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McGill Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism

Created in September 2005, the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism aims 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.

This report covers the period from January – December 2019
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Our 2019 Annual report celebrates the honours, awards, and great distinction received by our members, visitors and graduate students, and noteworthy engagement with pressing human rights issues at the international stage. The Litvack lecture and award were dedicated to the unsung human rights defenders in Turkey, while The Wallenberg Lecture reminded us that a quarter century after the end of apartheid, equality remains elusive for a majority of South Africans. The Humphrey lecture focused on the revolutionary, transformative and militant dimensions of constitutional order; an important message amidst the disturbing rise of native nationalism and populism across the world. The rich intellectual diversity of our community is continually reflected through the scholarship and public involvement of our members, through student scholarship (mcgill.ca/humanrights/clinical/internships/working-paper-series), and on our blog platform (mcgill.ca/humanrights/chrlp-live). These public events and accessible platforms for disseminating ideas play a vital role in facilitating connections between the Centre and the wider community. Our disability initiative (mcgill.ca/humanrights/events/disability-seminar-series/2018-2019) continues to foster collaboration between the Centre and communities advocating for, and alongside, persons with disabilities across Canada and abroad.

Our O’Brien Visiting Fellows continue to be a source of creativity and innovation. The fall 2019 cohort of Fellows consisted of a Nigerian artist working at the intersection of art and Freedom of expression; the Fellows from Bangladesh and Iran brought to us a more nuanced understanding of pluralism within Islamic societies, as well as rich perspectives on human rights in their countries. Also in Residence is an Argentinian researcher looking at social and economic rights through the lens of welfare policies. We are also proud to be able to host a new Scholar at Risk from Nigeria who is a writer. The newest members of our O’Brien graduate community come from New Zealand, Tanzania, Indonesia, Nigeria, and the Czech Republic. From right to inclusive education to food sovereignty, their research interests are as distinct as the geographical diversity that these scholars represent.

The Centre has the privilege of being represented in the work done by our Human Rights Interns and a vast network of alumni of the International Human Rights Internship Program. This network is a constant source of inspiration and global connection for the Centre.

We continue to provide leadership to the Scholars at Risk Canada Section, as well as to the Disability Rights Scholarship Program of the Open Society Institute. In collaboration with the Scholars at Risk Network the Centre has launched a legal clinic, which in the winter 2020 term, will be monitoring restrictions on academic freedom in Poland, Russia, and Hungary.

The dedicated work, innovation and creativity of our exceptionally talented students - combined with support from our members, friends, partners and donors - allows us to be a welcoming and vibrant community. We are grateful for all their generosity and guidance.
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Associate Members

36
Full Members

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Executive Director &
Director of Programs

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Centre Director 2015-2021

Sharon Webb
Program Coordinator
(developmental position
until spring 2020)

Yvana Novoa Curich
Program Coordinator
(May-October 2019)

Robyn Rugenius
Program Coordinator
(October 2019 -)

Kimia Towfigh
Media, Publicity

Kevin Pinkoski
Program Coordinator,
O’Brien Fellows in Residency
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 interdisciplinarity in our approach to human rights discourse. 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 December 2019, the CHRLP team comprised 36 Full Members and 7 Associate Members.

Full Members

Payam Akhavan (Law)
Kirsten Anker (Law)
Mark Antaki (Law)
Adelle Blackett (Law)
Megan Bradley (Political Science, Institute for the Study of International Development)
Angela Campbell (Law, Associate Provost)
François Crépeau (Law)
Allison Christians (Law)
Irwin Cotler (Law; Wallenberg Centre)
Myriam Denov (Social Work)
Pearl Eliadis (Law)
Omar Farahat (Law)
Evan Fox-Decent (Law)
Jane Glenn (Law)
Patrick Healy (Law)
David Howes (Anthropology; Law)
Sébastien Jodoin (Law)
Derek Jones (Law, McGill Research Group on Health & Law)
Alana Klein (Law; Research Group on Health & Law)
Jacob Levy (Political Science; Philosophy)
Catherine Lu (Political Science)
Marie Manikis (Law)
Frédéric Mégret (Law)
Víctor Muñiz-Fraticelli (Law; Political Science)
Vrinda Narain (Law)
Ronald Niezen (Law, Anthropology)
René Provost (Law)
Nandini Ramanujam (Law)
Shaheen Shariff (Education)
Colleen Sheppard (Law)
Mirja Trilsch (Sciences Juridiques)
Jon Unruh (Geography)
Shauna Van Praag (Law)
Béatrice Vizkelety (Law)
Daniel Weinstock (Law, Institute for Health and Social Policy)

Associate Members

Michael Brown (ISID and UN Peace Mediation Expert)
Daniel Cere (Religious Studies)
Armand de Mestral (Law)
Pierre Deschamps (Law)
Aristide Nononsi (Former UN Independent Expert, Sudan; Consultant, Human Rights and Development)
Cecilia Thompson (Human Rights Consultant)
We celebrate the accomplishments of each of our members for their excellent work in contributing to their respective fields as well as 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 2019:

- **Adelle Blackett** was appointed as the Canada Research Chair in Transnational Labour Law and Development. In Winter 2019, she organized an eponymous course on transnational futures of international labour law.

