **January, 2023**.





# SCHOLARS & ADVOCATES IN DANGER

As the McGill representative of the **Scholars at Risk Network**, and a member of the steering committee for the network's Canadian section, **Prof. Nandini Ramanujam** is committed to providing support and safe-haven to persecuted scholars and to expand the SAR network to include more universities. **David O'Brien** and the O'Brien Fellows in Residence Program are central to the support for this initiative at the CHRLP.

The Centre remains dedicated to promoting academic freedom. SAR participants bring scholarly knowledge and widely varying lenses through which to understand and analyze their specialist subject matter. SAR has aided over 400 academics and scholars who have faced harassment, censorship, surveillance, intimidation, torture, and other threats. The CHRLP is also privileged to partner with Scholar Rescue Fund who also engage in exceptional work in protecting threatened scholars.

The Centre is hosting one at-risk scholar in 2022:

- Andrey Shcherbovich

In Winter 2022, the Center for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism conducted its academic freedom monitoring clinic under the supervision of Professor **Nandini Ramanujam** and **Vishakha Wijenayake**, in collaboration with the Scholars at Risk Network. From January to May 2022, the following BCL/JD students participating in the clinic monitored threats to academic freedom in India:

- Mehri Ghazanjani
- Hannah MacLean Reburn
- Clara McGaughey
- Basile Moreau

A version of the final report was submitted to the Scholars at Risk Network to facilitate their submission to the United Nations Human Rights Council on March 31, 2022, as part of the Universal Periodic Review of India.

## Reflective Report: Contribution to UPR process by McGill's Legal Clinic on Academic Freedom



[Basile Moreau, Clara McGaughey, Hannah Reburn, & Mehri Ghazanjani](#)  
19 Sep 2022

f in [Tweet](#)

# AWARDS

We celebrate the accomplishments of each of our members for their excellent work and contribution to their discipline and to the Centre. Each year, the Centre sees many members publicly recognized for their expertise and career achievements. Congratulations to all members for their continued hard work, great ideas, and high ideals. Here are a few highlights from 2022:

**Adelle Blackett** received an honorary doctorate of laws (LLD) from Queen's University. *"Professor Blackett's career exemplifies the transformative impact that path-breaking scholarship and a staunch commitment to public service can foster in addressing some of our world's most pressing challenges."* - Dean Robert Leckey

**Frédéric Mégret** received an honorary doctorate from Copenhagen University's Faculty of Law.

*"During the past two decades, Mégret has cemented his name as one of the most influential scholars in international law of his generation. (...) His work is characterised by a remarkable ability to straddle topics"* - Professor Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen

**Miriam Cohen** was recognized at the 2022 University of Montreal "Bravo Recherche" ceremony and Awarded the first prize ("New author" category) by the Fondation du Barreau du Québec for her book *"Realizing Reparative Justice for International Crimes: From Theory to Practice"*, Cambridge University Press.

**François Crépeau** was appointed Officier de l'Ordre National du Québec (2022).

**Myriam Denov** was awarded the Impact Award, \$50,000.00, Social Science & Humanities Research Council of Canada, Insight Category, Children and Families Affected by War (2020-2023).

**Marie Manikis** received the 2022 Canadian Association of Law Teachers Scholarly Paper Award. Her paper *"Recognising State Blame in Sentencing: A Communicative and Relational Framework"* (Cambridge Law Journal, forthcoming) won the annual competition.

**Rodziana Mohamed Razali** Best Paper Award for the paper entitled 'Analysis of Birth Registration Completeness in Malaysia' presented at The National Population Conference 2022 organized by the Family Development and Population Board of Malaysia, University of Malaya and United Nations Population Fund.



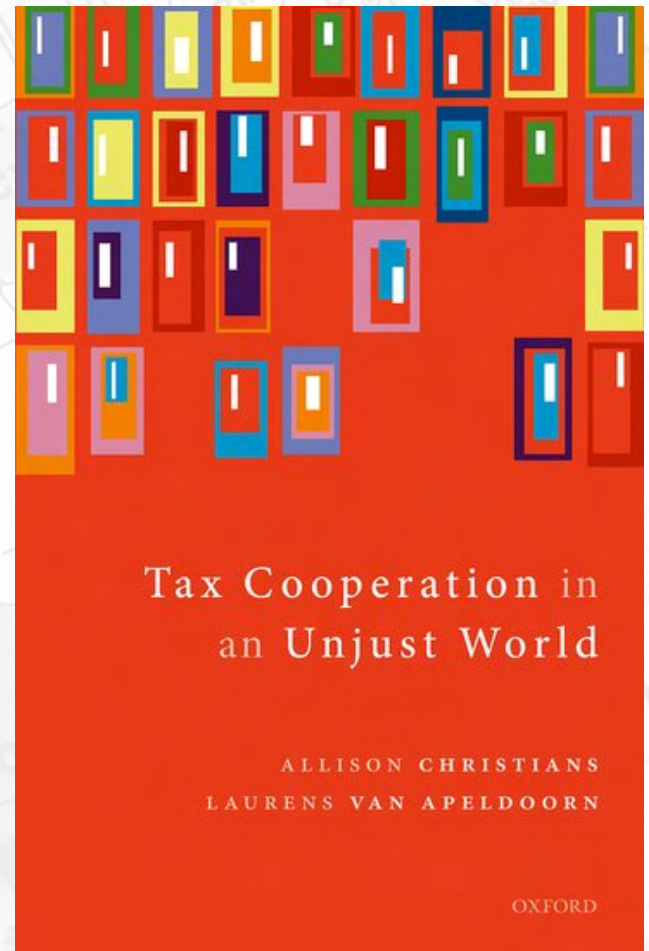
ACHIEVEMENT



# SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

The following is a sample of the pioneering work undertaken by our members in 2022. This small sample of publications showcases the extraordinary depth of scholarly contribution from our members and affiliates, highlighting the interconnectedness between the Centre's contribution to both ideas and action. The Centre's members are prolific in many ways, not least in the publishing of books, articles, and op-eds.

