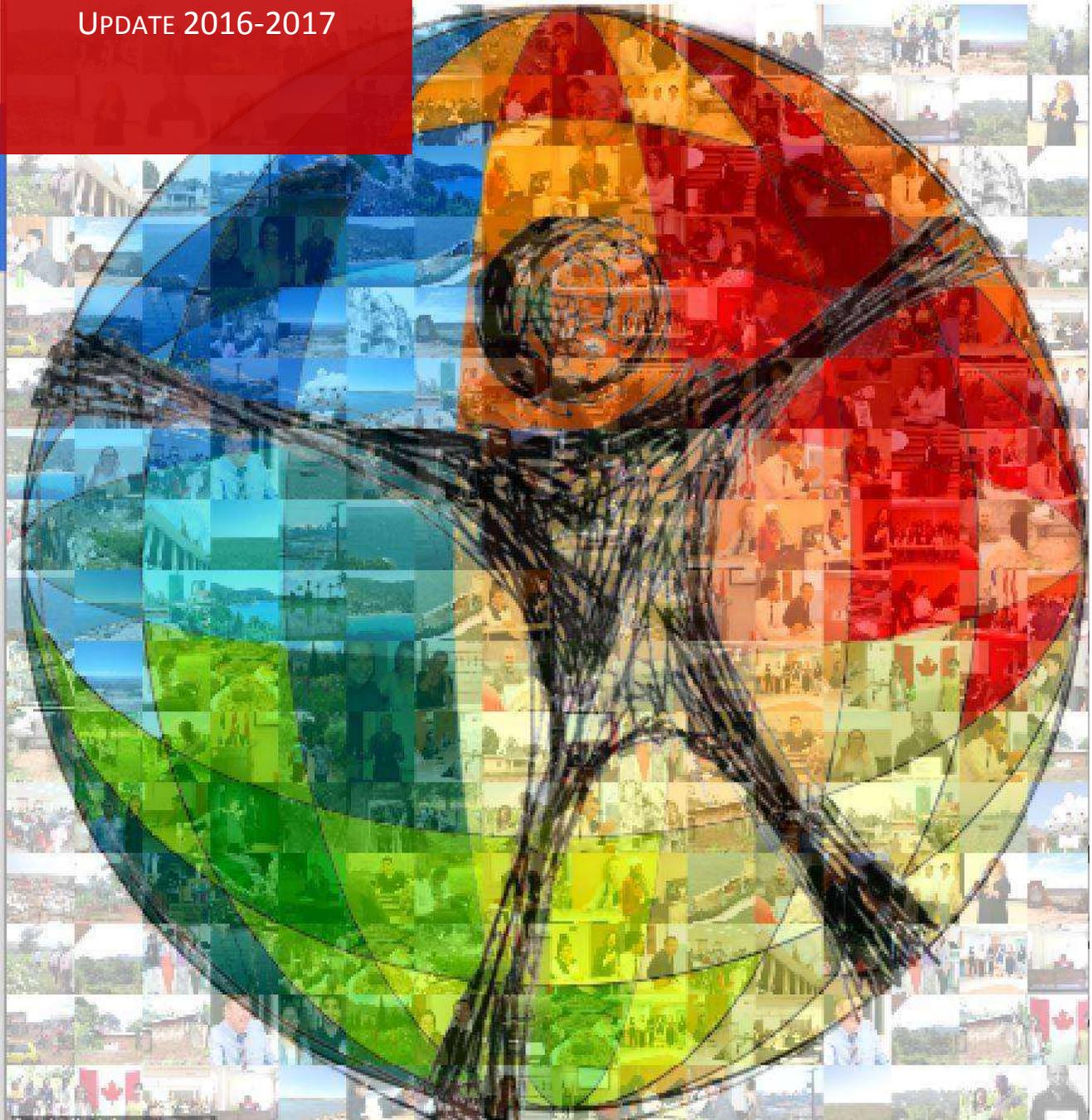


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O'BRIEN FELLOWS IN RESIDENCE

Maria Sapignoli

Dates of Fellowship: January - May 2016

Country of Origin: Italy

Maria Sapignoli is a Research Fellow in the Department of Law and Anthropology at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology. Her exploration of rights claims and the production of knowledge has involved fieldwork at a variety of levels, from the state offices and courts of Botswana and Namibia to international organizations. She has recently expanded the scope of her work in southern Africa to include comparative ethnographic work on human rights advocacy and legal aid NGOs, focusing on indigenous peoples' rights related to conservation programs, resettlement, and extractive industries.

Highlights of the Fellowship

- Produced a successful book proposal for: *Hunting Justice: Displacement, Law, and Activism in the Kalahari*
- Completed "Bushmen" in the Law: Evidence and Identity in Botswana's High Court
- Gained familiarity with indigenous peoples' rights in Canada and with the outcome of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee on residential schools

Accomplishments while at CHRLP

- Organized the talk "Wildlife Conservation, Land Use Conflicts, and Indigenous Peoples Rights in Zimbabwe"

Teaching & Public Engagement

- Presented a number of talks, including:
 - The San and Indigenous Rights in Practice
 - Dilemmas, Insecurities, and Opportunities in Multi-Positioned Ethnography
 - Health and HIV in Southern African

After the Fellowship

- Resumed her position as a Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology.



"I really found my time at the Centre fruitful and I really enjoyed the friendship and exchange of knowledge. In particular I learned a lot about aboriginal rights and the effect of the TRC. This will help me considerably in my work on indigenous rights in Africa, giving me a nuanced, comparative perspective."