- **Catherine Lu** was awarded the 2019 International Ethics Section Book award, of the International Studies Association, for best book published in the field of international ethics.

- The Honorable **Irwin Cotler** received a Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, at the Faculty of Law’s convocation ceremony on May 30, 2019 in recognition of his work as an international human rights lawyer and devotion to the pursuit of justice. He was also nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2019.

- **Marie Manikis** was awarded a Principal’s Prize for Outstanding Emerging Researchers by the Office of the Vice Principal (Research and Innovation), recognizing her as one of McGill’s exceptional early-career researchers. On May 1, she began her five-year term as a William Dawson Scholar. The Foundation du Barreau has named Professor Manikis winner of its annual *Concours juridique* (legal manuscript category) for her article co-authored with Jess de Santi (BCL/LLB ’17) “Punishing while Presuming Innocence: A Study on Bail Conditions and Administration of Justice Offences in Quebec.”

- **Victor Muñiz-Fraticelli** received the Mellon New Directions Fellowship to pursue studies in theology and to complement interdisciplinary scholarship.

- **René Provost** was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (RSC) in recognition of his stature as an internationally acclaimed scholar of public international law and international humanitarian law.

- **Shaheen Shariff** was appointed James McGill Professor in recognition of her outstanding and original research in the field of Integrated Studies in Education.
The CHRLP continues to attract some of the brightest scholars and human rights professionals from around the world. We are privileged to receive support from a range of public and private funds that allows us to offer a wide variety of student and research fellowships and assistantships. In 2019, we were pleased to host:

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Thanks to the generosity of alumnus **David O’Brien** (B.C.L, 1965), the Centre awards O’Brien Fellowships to several new graduate students every year. The students bring their vibrancy and fresh perspectives to enrich the life of the Centre, where they may also contribute by convening reading groups, organizing events, sitting on selection committees, and engaging with the Centre in a wide variety of ways.

**In 2019, the Centre welcomed 5 new O’Brien Graduate Fellows:**

- Similoluwa Ayoola, Nigeria
- Tereza Bartova, Czech Republic
- Pranoto Iskandar, Malaysia
- Matthew McKillop, New Zealand
- Perpetua Senkoro, Tanzania

**Three Graduate Fellows continue with the CHRLP, pursuing their studies from the 2019-2020 academic year:**

- Pierre-Alexandre Cardinal, Canada
- Maria Adelaida Ceballos-Bedoya, Colombia
- Vishakha Wijenayake, Sri Lanka

The Centre congratulates 3 LLM graduates in 2019: **Eunice Leyva García, Florence Ashley Paré** and **Maryse Décarie-Daigneault**! We wish them all the best in their future endeavours. Congratulations also to **Marika Giles Samson**, who successfully defended her DCL Dissertation in December 2019!
Marianne Bevan, New Zealand – A senior researcher at the New Zealand Department of Corrections. Her research focuses largely on the experiences of women in the criminal justice system. She has conducted a range of qualitative studies looking into women’s pathways into offending; the dynamics of offense in women’s family violence; and best practices in case management, rehabilitation and reintegration of women. She earned a Master of Development Studies from Victoria University and conducted research in Timor-Leste on gender and United Nations police reform.

Sharanjeet Parmar, Canada – An international human rights lawyer and President of Glasshouse Initiatives, a development consulting firm. Ms. Parmar has over 15 years of experience working in a dozen countries across Africa and Asia on gender, justice and security issues. Previously, she was affiliated with Harvard Law School, first as a Lecturer and Clinical Instructor and later as a Visiting Fellow in the Human Rights Programme. She holds a Master of Laws with distinction in International Legal Studies from New York University School of Law, and an LL.B. from Dalhousie Law School.

Zelalem Kibret Beza, Ethiopia – An Ethiopian scholar and blogger. Previously, he was a Scholar-at-Risk fellow at the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research, and the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice at New York University’s School of Law. His research focuses on transitional politics and justice, individuals in international law, counterterrorism, and new social movements. By training, he is a lawyer specialized in public international law, after working as a Professor of Law at Ambo University in Ethiopia until April 2014.

Andrew Stobo Sniderman, Canada – A lawyer and writer. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto law school, Swarthmore College and Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes scholar. He has worked for Justice Edwin Cameron at South Africa’s Constitutional Court, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Zimbabwe, and Olthuis Kleer Townshend LLP, an Indigenous rights law firm in Toronto. He was recently the human rights policy advisor to Canada’s Minister of Foreign Affairs.
Fatemeh Sadeghi, Iran – A researcher and lecturer of political science and gender studies in Iran. She is a specialist in political thought, gender studies, Islamic political thoughts and Iranian politics. She obtained her PhD in Political Thought in 2004 from Tarbiat Modarres University in Tehran. From 2003 until 2008, she taught as assistant lecturer at the Faculty of Political Science of the Islamic Azad University of Karaj. She was also a co-editor of Goftogu, the Iranian journal of culture and society from 2003 and 2010, and a member of the International Center for Dialogue among Civilizations in 2000-2001.

Arafat Khan, Bangladesh – Fully qualified English Barrister and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh with an advanced degree in law. He is a researcher and a Senior Lecturer of the Department of Law, North South University, Dhaka, Bangladesh, and a Partner at the Apex Court Chambers.