- **Megan Bradley**, “Colonial Continuities and Colonial Unknowing in International Migration Management: The International Organization for Migration Reconsidered,” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.
- **Megan Bradley** et al., “Whither the Refugees? International Organisations and ‘Solutions’ to Displacement, 1921-1960,” *Refugee Survey Quarterly*.
- **Megan Bradley** et al., “‘When the Ground Opened’: Responsibility for Harms and Rights Violations in Disasters – Insights from Sierra Leone,” *Journal of Human Rights*.
- **Allison Christians** and Laurens van Apeldoorn, eds., *Tax Cooperation in an Unjust World*, Oxford University Press.
- **François Crépeau** et al., « Le défi de la gouvernance des migrations internationales », in Christian Nadeau, Philippe Néméh-Nombré (Dir.), *Les droits en mouvements – L’avenir des libertés*, Éditions Somme Toute.
- **François Crépeau**, « ‘Accroche ta charrue à une étoile’ – Une perspective à long terme sur la mobilité humaine » in: Thibaut Flery-Graff and Patrick Jacob, *Migrations et droit international, Colloque 2021 de la Société française de droit international*, en collaboration avec le Projet RefWar.
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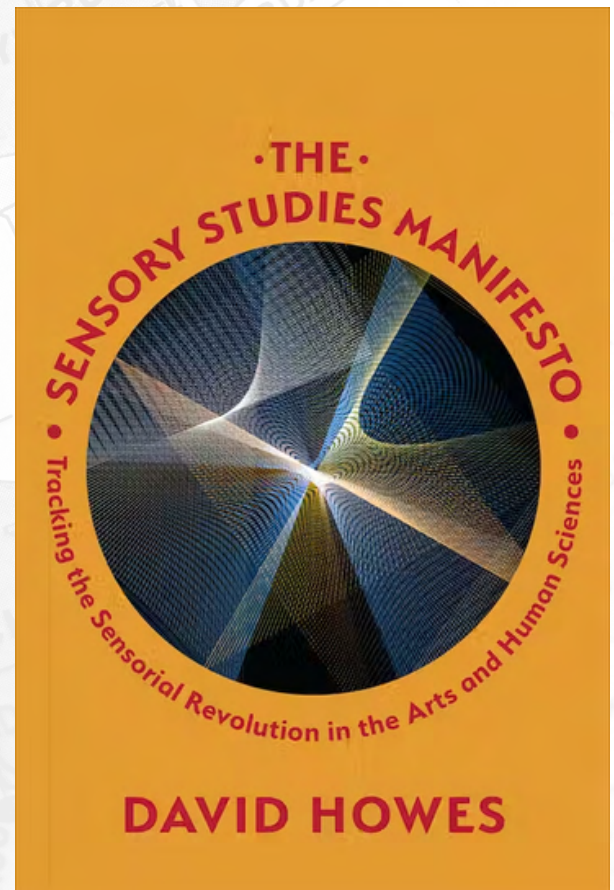
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- **Miriam Cohen**, "Documentary Evidence," *Max Planck Encyclopedia of International Procedural Law*.
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- **Miriam Cohen** et al., "National Compliance During the Pandemic and the World Health Organization: Unfinished Business."
- **Miriam Cohen** and Paula Almeida, "Mapping the 'Public' in Public Interest Litigation: An Empirical Analysis of Informal Participation at the International Court of Justice," in *Public Interest Litigation*, Bendel and Suedi, (eds.), Hart Publishing.
- **Miriam Cohen**, "The Rise and Fall of Investment Immigration in Canada: the Death of Commoditizing Citizenship?" in *Investment Migration*, Kochenov (ed.), Bloombury Academic.
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- **Myriam Denov** et al., "A No Man's Land: Social Work in 'In-between' Conflict Settings: Ethical Challenges and Dilemmas in Kufr Aqab," *International Social Work*.
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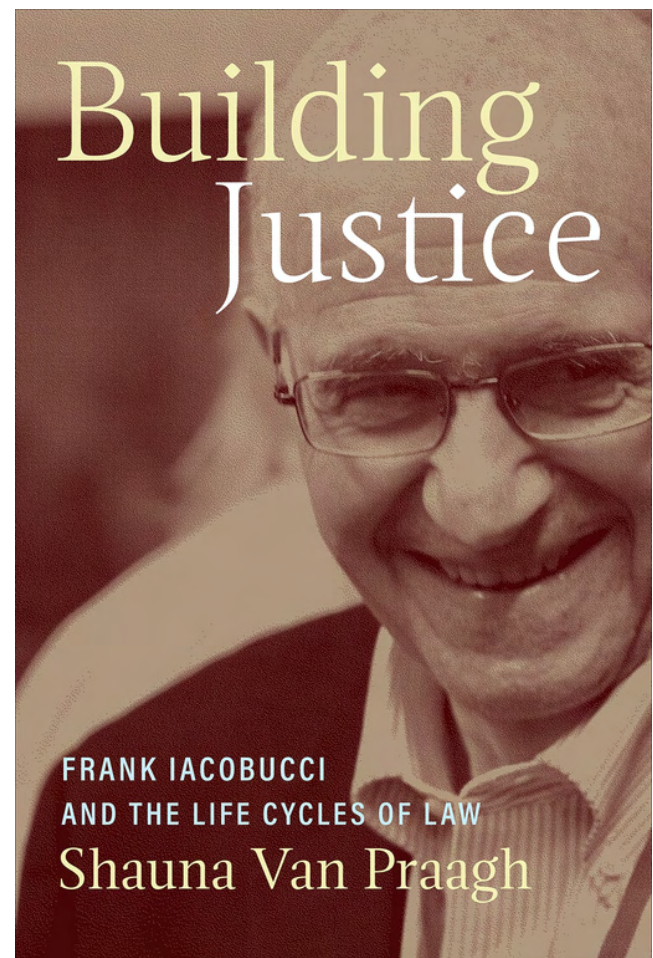
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- **Frédéric Mégret**, "Human Rights Populism," *Humanity*.
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- **Vrinda Narain**, "Private Inequality and Public Religion: A Comment on Shayara Bano, India's Triple Talaq Decision" in Muhammad Khalid Masud and Hana Jalloul Muro, eds, *Sharia Law in the Twenty-First Century*, World Scientific Europe.

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- **Rodziana Mohamed Razali**, *Safeguarding against Statelessness at Birth: International and Domestic Legal Frameworks of ASEAN Member States*, Springer Nature.
- **Jon Unruh**, "Housing, land and property rights as war-financing commodities: A typology with lessons from Darfur, Colombia and Syria," *Stability: International Journal of Security and Development*.
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- **Jon Unruh**, "Deriving countermeasures to the use of housing, law and property rights as a war-financing commodity," *Stability: International Journal of Security and Development*.
- **Shauna Van Praagh**, *Building Justice: Frank Iacobucci and the Life Cycles of Law*, University of Toronto Press.

"In *Building Justice*, Shauna Van Praagh weaves together the voices of individuals whose paths and projects have intersected with those of Frank Iacobucci. The book provides a compelling consideration of the study and practice of law as it follows the stages of Iacobucci's life and career: from his childhood in Vancouver, his practice as a young lawyer, his time at the University of Toronto and with the Federal Department of Justice, his work as a judge at the highest level of court, and his significant engagement with Canada's ongoing response to the legacy of residential schools.

*Building Justice* is a beautifully written biography in which the stories of one jurist serve to explore and illustrate engaged citizenship through law."





# SELECTED GRANTS

Members of the Centre collaborate and also work independently on their research. Below is, again, only a sample of funded projects currently underway at the Centre and among the team. Among CHRLP members are four Canada Research Chairs and a Fulbright Scholar.

## Miriam Cohen

Canadian Foundation for Innovation (Fonds des leaders John-R.-Evans)

Centre international de criminologie comparé - three grants "aide aux chercheurs"

Canada Research Chair in Human Rights and International Reporative Justice

## Myriam Denov

Government of Canada, Department of Justice, 2022-2023, *Responding More Effectively to Men's Experiences of Victimization*. Principal Investigators: Benjamin Roebuck, Diana McGlinchey, Co-applicants: Susan Chuang, Alexandra Lysova, Myriam Denov, Susan Burke, Donna Watson-Elliott, Aline Vlasceanu, Rick Goodwin, Ayoub Cherkaoui. \$20,000.00

Tier 1 Canada Research Chair, 2021-2028, *Children, Families & Armed Conflict*. Principal Investigator: Myriam Denov. \$1,400,000.00

Killam Research Fellowship, 2021-2023, Canada Council for the Arts, *Born of War: The Perspectives, Realities and Needs of Children Born of Wartime Rape*, Principal Investigator: Myriam Denov. \$140,000.00

Connection Grant, 2021-2022, Social Science & Humanities Research Council of Canada, Men and Families Conference, Principal Investigator: Susan Chuang, Co-Applicants: Myriam Denov, Alexandra Lysova, Ben Roebuck, Susan Burke. \$25,000.00

McGill Faculty of Arts, 2021-2024, Children, Families & Armed Conflict, Principal Investigator: Myriam Denov. \$24,000.00

Dubai Cares, 2020-2023, *Participatory Research on Education and Agency in Mali*, Principal Investigators: C. Vanner/C. Mitchell, Co-Investigators: M. Gervais, M. Denov, L. Starr, B. Harvey. \$1,000,000.00

FRQSC Soutien aux Equipes de Recherche, 2020-2024, Children and Families Affected by War & Migration: Towards an Integration of Ethics, Culture and Intersectionality within the Tri-Pillared Approach, Principal Investigator: Myriam Denov, Co-Applicants: R. Carlton, C. Mitchell, J. Guzder, M. D'Amico, W. Linds, S. Bond, M. Rabiau, I. Marchand, S. Van Praagh, A. El-Sana. \$392,000.00

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<b>Omar Farahat</b>	Insight Development Grant from the SSHRC for their project “Sharī’a’s Society: Social Roles in Post-Classical Muslim Legal Thought.”	
<b>David Howes</b>	“Canadian Comparative Law : An Inquiry into the Exchanges between the Civil Law and Common Law in the Supreme Court of Canada.” Canadian Bar Association Law for the Future Fund. Principal Investigator: David Howes (Anthropology, Concordia & Law, McGill). Co-investigators: Mark Antaki (Law, McGill), Rosalie Jukier (Law, McGill), Catherine Valcke (Law, Toronto), Alexandra Popovici (Law, Sherbrooke). Period: 2022-2023	\$34,320
<b>Rodziana Mohamed Razali</b>	Fundamental Research Grant Scheme Award by the Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia for the research project entitled 'Integration of Refugees through Formal Labour Participation: Evaluation and Proposed Policies and Approaches'.	\$2.5 million plus partner contributions
<b>Shaheen Shariff</b>	2016- 2024 Principal Investigator and Director, iMPACTS SSHRC Partnership Grant on Sexual Violence in Universities, McGill University.	\$360,000
<b>Shauna Van Praagh</b>	Institute for Advanced Legal Studies, London, U.K.: Senior Associate Research Fellow, 2021-23.	
	FRQSC- Soutien aux équipes de recherche de 2020 – 2024, Co-Investigator (1 of 10), “Children and Families Affected by War & Migration: Towards an Integration of Ethics, Culture and Intersectionality within the Tri-Pillared Approach” (Myriam Denov, McGill, Principal Investigator).	\$360,000
	Co-Investigator (1 of 40), « Justice et Changements » - Centre de recherche en droit prospectif (Vincent Gautrais, U de Montréal, Principal Investigator)	\$218,417/year
	VOICE (Views on interdisciplinary childhood ethics) Research and Practice Development Initiative – as of 2019, Core team member (1 of 8) (Franco Carnevale, McGill, Principal Investigator) <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/voice/">https://www.mcgill.ca/voice/</a>	
	VOICE Innovation Grant – 2021-2023, Co-researchers: Jean Frédéric Ménard and Shauna Van Praagh, “The Legal Agency of Children: Exploring the Interface of Critical Legal Pluralism and Childhood Ethics”	\$20,000
	VOICE Children and Law Project – 2020-2023, Co-directors: Jean Frédéric Ménard and Shauna Van Praagh, Regards et jeux-To Look and To Play: A Space for Research on Children and Law	\$35,000 for student writing stipends