Ayodele Ganiu, Nigeria – Artist and activist committed to advocating and defending artistic freedom of expression, cultural policy and copyright reforms as well as promoting development of creative industries in Africa. He holds a BSc (Hons.) in Finance from University of Lagos, Nigeria (2004).

Mauro Cristeche, Argentina – Researcher at Argentina’s National Research Council (CONICET) and Assistant Professor of Constitutional Law at the National University of La Plata (UNLP), in Argentina. He is a Researcher and Board Member at the Institute of Legal Culture (UNLP), where he coordinates the Area “State, Public Policies and Rights”. He holds a PhD. in Law from the University of Buenos Aires in 2013.

Pwaangulongii Daoud, Nigeria – Writer and winner of the 2018 Gerard Kraak Prize. He studied Literature at the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, and earned an MFA Creative Writing from the University of Virginia.
Associate Fellows

Associate Fellows are independent scholars whose work coincides with the intellectual themes and reach of the Centre. In 2019, the Centre hosted one Associate Fellow:

**Edin Hodžić, Bosnia-Herzegovina**, is co-founder, and was Director and Head of Public Law Program at Analitika, Center for Social Research from Sarajevo, a think-tank in Bosnia and Herzegovina; he is now a Senior Research Fellow at the Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law. He has worked on war crimes cases at the Prosecutor’s Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina. He holds a DCL from McGill University, LLM from the University of Oxford and BA in Law from the University of Sarajevo.

Steinberg Post-Doctoral Fellows in International Migration Law & Policy

The vision and generosity of the Arnold & Blema Steinberg Foundation are at the heart of this Fellowship opportunity at the Centre under supervision of Centre Director François Crépeau. We are delighted to have hosted 2 Post-doctoral Research Fellows in 2019:

**Edit Frenyó, Hungary** (2018-2019) is a postdoctoral fellow whose teaching and research experience revolve around the areas of transnational family law, migration studies, human rights and children’s rights combining European and North-American perspectives. She completed her doctoral studies at Georgetown University Law Center. Her research explores the right to care and the right to family life in the context of labor migration and parent-child separation.

**Rodziana Mohamed Razali, Malaysia** (2018-2019) is a postdoctoral fellow who has research statelessness since 2013. She earned her PhD at the National University of Malaysia. She is currently a senior lecturer at the Islamic Science University of Malaysia. Her research interests include legal frameworks governing childhood statelessness, international standards on and comparative analysis of birth registration and nationality frameworks of ASEAN Member States and the right to legal identity.
Visiting Researchers

Each year, the Centre welcomes Visiting Researchers, who are in residence at McGill for a limited time. In 2019, the Centre was pleased to host:

Carlos Vasconcelos, Brazil (2019), a former Federal Prosecutor-General of Brazil and Professor of Criminal Sciences. He served for thirty years in the Prosecution Service, which included the investigation and persecution of high-profile organised crime and corruption. Mr. Vasconcelos has a master's degree in Public Law from the University of Brasília and a specialization course in Civil Procedure from the Brazilian Institute of Procedural Law.

Student Researchers & Coordinators

Our CHRLP community is especially enriched by the kind collaboration and diligent work of the student researchers and coordinators who lead and support many important initiatives at the Centre.

- Kevin Pinkoski acted as the O’Brien Fellows-in-Residence Coordinator in 2019, providing generous support and guidance to international visitors.
- Kimia Towfigh continued to assist with publicity, events, and administrative support at the Centre. She also helped with the development of a new Legal Clinic Course at McGill’s Faculty of Law in collaboration with Scholars at Risk (SAR), focusing on academic freedom and freedom of expression in Eastern European countries.
- Alex Agnello and Emilie de Haas skillfully handled the ever-evolving Human Rights Internship Program alongside team members Alix Génier and Sara Gold. This complex and intense program and the program participants continue to thrive in their care. Maia Stevenson joined the team in fall of 2019.
- Samanta García-Fialdini served as the Rathlyn Disability & the Law Program Coordinator in 2018-2019 and assisted with several events at the Faculty of Law throughout the year. This academic year, the Rathlyn Disability Initiative is coordinated by Zoë Christmas and Leila Alfaro.
- This year, the CHRLP has seen three program coordinators: Sharon Webb, Yvana Novoa Curich, and Robyn Rugenius. Each of these Coordinators have been invaluable to the team and enriched the Centre’s events, conferences, and seminars with their unique personalities.
- Many O’Brien Graduate Fellows were also very generous with their time and community engagement. We appreciate the support of each and all!
Greetings from Peru!

Yvana Novoa Curich was indispensable in her support of Centre events, seminars and conferences; helping with publicity; and all variety of administrative support at the Centre. She is now starting a full-time position as a legal advisor on corruption and integrity at the Ministry of Economy and Finances in Peru.