**THE INAUGURAL MARTINE ROY STUDENT COLLOQUIUM**

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Tuesday, March 15, 2022  
4:00-5:30PM (ET)  
In-person event  
Registration required



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**WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS**

AN ONGOING CONVERSATION WITH DAVID MILGAARD

with David Milgaard moderated by Mugambi Touet

FEBRUARY 3  
2:30-4:00 ET

Zoom link: <https://mcgill.zoom.us/j/88517033>




**IN UKRAINE: WHAT CAN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY DO?**

MARCH 9, 11:30AM-1:00PM ET

between Professors Jennifer Welsh (McGill Politics), Y Lanovoy (Université Laval, Droit), and René P (Université de Moncton, Droit), and chaired by Nandini Ramanujam



DISABILITY GROUP PRESENTS **ihsp**

**Protecting Disability Rights in a Pandemic**

A Disability and Law Seminar with

**LAURA GUIDRY-GRIMES AND JONAS-SÉBASTIEN BEAUDRY**

MARCH 11, 2022  
1:00-2:30PM (ET)  
Room 312 & Zoom




McGill Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism

**The René Cassin Lecture 2022**

**The Concept of "the Human" in the Critique of Autonomous Weapons**

September 29, 2022  
17:00 - 18:30 ET  
3644 Peel Street, Room 100 (Maxwell Cohen Moot Court)  
Livestream link: <https://youtu.be/5Sdg8846RE>

Kevin Jon Heller Frédéric Mégret

Kevin Jon Heller is currently Professor of International Law and Security at the University of Copenhagen's Centre for Military Studies and Professor of Law at the Australian National University, and serves as Special Advisor to the ICC Prosecutor on International Criminal Law Discourse, is a member of the Advisory Board of the Bar Human Rights Association of England and Wales, and has been the member of Opinio Juris, the world's oldest international-law blog, for more than 15 years.

Support also provided by the Manuel Schacter Fund

McGill Centre for Human Rights & Legal Pluralism

**Deep Inequality and Constitutional Change**

With Hoi Kong

September 23, 2022  
13:00 - 14:30 ET  
3644 Peel Street, Room 16

ONLINE CONVERSATION WITH DAVID MILGAARD

with David Milgaard moderated by Mugambi Touet

Professor Hoi Kong is the inaugural holder of The Rt. Hon. Beverley McLachlin P.C. UBC Professorship in Constitutional Law. He is a Senior Research Fellow at the University of Texas at Austin's Program on Comparative Constitutional Studies and a Peter Wall Scholar (2020-2021), focussing on areas of constitutional, administrative, municipal and comparative law, and constitutional and public law theory.

In this talk, Professor Kong will draw on arguments set out in his book, *Deliberative Peace Referendums*.

McGill Centre for Human Rights & Legal Pluralism

**THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANADIAN CHARTER: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

CANADIAN CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

A ROUNDTABLE, CO-HOSTED BY COLLEEN SHEPPARD & VRINDA NARAIN

Featuring Mirja Trilach, Sébastien Jodan, François Grégoire, Tamara Thermitus, Joshua Nichols & Colleen Sheppard  
Moderators: Nandini Ramanujam, Vrinda Narain

April 8, 2022  
9:15 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)



**METHODOLOGY and the International Legal Profession: A personal and professional account**

27 Jan 2022  
10:30-11:30 am EST  
On Zoom  
<https://mcgill.zoom.us/j/8627574246>

About the speaker  
**Gleider Hernández**

Gleider is a McGill Law graduate (LL.B. & BCL, 2001) and Professor of Public International Law at the Catholic University of Leuven and the Open University of the Netherlands. Previously, he was Reader in Public International Law and a Founding Deputy Director of the Global Policy Institute at Durham University.

About the talk  
Gleider Hernández will offer some practical advice to early career researchers contemplating a career in international law, but will also discuss some wider observations of international law scholarship as a discipline historically intertwined with the profession. He will share some thoughts about his own career in academia, and research activities and practice and how these have interacted. But also perhaps influenced his academic methodology and scholarship. Moreover, as the author of a textbook used for international law teaching, he intends to explore the enduring tension between a normative political stance and the critical challenges that have emerged in scholarship in the last decades. He will conclude with a few thoughts and reflections on the role of the scholar at the earliest stages of an audience, on viewing about your own situation as a legal professional, and developing an autonomous voice.

**THE INAUGURAL MICHELLE DOUGLAS LECTURE**

**THE ACCIDENTAL LEGAL ACTIVIST:**

HOW I USED THE COURTS TO SEEK JUSTICE

Michelle Douglas had a promising career in the Canadian Armed Forces, but was nevertheless fired by the military in 1989 for being a lesbian. She launched a landmark lawsuit against the military that resulted in the ending of its discriminatory policy against gays and lesbians. Douglas has gone on to a lifetime of activism in pursuit of LGBTQ2 equality and has recently retired from the Department of Justice after a 30-year career.

Hear about her mostly unlikely journey as an accidental legal activist.

Opening remarks by Robert Leckey and Audrey Docter.

Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 5:30-7:00PM (ET)  
McGill Faculty of Law, 3644 Rue Peel  
Maxwell Cohen Moot Court and Livestream



**CE QUE BASQUIAT NOUS ENSEIGNE**

INTRODUCTION À LA THÉORIE CRITIQUE DE LA RACE ET L'ART  
INTRODUCTION TO CRITICAL RACE THEORY AND ART

REPORTÉ DE MARS 2022 - NOUS SOMMES DE RETOUR!

La théorie. L'art. Cette discussion sera l'occasion de réfléchir autrement sur les arts et le construit social qu'est la race.