“Being involved with the CHRLP has been, honestly, one of the most wonderful experiences I’ve ever had. First, as a Graduate O’Brien Fellow I was able to study the LL.M at McGill, which was a dream that I had for many years. Then, working at the CHRLP as Assistant and then as Coordinator has been a nurturing experience. I developed skills that I didn’t know I had and I met extraordinary people who were very kind, patient and extremely generous. I will always be grateful to the CHRLP and to them for these experiences that I will treasure in my heart for ever”

~ Yvana Novoa Curich, 2019
The UDHR at 70: Pasts, Presents and Futures

Under the theme of “The UDHR at 70: Pasts, Presents and Futures” in the 2018-2019 academic year, the CHRLP blog published 22 peer-reviewed and edited original essays from 20 different contributors, interacting with cutting-edge research. Topics ranged from theories of global human rights, to corporate social responsibility. Below are a few highlights of blog posts that have been published on our website this year:

Annick Poitras, “70 ans: Travailler pour un monde plus juste, d’hier à aujourd’hui” (21 January 2019)
Fatemeh Sadeghi, “Constitution: Conservation or Redemption” (15 February 2019)
Rapti Ratnayake, “Human Rights in a Divided World: An Appeal to the Ordinary Citizen” (15 March 2019)
Marianne Bevan, “Women imprisoned: Lessons to inform the UDHR at 70” (27 March 2019)
Rouba Al-Salem, “The Global Compact on Refugees: A Cause for Celebration or a Missed Opportunity” (15 April 2019)
Sharanjeet Parmar, “A Purposeful Role for Women in Peacebuilding in Mali” (7 May 2019)
Noam Schimmel, “Preaching Without Practicing: Legal Accountability for NGOs to Respect Human Rights” (6 Aug 2019)

Reclaiming Universal Human Rights in a Plural Global Order

For the 2019-2020 academic year, the CHRLP expands its outreach with an open call for blog posts with the designated theme of Reclaiming Universal Human Rights in a Plural Global Order. The foundations of universal human rights face an existential crisis with the rise of populist nationalism, the attack on globalization, the influence of technology and threats to international institutions. It is an opportune moment to engage with looming challenges and opportunities for human rights as a universal system of norms that reflect the reality of global justice today.
The following is a sample of the pioneering work undertaken by our members since 2019. 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.


Akhavan, Payam, “Genocide or Not, Do Canadians Care About Their Indigenous Sisters?” (18 June 2019) *Open Canada*.

Akhavan, Payam, “Finding Empathy in the Age of Rage” (22 May 2019) *Open Canada*.


Bradley, Megan, James Milner & Blair Peruniak “Shaping the Struggles of their Times: Refugees, Peacebuilding and Resolving Displacement” in Megan Bradley, James Milner and Blair Peruniak, eds, Refugees’ Roles in Resolving Displacement and Building Peace: Beyond Beneficiaries (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2019)

Bradley, Megan, James Milner & Blair Peruniak, “Conclusion: Where Do We Go From Here?” in Megan Bradley, James Milner and Blair Peruniak, eds, Refugees’ Roles in Resolving Displacement and Building Peace: Beyond Beneficiaries (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2019).


Denov, Myriam et al, “‘We are Children Like Others’: Pathways to Mental Health and Healing for Children Born of Genocidal Rape in Rwanda” (2019) Transcultural Psychiatry, pp. 1-19.


Mégret, Frédéric, “Authority as Pomposity; The Case of International Criminal Tribunals,” in Gleider Hernandez, ed, *Constructing Authority in International Law* (Oxford University Press, 2019).


Canada: Chaire de recherche sur les violences sexistes et sexuelles en milieu d'enseignement supérieur. pp 50-56 (2019)


Van Praagh, Shauna, “Not a Luxury” (2019) 7 Contours—Voices of Women in Law (Faculty of Law, McGill University).


Members of the Centre collaborate as well as work independently on their research. Below is, again, only a sample of funded projects currently underway at the Centre and among the team.

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<td>“The Impact of the Global Compact on Migration on the Legal Framework on Immigration in the UK”</td>
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<td>“Networks for change and well-being: Girl-led from the ground up’ policy-making.”</td>
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The Quest for Self-Determination by the Nordic Sámi People
Date: January 09
Speaker: Martin Scheinin
Moderator: Payam Akhavan
Discussant: Mark Walters

In this event, Martin Scheinen (European University Institute, Florence, Italy) addressed the Sámi People's quest for self-determination in relation to the UN Declaration and to the practice of the Human Rights Committee acting under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Making the Case for Housing as a Right
Date: February 11
Co-hosted by: The Fulbright Program
Speaker: Leah Goodridge

Through the conceptual framework of housing as a right, Fulbright Fellow Leah Goodridge discussed the legal history of rights versus privileges, and what housing as a right means for tenants (including access to homeless shelters, greater tenant protections and universal access to free counsel for low-income tenants.
Food Futures Roundtable: Reconciling Security and Sovereignty

Date: February 19
Organized by: The Centre for Intellectual Property Policy with the CHRLP
Titular topic address: Olivier De Schutter
Speakers: Konstantia Koutouki, Smita Narula, Sara Berger Richardson

This roundtable was organized as part of the Innovation Week series of events, which focused mainly on food. The titular topic was addressed by Oliver De Schutter in a pre-recorded video message. Speakers presented on specific subjects tied to food security and sovereignty, including climate change, labour concerns, protecting and building sustainable food systems.