M. Manuel Mathieu en conversation avec Me Tamara Thermitus, AdE

27 octobre 2022

18h - 19h30 Conférence en Maxwell Cohen Moot Court  
New Chancellor Day Hall, 3644 Peel St, Montréal

Zoom available. Registration REQUIRED

McGill Centre for Human Rights & Legal Pluralism

**THEORY AND PRAXIS OF REPARATIONS: PERSPECTIVES FROM CANADA AND COLOMBIA**

Join Truett Foundation Scholar and LL.D. candidate (UQAM)

- MIE ÉLOISE OUELLET-DECOSTE and S.D.O. candidate (UQAM) and legal advisor to the Specific Claims Tribunal
- MIE MARJOLAIN OLWELL in conversation with D.C.L. candidates and O'Brien Fellows (McGill)
- YURI ALEXANDER PROKHAROVA-RIVAS
- LAURA BARON-MENDOZA

The session will be moderated by

- PROF. FRÉDÉRIC MÉGRET

This panel will seek to address some of the core legal questions related to the State's obligation to provide reparations for massive and/or state-sanctioned violations of human rights and breaches of International Humanitarian Law.






**THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY CANADIAN CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

April 8, 2022  
9:15 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)  
ON ZOOM  
FULL PROGRAM HERE



**DRONE PROGRAMS: INTERNATIONAL LAW AND A TECHNOLOGICAL MACHINE**

WITH REBECCA MIGNON  
MODERATED BY FRÉDÉRIC MÉGRET

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 1:00 PM  
ROOM 102 & ON ZOOM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



**LESSONS FROM THE FIFTEEN YEARS: ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY RIGHTS**

Virtual panel event on Zoom:  
<https://mcgill.zoom.us/j/88517033>

In recent years, there have been great strides in technology in the face of adversity, how tenuous disability rights are in practice, what accessibility looks like in practice, learned across jurisdictions within and across shortcomings in contemporary disability law.

Guest Speakers

- Jewelles Smith: Feminist disability activist, scholar, writer, and artist
- Anne Fracht: Self-Advocacy Assoc. Harvard Law School Project on Disability

More information: <https://mcgill.zoom.us/j/88517033>




**Annie MacDonald Langstaff Workshop 2021-22**

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EVENTS AND INITIATIVES



# CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

The following events were held in 2022:

- 26 Jan: AML Workshop: Changing the Rules with Esmeralda Thornhill
- 27 Jan: Methodology and the International Legal Profession with Gleider Hernández
- 03 Feb: Wrongful Convictions: An Ongoing Conversation with David Milgaard
- 04 Feb: Theory and Praxis of Reparations: Perspectives from Canada and Colombia
- 11 Feb: WLUML: Love as Politics
- 16 Feb: O'Brien Seminar on Human Trafficking
- 17 Feb: Dialogues on Indigenous Peoples' Territories 1: Indigenous Peoples & Global Challenges
- 08 Mar: Gender Justice and Lived Legal Pluralism: Advancing Equity through Human Rights Instruments
- 09 Mar: The War in Ukraine : What Can the International Community Do?
- 10 Mar: Demanding Justice, Freedom and Participation for the Women of Afghanistan
- 11 Mar: Protecting Disability Rights in a Pandemic
- 14 Mar: Carceral Systems and Racial Justice in Canada: A Conversation on Reform and Abolition
- 15 Mar: Martine Roy Student Colloquium
- 15 Mar: Michelle Douglas Inaugural Lecture: The Accidental Activist
- 18 Mar: AML Workshop: "Caring for Our World" with Jane Glenn
- 30 Mar: Negotiating Feminism: Campus Sexual Violence and the Possibilities of Informal Justice
- 31 Mar: Dialogues on Indigenous Peoples' territories: Session Two, Challenging scientific hierarchies through Indigenous Peoples' Knowledge
- 07 Apr: O'Brien seminar: Circulation des Criminels et Crimes de Haine en RDC
- 08 Apr: 40th Anniversary of the Canadian Charter: Unfinished Business
- 11 Apr: Drone Programs and International Law: A Techno-Legal Machinery
- 12 Apr: The Principle of Non-Intervention in Cyberspace - Not the Sharpest Tool in the Box?
- 26 Apr: FPIC for Climate Action: Acknowledging Indigenous Peoples as Guardians for Biodiversity
- 23 Sep: Hoi Kong: Human Rights and Constitutionalism
- 29 Sep: Cassin Lecture: The Concept of "the Human" in the Critique of Autonomous Weapons
- 06 Oct: Dialogues on Indigenous Peoples' Territories: Session Three, Indigenous Peoples in Asia
- 27 Oct: Basquiat et la Critical Race Theory: A conversation with Manuel Mathieu
- 31 Oct: Disability: Lessons from the Past Five Years Panel
- 15 Nov: Book Launch - Valley of the Birdtail: An Indian Reserve, a White Town, and the Road to Reconciliation
- 16 Nov: Invested in Whiteness: Zimbabwe, the von Pezold Arbitration, and the Question of Race in International Law
- 22 Nov: Book Launch - Building Justice: Frank Iacobucci and the Life Cycles of Law
- 23 Nov: Dialogues on Indigenous Peoples' territories: stories of resilience | Session IV: State of realization of the rights to safe drinking water and sanitation for Indigenous Peoples
- 25 Nov: Humour, Hate and Harm: Rethinking dignity, equality and free speech after the SCC's decision in Ward
- 29 Nov : Une histoire du droit international, de Salamanque à Guantanamo - Book Launch



# AML WORKSHOP SERIES

## 2021 - 2022 theme: "Mothers-in-law": Intergenerational Dialogues on Women and Human Rights

The Annie Macdonald Langstaff Workshops Series is dedicated to the memory of Annie MacDonald Langstaff, the first woman to graduate in law from McGill. The series continued with a new theme and two events in 2021 - 2022, co-organized and moderated by Professor **Shauna Van Praagh**. Following the same format as 2020-2021, women jurists who are leaders and mentors in their respective fields of study and practice were invited to engage in dialogue with women doctoral students associated with the Centre. The theme for the 2021-2022 Annie MacDonald Langstaff Workshop series - "Mothers-in-Law: Intergenerational Dialogues on Women and Human Rights" - underscores the value of conversation across generations for enriched knowledge and understanding, meaningful commitment to equality, and inspired feminist action.