Public Lectures

Conférences publiques

Litvack Award—Targeted, Monitored and Silenced: Digital Attacks on Open Societies and the Freedom of Expression

Date: March 25
Keynote address: David Kaye
Award recipient: Deniz Yücel

Professor David Kaye (UN Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression) gave the keynote address of this lecture and denounced the growing repression of freedom of expression globally through technological means. German-Turkish journalist and producer Deniz Yücel accepted the award on behalf of all threatened and silenced Turkish voices.
Wallenberg Lecture—Are We All Equal? Is the New South Africa Promise of True Equality a Reality or Still a Dream?

Date: October 30
Justice Leona Theron

The South African Constitution remains one of the rare constitutions to allow for the judicial enforcement of socio-economic rights, while having the constitutional safeguard of the principle of separation of powers. However, inequality is still pervasive in South Africa—regardless of the fact that the Constitution requires the State to achieve the progressive realization of these rights. This lecture explored the evolving jurisprudence of the South African Constitutional Court in relation to the realization of and giving effect to the right of equality.

Humphrey Lecture—Constitutionalism: Revolutionary, Transformative, Militant

Date: November 20
Speaker: Mattias Kumm

The constitutionalist tradition, inaugurated by the American, French and Haitian Revolutions in the 18th century and dominant today, shares three features: It is revolutionary, transformative and militant. All three features converge to a particular conception of legitimate authority.

The lecture discussed the three features in order to clarify the nature of legitimate authority as conceived within the constitutionalist tradition and discuss what this implies with regard to contemporary challenges.
Conferences

30 Years of Child Rights: Progress and Challenges

Date: September 20
Speakers: Najat Maalla M’jid, François Crépeau, Théophane Nìkyèma, Jean-Claude Legrand, Roberta Cecchetti

This panel reviewed the progress made since the creation of the CRC 30 years ago and discussed current matters and situations to assess the achievements and challenges regarding children’s rights worldwide such as violence against children, lessons from the migration crisis in Europe, and the intersection between violence and child participation.

Panel topics included:
- The UN mandate to fight against children
- Justice for children
- Lesson learned from the refugee crisis in Europe
- The intersection between violence against children and child participation: policies and practice

Troubling Law’s Sensorium: Explorations in Sensational Jurisprudence

Date: November 8
Speakers: David Howes, Charlene Elliott, Sheryl Hamilton, Christiane Wilke

How are notions of justice informed by sensory models? What Values does the design and atmosphere of the courtroom uphold? What Kinds of Sensory experiences can be taken into account as evidence? These questions and more were addressed in a special issue of the Canadian Journal of Law and Society, which was edited by the facilitator of this workshop, Prof. David Howes.
Seminars

Conversations in Talmudic Law: Food in Law and Culture
Date: January 30
Speakers: Rabbi Michael Whitman, Omar Farahat

Why Democracy & Human Rights Failed (so far) in Eastern Europe
Date: February 5
Speaker: Slava Balan

Human Rights and Arbitration
Date: March 14
Speaker: Massimo Benedettelli

Conversations in Talmudic Law: Sources of Authority in Islamic and Talmudic Law
Date: March 18
Speakers: Rabbi Michael Whitman, Omar Farahat

Valley of the Birdtail: An Ojibway Reserve, a White Town and the Legacy of Racism
Date: March 20
Speaker: Andrew Stobo Sniderman

Gender, Law and Social Chang
Date: March 27
Speakers: Marianne Bevan, Sharanjeet Parmar, Fatemeh Sadeghi
Moderator: Payam Akhavan

Suffer the Little Children: Genocide, Indigenous Nations and the Canadian State
Date: April 2
Speaker: Tamara Starblanket

Democracy or Development: A never-ending debate in Africa
Date: April 3
Speaker: Zelalem Kibret Beza

O’Brien Fellows from left to right: Marianne Bevan, Sharanjeet Parmar, and Fatemeh Sadeghi Givi (2019)
The Dynamics of Multilateral Treaty Negotiation
Date: April 4
Speaker: Henry Lovat

Conversations in Talmudic law: Fasting in Islam and Judaism
Date: September 17
Speakers: Omar Farahat and Rabbi Michael Whitman

The Human Dimension of the Crime of Aggression
Date: October 2
Speaker: Chiara Redaelli

Persecution of Sexual Minorities as Crimes Against Humanity
Date: October 10
Speaker: Valerie Suhr
Moderator: Andrea Bjorklund

#FreeTheVibes: Reflections on Freedom of Expression and Art
Date: October 10
Speakers: Ayodele Ganiu, Fatemeh Sadeghi Givi, Justin Jalea

O’Brien Fellows in Residence Work Presentation
Date: November 7
Speakers: Ayodele Ganiu, Fatemeh Sadeghi, Mauro Cristeche, Arafat Khan

Current O’Brien Fellows in Residence discussed their research, presenting a multifaceted and international glance at Human Rights in an Unequal World.