**"Caring for Our World" with Jane Glenn -  
March 18, 2022**

**"Changing the Rules" with Esmeralda  
Thornhill - January 26, 2022**

Annie MacDonald Langstaff Workshops 2021-2022  
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"Changing the Rules"  
with  
Professor Esmeralda M.A.  
Thornhill

January 26, 2022  
1-2:30 PM ET

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In conversation with Ruey-Yun Hung  
and Vanessa MacDonnell,  
McGill Law DCL candidates

# RESPONDING TO GLOBAL EVENTS

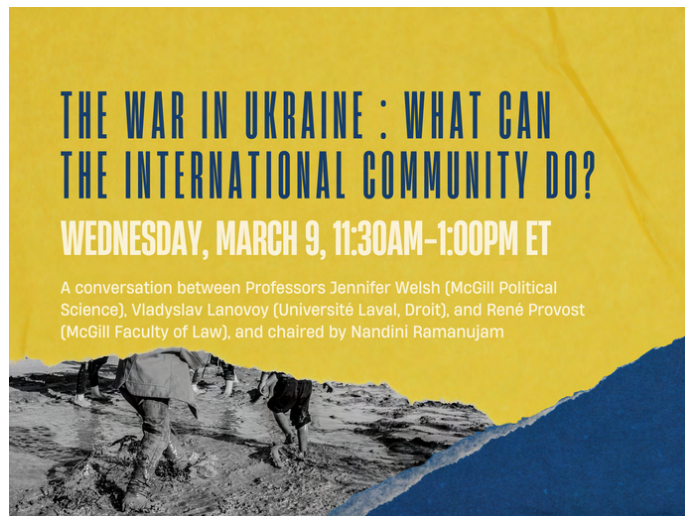
## Women's Rights in Afghanistan

In 2022, the CHRLP continued its collaboration with Women Living Under Muslim Law (WLUML) for the organization of an event series on women's rights in Afghanistan, moderated by Professor **Vrinda Narain**. Two events were held in 2022:

- **Love as Politics**, Feb 11, 2022
- **Demanding Justice, Freedom and Participation for the Women of Afghanistan**, Mar 10, 2022

## The War in Ukraine

When Russia invaded Ukraine in early 2022, the CHRLP immediately engaged with pressing questions. On March 9, the CHRLP convened human rights scholars, practitioners and students for **"The War in Ukraine : What Can the International Community Do?"**.



### CHRLP Blog Post

Frédéric Mégret and Kevin Jon Heller, **"A Russian Invasion of Ukraine Would Be an International Crime"** (23 Feb 2022)

## Women's Rights in Iran

### CHRLP Blog Post

Vrinda Narain and Fatemeh Sadeghi, **"Iran on Fire: Once again, women are on the vanguard of transformative change"** (19 Oct 2022)



# CHRLP BLOG

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## Blog 2021-2022: Solidarity in an Interconnected World

The CHRLP Blog published a total of 17 posts in 2022, under the theme "Solidarity in an Interconnected World". As the COVID-19 pandemic continued to impact lives and work, this theme encouraged posts touching on **shared vulnerability and shared responsibility**, as well as **unity through diversity**.

### 2022 Blog posts under this theme:

- Frédéric Mégret and Kevin Jon Heller, "**A Russian Invasion of Ukraine Would Be an International Crime**" (23 Feb 2022)
- Me Tamara Thermitus, Ad.E, "**Mois de l'Histoire des Noir.e.s: une revue de l'année 2021 sous l'angle du racisme**" (28 Feb 2022)
- Me Tamara Thermitus, Ad.E, "**L'affaire Jordan Subban, l'histoire se répète**" (28 Feb 2022)
- Luisa Castaneda-Quintana, "**A dangerous development: Criminalization and killings of Indigenous Peoples**" (23 Mar 2022)
- María Rodríguez, "**The Power of Collective Action and the Feminist Movement in Colombia**" (5 Apr 2022)
- Dr. Yasoda Wijerathna, "**Stand in Solidarity with Sri Lanka as the Country's Economic Crisis Devastates the Human Rights of the Citizenry**" (28 Apr 2022)
- Luis Chinchilla Fuentes, "**Corporations as Citizenship, the next step in corporate personhood**" (16 May 2022)
- François Crépeau, "**Human Mobility Needs Strategic Planning: Moving Beyond Populist and Exploitative Immigration Policies**" (9 Jun 2022)
- Colleen Sheppard, "**Lessons from Fraser: Equal Benefit of the Law and Societal Inequalities**" (10 Jun 2022)
- Mirja Trilsch, "**The Charter at 40 - Who's still afraid of social rights?**" (22 Jun 2022)
- Me Tamara Thermitus, Ad.E, "**Quarante ans après l'entrée en vigueur de la Charte, le droit à l'égalité et l'accès à la justice : une utopie pour les personnes racisées ?**" (11 Jul 2022)
- Sarwat Dalal Bashi, "**Why should we work to modify the role of the Security Council?**" (25 Aug 2022)
- Basile Moreau, Clara McGuaghey, Hannah Reaburn & Mehri Ghazanjani, "**Reflective Report: Contribution to UPR process by McGill's Legal Clinic on Academic Freedom**" (19 Sep 2022)
- Vrinda Narain and Fatemeh Sadeghi, "**Iran on Fire: Once again, women are on the vanguard of transformative change**" (19 Oct 2022)
- Kristen Lyons, "**Australia violated the rights of Torres Strait Islanders by failing to act on climate change, the UN says. Here's what that means**" (26 Oct 2022)
- Me Tamara Thermitus, Ad.E, "**La résilience des peuples autochtones**" (15 Nov 2022)
- Me Tamara Thermitus Ad. E., "**Basquiat, le hip-hop et l'envers du récit**", (18 Nov 2022)



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# THE CENTRE IN THE WORLD

## LE CENTRE DANS LE MONDE

The Centre has firmly established its presence and reputation in the world through its expanding network of programs which allows us to lend solidarity to organizations committed to protecting and promoting human rights both locally and globally. Some of our initiatives and programs bring eminent individuals and their unique perspective which continue to enrich the life of the Centre, the university, and the larger community.