Pursuing a Career in Human Rights
Date: October 28
Speaker: Vicki Prais

Former O’Brien Fellow in Residence, Vicki Prais, returned to the faculty to guide students in their pursuit of various careers in Human Rights by drawing from personal experience and connections.
Mea Culpa, Sua Culpa, Tua Maxima Culpa: Collective Responsibility and Legal Judgment in the Context of Crimes against Humanity

Date: 7 October
Speaker: Professor Nergis Canefe, Center for Refugee Studies, Osgoode Hall Law School

Professor Nergis Canefe’s talk revisits the legacy of the Nuremberg legacy from the perspective of collective responsibility and culpability. Due to the extensive nature of harm involved in historic injustices, Professor Canefe posits that individual responsibility argument waged against historic justice claims carries forward a great deficit. Historic injustices and the harms they generate are best understood as collective harms. The response to such harms must have a collective component as well, and the remedies offered are only meaningful in a social and political context.

Workplace Sexual Harassment: Assessing the Effectiveness of Human Rights Law in Canada

Date: 9 October
Speaker: Professor Bethany Hastie, LLM’12, DCL’15, Peter A. Allard School of Law (UBC)

This lecture draws on a report that analyzed substantive decisions on the merits concerning workplace sexual harassment at each of the BC and Ontario Human Rights Tribunals from 2000-2018, with a view to identifying how the law of sexual harassment is understood, interpreted and applied by the Tribunals’ adjudicators. In particular, this lecture focuses on demonstrating how gender-based stereotypes and myths known to occur in criminal justice proceedings arise in the human rights context for sexual harassment complainants.

A Month, a Year, a Decade? The Temporal Capacity of Protection for Refugees and Other Forced Migrants

Date: 11 November
Speaker: Professor Jane McAdam, University of New South Wales Law, Sydney, Australia

In refugee law, the meaning of ‘well-founded fear of being persecuted’ has been extensively examined by courts and scholars alike. Yet, there has been very little consideration of how far into the future a risk of persecution may extend for protection to be warranted. This lack of guidance on the question of timing has allowed an inappropriate notion of ‘imminence’ to infiltrate refugee decision-making across a range of jurisdictions – at times resulting in people being denied protection. It is especially pertinent to human rights-based claims involving harms that may manifest more gradually over time, such as those relating to the slow-onset impacts of climate change.
1. Globalization, Migration, and Mobility

Centre Director François Crépeau, Oppenheimer Chair in Public International Law at McGill and former UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Migrants, leads this priority area at the Centre. Under his leadership and unfailing commitment to the rights of migrants and refugees, the rights and freedoms of such vulnerable populations are center-stage at the Centre. The Oppenheimer Chair Coordinator is Dorna Zaboli (2018-2019).

Arnold & Blema Steinberg Post-Doctoral Fellowships in International Migration Law & Policy

The Centre is delighted to continue to offer these fellowships thanks to the generous support of the Steinberg Foundation. The principal aim of the Fellowship program is to build a community that includes and supports the next generation of international Migration Law specialists. The Fellows work independently and in collaboration with François Crépeau.

Oppenheimer Chair Dialogue

Through the engagement in teaching and research in public international law, François Crépeau advances the understanding of international treaty, customary and other obligations in domestic law with due regard to the constitutional setting in federal and unitary states. He has also been interviewed on separate platforms this year, including:


The Sustainable Development Podcast: “Migrants at the Border: A thoughtful discussion of migration, law and the human experience with Prof. Francois Crépeau” (5 February 2019).
2. The Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Under the guidance and leadership of Nandini Ramanujam, the Centre is dedicated to providing opportunities for both people with disabilities and those interested in becoming the next generation of advocates. 2019 has been an exciting year for raising awareness and opening up the Centre as a forum for discussion on a number of issues faced by people with disabilities.

The Centre is proud to offer one new internship for 2020 relevant to the Rights of Persons with Disabilities at the Legal Clinic on Human Rights and Disability in Lima, Peru.

This summer, while working at the Bulgarian Centre for Not-for-Profit Law, intern Samantha Backman (2019) explored the legal reforms in the area of legal capacity and supported decision-making for persons with disabilities and reflected on the need for public outreach in the field to realize equality before law in practice. At the Centro de Investigación y Docencia en Derechos Humanos, in Mar Del Plata, Argentina, Leila Alfaro (2019) joined an interdisciplinary graduate clinical group working on promoting voting rights for people with disabilities and conducted research on political perspectives and disability rights in the region. Through the Yukon Human Rights Commission, Brittni Tee (2019) participated in a public symposium relating to disability, assistive animals and the law to facilitate discussion about improving inclusion for people using assistive animals in the Yukon. Participants included assistive animal users, as well as various stakeholders representing business, government and transit.

In her latest blog post, intern Leila Alfaro reflects on her participation in workshops tailored for persons with visual impairments in Argentina. Photo: Leila Alfaro, IHRP Blog

The Bulgarian Centre for Not-for-Profit Law helped organize the Manifestation of Friendship which took place in Sofia during Ability Day. This national campaign collected signatures in support of a draft law in Bulgaria that would abolish guardianship and introduce supported decision-making. Photo: Samantha Backman, IHRP Blog
Disability, Human Rights and the Law Initiative

The CHRLP is pleased to continue the Disability and Human Rights Initiative now in its eighth year. This initiative continues to explore compelling issues in Disability with a focus on disability and Work, which seeks to engage law students, legal professionals, and academics with the intersections of labour law, policy, and disability rights.

We would like to thank Samanta García-Fialdini for her hard work on the Centre’s Disability Initiative in 2018-2019.

Seminars & Workshops

Disability: Dignity and Inclusion
March 15
Speakers: Adam Cureton, David Lepofsky

This half-day conference brought together students, academics and legal professionals working in the fields of disability, law and human rights. It included a keynote address from Adam Cureton, two back-to-back student paper roundtable workshops, and closing remarks by David Lepofsky.

Disability & Law: Disability, Technology and the Individual
October 16
Speakers: Patrick Fougeryrollas, Jean Horvais, Stefanie Blain-Moraes
Moderator: Sébastien Jodoin

Organized by McGill Law students Zoë Christmas and Leila Alfaro, this seminar explored the impact of technology on persons with disabilities to defend their rights. Speakers elaborated on e-advocacy and innovative uses of digital networks that shaped social participation for persons with disabilities, as well as the limits of digital empowerment.
While the International Day of Persons with Disabilities established by the UN takes place on December 3rd, the CHRLP celebrated this day before the end of classes on November 29th. The event was an informal distribution of information on the UN’s Inclusion Strategy and their inclusive sustainable development goals. In addition to the United Nations information, a call for abstracts and preview poster were on display for the Disability and the Law paper series and conference to take place in March 2020. This year’s theme is ‘Promoting the participation of persons with disabilities and their leadership’. The theme focuses on the empowerment of persons with disabilities for inclusive, equitable and sustainable development as envisaged in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which pledges to ‘leave no one behind’ and recognizes disability as a cross-cutting issue, to be considered in the implementation of its 17 Sustainable Development Goals. (https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/news/news/idpd2019.html)

Our Rathlyn Disability Initiative Coordinators

**Leila Alfaro** is in her second year at the McGill Faculty of Law. Originally from Honduras, she grew up in the South Shore (Montreal). She holds a B.A. in French Language and Literature with Honours in Translation and a Minor in German from McGill University. In the past few years, she has expressed her focus in advocacy for diversity, inclusivity and accessibility mainly through her work as a research assistant, language tutor, translator and bilingual editor for the literary magazine Post-. This last summer, Leila participated in the McGill Law Human Rights Internship Program. She spent three months as a guest student at the National University of Mar del Plata, in Argentina, learning and researching on disability rights and working on the field to promote inclusive voting in the context of the 2019 Argentinian national elections.

**Zoë Christmas** is a law student at McGill. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from McMaster University, where she worked as a research assistant at the Bertrand Russell Research Centre. She interned at the Institute for Health and Social Policy in early 2019 for the Bill C-81project on Canadian disability legislation under the supervision of Professor Jonas-Sébastien Beaudry, who she now works for as a research assistant. She has also volunteered for the Legal Information Clinic at McGill, the Radical Law Students Association, and Open Door Books, a books-to-prisoners organization.
3. Indigenous Justice & Reconciliation

As a Human Rights Centre, and as strong believers in the ethos of inclusive citizenship, we are committed to engaging with issues of Indigenous rights and justice.

The Centre arranges several internship opportunities within organizations engaged in Indigenous affairs. In 2019, Brittni Tee interned with the Yukon Human Rights Commission, Natalia Koper interned with Instituto de Democracia y Derechos Humanos - Pontificia Universidad Católica in Peru, Larissa Parker interned with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Justice Department, Curtis Mesher interned with Maliiganik Tukisiiniakvik Legal Services in Iqaluit, Sophie Kassel interned with the Native Law Center, Saskatchewan and Christopher Little spent the summer at Wassanwipi Cree Nation with the Department of Justice and Correctional Services of the Cree Nation Government.

The Centre also hosted several events in 2019, highlighting Indigenous issues:

**The Quest for Self-Determination by the Nordic Sámi People**
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“If we are truly committed to a “nation-to-nation” relationship with Indigenous people, it is imperative we offer them the legal, financial, and political room to overcome jurisdictional challenges and properly manage their own justice systems.”

—Larissa Parker, 2019 intern (Akwesasne)
4. Scholars and 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, 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 and intimidation in their home countries, including a risk of arrest on false charges, detention without trial, torture, disappearance, and murder. In 2018, we also began to work with a new partner in this initiative, the Scholar Rescue Fund.

In 2019, the CHRLP hosted three persecuted scholars, Fatemeh Sadeghi Givi (Iran), Zelalem Kibret Beza (Ethiopia) and Pwaangulongii Daoud (Nigeria).

Fatemeh is a specialist in political thought, gender studies, Islamic political thoughts, and Iranian politics. Zelalem’s research focuses on transitional politics and justice, traditional justice, individuals in international law, counterterrorism, and new social movements and liberation technology. Pwaangulongii is a writer with expertise in topics of gender, sexuality and queer theory.