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# HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The International Human Rights Internship Program provides students with opportunities to serve as global citizens while contributing to important human rights work in the field. Many prospective and present students cite the Internship Program, and the unique and important human rights education it affords, as a factor in their decision to study law at McGill.

Students receive 6 course credits that require the completion of a 12-week placement with a human rights organization, a report on the placement, and a research paper. Participants also enrol in a corresponding seminar, *Critical Engagement with Discourses of Human Rights*, taught by the Program Director, **Nandini Ramanujam**. The seminar provides students with a structured and supportive environment in which to reflect on their internship with their peers and to place their experience within the broader context of critical engagements with human rights law in theory and in practice.

The Centre enjoys collaboration with a wide spectrum of human rights organizations. In 2022, we offered new internships with:

- Métis Nation-Saskatchewan, **Canada**
- Avocats Sans Frontières, **Colombia**
- Elimu Impact Evaluation Centre, **Kenya**
- UNHCR, **Tunisia**
- Centre for Health, Human Rights, and Development, **Uganda**



# EXPERIENCE



# 2022 SUMMER INTERNS

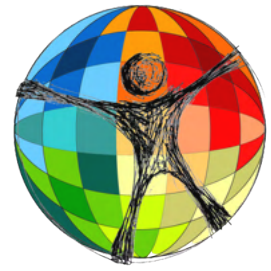
## 2022 STAGIAIRES D'ÉTÉ



**T**he CHRLP acknowledges the agility and flexibility of our partner organizations and student interns alike during the continued challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

20 interns were able to complete their internships fully in-person in 2022, even as we continued to take precautions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 10 interns worked in either hybrid or remote settings.

# INTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS



- Yasmine Amar - Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse, Montréal, Canada
- Somaya Amiri - Refugee Law Project, Kampala, Uganda
- Laiba Asad - Council of Canadians with Disabilities, Winnipeg, Canada
- Jack Ball - Yukon Human Rights Commission, Whitehorse, Canada
- Aliya Behar - Bulgarian Centre for Not-for-Profit Law (BCNL), Borovezt, Bulgaria
- Cassandra Betts - Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA), Banjul, The Gambia
- Fatima Beydoun - Ateneo Human Rights Centre, Manila, the Philippines
- Sophie Bisping - International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES), Colombo, Sri Lanka
- Brandon Bonspiel - Justice Department at the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Canada/US border
- Andrea Carboni Jiménez - Legal Clinic on Human Rights and Disability, Lima, Peru
- Rebecca Clayton - Centre for Health, Human Rights and Development, Kampala, Uganda
- Catherine Dunne - HIV Legal Network, Toronto, Canada
- Eric Epp - Métis Nation Saskatchewan, Canada
- Mariana Furneri - Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA), Toronto, Canada
- Bella Harvey - Forum for Human Rights, Prague, Czech Republic
- Ella Johnson - Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights, Montreal, Canada
- Nicolas Kamran - Maliganik Tukisiniarvik, Iqaluit, Canada
- Laurence LeBlanc - UNHCR, Tunis, Tunisia
- Renée Lehman - Avocats Sans Frontières, Québec City, Canada
- Nathan Leung - Avocats Sans Frontières, Colombia
- Angela Nassar - Instituto de Democracia y Derechos Humanos, Lima, Peru
- Catherine Ndiaye - Equitas, Montreal, Canada
- Vidish Parikh - Office of the Federal Housing Advocate at the Canadian Human Rights Commission, Ottawa, Canada
- Genny Plumptre - Conseil national des droits de l'Homme - Rabat, Maroc
- Hannah Reardon - Justice and Correctional Services of the Cree Nation Government, Waswanipi, Québec, Canada
- Weeam Ben Rejeb - Aswat Nissa, Tunis, Tunisia
- Noémie Richard - Elimu Impact Evaluation Centre, Kianyaga, Kenya
- Charlotte Ridsdale - Centre for Law & Democracy (CLD), Halifax, Canada
- Poonam Sandhu - Human Rights Watch, New York City, US
- Joshua Singer Johnson - Ministry of Justice, Windhoek, Namibia
- Angela Yang - Citizen Lab, Toronto, Canada

ENGAGEMENT



# INTERNS' PERSPECTIVE



"My internship with the International Justice (IJ) team at Human Rights Watch (HRW) was an unforgettable professional and personal experience which exposed me to the world of international criminal law. This internship was the perfect marriage of an outstanding team of colleagues and interesting/challenging work, which kept me excited and motivated for the summer. I had no background in International Criminal Law before this internship but I left feeling very confident in what I had learned about the technical aspects of the Rome Statute, as well as the practical realities of seeking justice for serious crimes. From the very first day of my internship, I felt like a valued member of the team and was given substantive work. I never felt underutilized and felt as though my supervisor truly had my best interest in mind."

~ **Poonam Sandhu**, *Human Rights Watch, New York City, US*



"This internship was an absolutely incredible experience. From both a professional and personal perspective, it was certainly among the best things I have ever done.

I feel very grateful to have had the opportunity to learn a variety of legal skills, and for the trust that was placed in me from the outset. The work that I was doing was clearly important, and the structure of the Ministry truly made me feel that I was the only person around who could do the work I was doing, other than the Minister herself. I was not expecting that, but it made it an absolute joy to bounce over to the office every morning.

~ **Joshua Singer Johnson**, *Ministry of Justice, Windhoek, Namibia*



"My internship with the HIV Legal Network was nothing short of fantastic. The HIV Legal Network is a small, but powerful and talented group of advocates that work on human rights issues all over the world, including Eastern Europe, Francophone Africa, the Caribbean, and Canada. The HIV Legal Network's mandate is related to HIV and human rights, but I found that this covered a broader scope of human rights issues than I initially expected. For instance, the work ranges from LGBTQ+ rights to drug policy to prisoners' rights to HIV decriminalization advocacy. Over the course of the summer, I gained a deeper understanding of the human rights impacts of HIV criminalization, harm reduction and drug policy, and had the chance to work in other legal systems and to engage with international human rights law. I also got to understand how civil society operates to advocate for policy changes and how lawyers work with activists and front-line workers to affect change."

~ **Catherine Dunne**, *HIV Legal Network, Toronto, Canada*





# INTERNS' PERSPECTIVE

"Working at Refugee Law Project (RLP) has been an extremely educational and fulfilling experience giving me an insight into human rights issues migrant communities face in Uganda, and some of the ways local and international organizations work together to address these challenges. RLP, in addition to legal support, provides a wide range of services for forced migrants across Uganda. I requested to be placed in its Access to Justice (AJJ) team as its focus is more on legal representation to refugee communities, capacity building for policymakers, human rights awareness and community empowerment, and research/advocacy. Throughout the internship, I was immersed in each branch of the team's work."

~ **Somaya Amiri**, *Refugee Law Project, Kampala, Uganda*



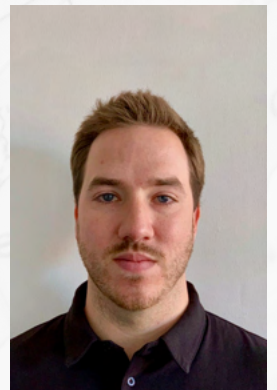
"Overall, I had a very positive internship experience at the Ateneo Human Rights Center (AHRC) in Manila, Philippines. The AHRC team and work environment are special for their culture of collective care, high-spirited energy and passion for their work. The center aided significantly with my adjustment into a completely new cultural setting, and I always felt comfort and immense gratitude being an intern there. The notable relationship-building capacity of the Center to engage closely with the government, the private sector, NGOs, and other civil society groups allowed me to gain a broad understanding of the AHRCs approach to the variety of human rights issues they set out to address."

~ **Fatima Beydoun**, *Ateneo Human Rights Centre (ACHR), Manila, The Philippines*



"During my 12-week internship at the Akwesasne Justice Department (AJD), I assisted the development of a Child Rights & Responsibility Law for the community. I researched the implications of Bill C-96, the act promoting the French language laws in the province of Quebec. I was a counsellor for a week at the community Cultural Youth Camp on Thompson Island. Lastly, I helped build a diorama replicating the multiple geographical jurisdictions of Akwesasne. The initial purpose of the internship was to gain professional experience. However, my time spent in the community solidified my connection to my culture which allowed me to gain focus on what truly matters. I want to help people, doing human rights work is the best channel to accomplish this vocation. The AJD helped further this goal."

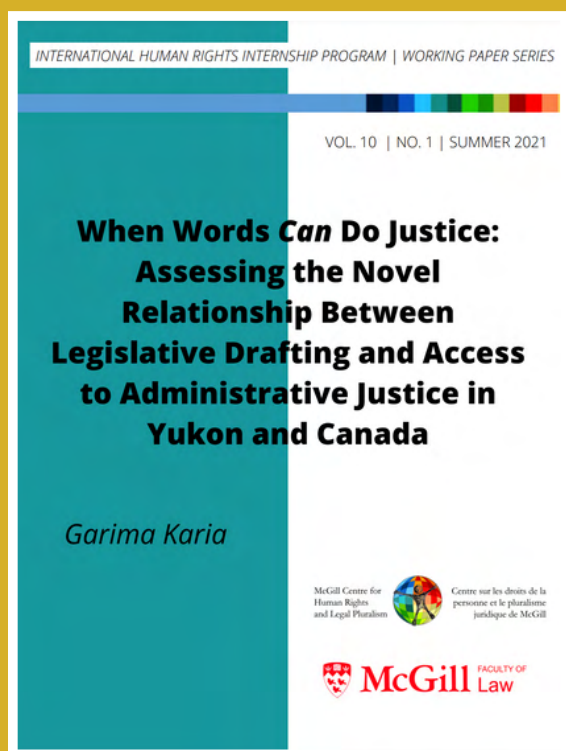
~ **Brandon Bonspiel**, *Justice Department at the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Quebec/Ontario/US Border*





# WORKING PAPER SERIES

ORIGINALITY



The Centre's Working Paper Series enables the dissemination of papers by students who have participated in the International Human Rights Internship Program. Students enroll in the seminar Critical Engagement with Discourses of Human Rights seminar that allows them to write a research paper through a peer review and support process. The papers in this series are intended to showcase and disseminate original and innovative scholarship by our student interns, as well as to elicit feedback and encourage debate on important public policy challenges.

The following students contributed pieces to Volume 9 of the Working Paper Series in 2022:

- Isabel Baltzan
- Ashley Clark
- Joanna Cline
- Janelle Deniset
- Federico Díaz Chacón
- Camila Franco
- Christopher Ivanic
- Garima Karia
- Olivia Kostin-Cohen
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- April Amanda Nutakor
- Nicholas Pineau
- Hannah Reaburn
- Alex Recher
- Chloe Rourke
- Emma Sitland
- Ellen Spannagel
- Taryn Wilkie

# INTERNATIONAL CLERKSHIPS

McGill submits candidates to the Judicial Assistants Program of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACHR). The Supreme Court of Israel also accepts candidacies directly for clerkships. Modest funding is available through the Faculty of Law for the above clerkships.

The Centre is the Faculty's representative to these international courts and selects a shortlist of law students to forward to each court for consideration. Recently, these courts have taken steps to make the opportunities more available to all, for example, by creating funding schemes to increase opportunities for law graduates from universities based in developing countries. As such, the program is likely to be even more competitive in the coming years, but we have full confidence in our McGill Law graduates, and the Centre looks forward to submitting a shortlist of exemplary students to these courts each year.

In 2021-2022, the following student was offered a clerkship at the [Permanent Court of Arbitration](#) in the Hague:

- [Simon Rollat](#) (B.C.L./J.D. 2022)





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