Legal Clinic Course: Advocacy & Academic Freedom

In collaboration with Scholars at Risk, the CHRLP is pleased to announce an upcoming Legal Clinic Course opportunity in Winter 2020 for third- and fourth-year students at the Faculty of Law. The placement focuses on issues of academic freedom and freedom of expression in European countries (including Russia, Poland and Hungary) that have witnessed a rapid erosion of democratic institutions and an increase of extreme ownership concentration. Students will draft incident reports, set up plans for research and monitoring, and develop additional action before local, regional and international mechanisms through a three-pronged approach of protection, advocacy and education.
The dynamism and intellectual diversity of our community of scholars and thinkers provides a fertile environment for collaborative, symbiotic, and innovative scholarship. Some of the current interdisciplinary research projects involve expertise in disciplines extending far beyond law such as public health, economics, social work and environment, which allows us a broad and flexible interaction with human rights and legal pluralism. Since its founding, members of the Centre have been engaged in a wide range of interdisciplinary research that spans international law, humanitarian law, constitutional and statutory human rights, and the ways in which legal pluralism, informal norms, and customs intersect with human rights. This is not an exhaustive list and is in the process of being updated, as members will be asked to provide updates on their research at the Annual General Meeting in January 2020. Some examples of interdisciplinary collaboration are:

**Children and conflict**  
Researchers: Miriam Denov and René Provost

**Health and law**  
Researchers: Alana Klein, Lara Khoury, Daniel Weinstock, Angela Campbell, and Derek J. Jones

**International criminal justice**  
Researchers: Frédéric Mégret, Payam Akhavan, among others

**Politics beyond nation-states**  
Researchers: Jacob Levy and Evan Fox-Decent

**Sexual violence in Canadian Universities**  
Researchers: Shaheen Shariff, Colleen Sheppard, Nandini Ramanujam, and Marie Manikis, among others
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.

International 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 as a factor in their decision to study law at McGill and the opportunities it affords creates a unique and important contribution to our students’ education in human rights.

In the summer of 2019, 27 students participated in the Internship Program. Photographs taken during their placements feature prominently throughout this report.

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 enroll in a corresponding seminar, Critical Engagement with Discourses of Human Rights, taught by the Program Director, Nandini Ramanujam. The seminar serves to provide 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 2019 we offered new internships with:

- Bulgarian Centre for Not-for-Profit Law, **Bulgaria**
- Refugee Law Project, **Uganda**
- Justice & Correctional Services of the Cree Nation Government, **Waswanipi QC**

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The Centre in the World

Le Centre dans le monde

Julia Green, Kenya (2019)
2019 SUMMER INTERNS

Stagiaires de l’été 2019

- **Leila Alfaro** – Centro de Investigación y Docencia en Derechos Humanos – **Mar Del Plata**, Argentina
- **Samantha Backman** – Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law – **Bulgaria**
- **Kathleen Barera** – Ateneo Human Rights Centre – **Manila, The Philippines**
- **Katrina Bland** – Refugee Law Project – **Kampala, Uganda**
- **Bianca Braganzá** – Law Reform and Development Commission – **Namibia**
- **Emma Brown** – Center for Law and Democracy – **Halifax, Canada**
- **Aurélie Derigaud-Choquette** – Aswat Nissa – **Tunisia**
- **Julia Green** – The Equality Effect – **Kenya**
- **Sophie Kassel** – Native Law Centre of Canada – **Saskatchewan, Canada**
- **Reeve Kako** – Canadian HIV-Aids Legal Network – **Toronto, Canada**
- **Riley Klassen Molyneaux** – One Earth Future Foundation – **Colorado, United States**
- **Natalia Koper** – Instituto de Democrazia y Derechos Humanos – **Lima, Peru**
- **Jennifer Lachance** – Avocats Sans Frontières – **Quebec City, Canada**
- **Adelise Lalande** – Cambodian League for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights – **Cambodia**
- **Christopher Little** – Wassanwipi Cree Nation – **Cree Nation**
- **Tessa Martin** – International Center for Ethnic Studies – **Colombo, Sri Lanka**
- **Curtis Mesher** – Maliaganik Tukisiinakvik’s Legal Clinic – **Iqaliut, Canada**
- **Jessica Michelen** – Human Rights Watch – **New York, NY**
- **Linda Muhugusa** – Institute for Human Rights and Development – **The Gambia**
- **Kelly O’Connor** – Inter-American Court of Human Rights – **Costa Rica**
- **Derek Pace** – One Earth Future Foundation – **Colorado**
- **Lauriane Palardy-Desrosiers** – Equitas–**Montreal, Canada**
- **Larissa Parker** – Justice Department – **Akwesasne**
- **Félix-Antoine Pelletier** – Conseil national des droits de l’Homme – **Morocco**
- **Caroline Rouleau** – Canadian Civil Liberties Association – **Toronto, Canada**
- **Kirstie Russell** – Center for Health, Human Rights and Development – **Uganda**
- **Brittni Tee** – Yukon Human Rights Commission – **Whitehorse, Canada**

“I gained a better understanding of the challenges different countries face in achieving justice, and the challenges people face every day to live their lives in peace and security.”

— Jessica Michelin, Intern 2019 (Human Rights Watch, New York)
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 papers are available on the program’s website.

International Clerkships

McGill is the only Canadian university invited to send 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 only other universities invited to do so are New York University, Columbia, Yale, Michigan, Geneva and Strasbourg. 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. In 2019, the following students were offered clerkships:

**Iñaki Navarrete**, International Court of Justice (B.C.L./LL.B 2016)

**Emilie de Haas**, Permanent Court of Arbitration (B.C.L./LL.B 2019)

**Tiran Rahiman Bajgiran**, Constitutional Court of South Africa (B.C.L./LL.B 2020)
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