O'BRIEN FELLOWS IN RESIDENCE

Michelle Farrell

Dates of Fellowship: January – May 2016

Country of Origin: Ireland

Michelle Farrell is a senior lecturer in law at the School of Law and Social Justice, University of Liverpool. Michelle specializes in international law and in international human rights law and is Director of the School's International Law and Human Rights Unit. Michelle's research is interdisciplinary in nature. She is particularly interested in political, ethical and critical perspectives on human rights and also has a keen interest in conflict, counter-terrorism and states of emergency from historical, theoretical and human rights perspectives.

Highlights of the Fellowship

- Attended a number of events related to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.
- Attending numerous events and seminars and took advantage of the vibrant research culture.
- Developed excellent relationships with the other O'Brien Fellows, faculty members, and students.

Accomplishments while at CHRLP

- Finalised two book chapters.
- Made very substantial progress with an article on the representation of torture.
- More significant (but less measureable) as an achievement was my lightbulb moment. Periods of concentrated research in a stimulating environment reap enormous benefits – I have begun working on an article on the political theology of torture, the idea for which I had whilst working at McGill.

Teaching & Public Engagement

- Prepared and held a workshop with three Critical Engagements in Human Rights students during which we examined and discussed their research papers.
- Presented a paper at Concordia University at a conference on 'Cruel and Unusual Punishment'.
- Presented a paper at a conference at Columbia University, New York. This paper was based on the political theology lightbulb moment and was entitled 'the Special Stigma of Torture'.
- Presented on my research undertaken at McGill at the O'Brien Fellowship Forum.

After the Fellowship

- Resumed a position at University of Liverpool in the School of Law and Social Justice.
- Completing my representation article and working on the political theology of torture
- I will also strive to host an event at Liverpool related to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.



"I think this Fellowship is superb and I certainly benefited enormously from it. I will acknowledge all of this support in my forthcoming publications and will do my level best to ensure that the connections I've made lead to future collaboration and projects."



O'BRIEN FELLOWS IN RESIDENCE

Ebenezer Durojaye

Dates of Fellowship: January – May 2016

Country of Origin: South Africa

Ebenezer Durojaye is an international lawyer with a focus on human rights issues and health, with a specific focus on Africa and HIV/AIDS. He has worked with various international initiatives that intend to alleviate poverty and a lack of human rights, including support to the UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, acting as an independent expert for the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights for the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of People Living with HIV, and serving as a member of the Legal Research Panel INTERRIGHTS.

Highlights of the Fellowship

- Participation in conferences and guest lectures
- Submitted 5 articles for publication

Accomplishments while at CHRLP

- Researched comparative health issues between Canada and Africa in terms of HIV
- Supported numerous international organizations on issues of poverty and human rights
- Completed a manuscript of edited work "Poverty and human rights in Africa"

Teaching & Public Engagement

- Presented a talk on the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.
- Participated in conferences on HIV, sexual and reproductive rights, and human rights.



"The Faculty has a rich tradition for scholarships and parades a number of notable scholars, which served as motivation for my research. If I had my way would definitely like to return to McGill."



O'BRIEN FELLOWS IN RESIDENCE

Sarwat Dalal Bashi

Dates of Fellowship: April - October 2016

Country of Origin: Syria

Sarwat Dalal Bashi is an international human rights and justice specialist with wide experience in the field of civil society. He worked at the International Rescue Committee, managing programs for Syrian refugees and internally displaced persons. In 2015, he became a Fellow of the United Nations Alliance of Civilization and provided advice on migration and integration issues. Prior to 2014, he worked as a Research Consultant for Human Rights Watch, investigating, documenting and exposing human rights violations in Syria.

Highlights of the Fellowship

- Meeting and exchanging with Faculty members and other O'Brien Fellows
- Access to the excellent library research material and resources

Accomplishments while at CHRLP

- Worked with human rights organizations to hold Syrian war criminals resident in Europe accountable for their actions
- Helped advocacy groups demand change for policies on the humanitarian situation in Syria
- Helped aid organizations provide assistance to Syrian refugees and internally displaced persons

Teaching & Public Engagement

- Presented a talk on forced migration and displacement policy in Syria
- Presented a talk on justice versus amnesty in Syria



“The stability, contacts and research materials provided by the O'Brien Fellowship were essential for my work with the Syrian humanitarian crisis.”



O'BRIEN FELLOWS IN RESIDENCE

Hadley Friedland

Dates of Fellowship: May - June 2016

Country of Origin: Canada

Hadley Friedland, LLB, LLM, PhD is a Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Alberta, Faculty of Law. She has been Research Director of the Indigenous Law Research Unit [ILRU] at the University of Victoria Faculty of Law since 2012 and is co-creator, with Dr. Val Napoleon, of the main ILRU methodology. She was Research Coordinator for the Indigenous Bar Association's "Accessing Justice and Reconciliation Project," which was foundational to the TRC's Calls to Actions regarding Indigenous laws in Canada. Dr. Friedland has worked extensively with Indigenous communities across Canada. Friedland has spoken and published in the areas of Indigenous legal traditions, Aboriginal law, legal theory, criminal justice, family law, child welfare, knowledge mobilization, restorative justice and therapeutic jurisprudence.

Accomplishments while at CHRLP

- Developing and teaching an intensive seminar on Indigenous laws
- Met with various faculty to discuss the TRC recommendations and ways of increasing Indigenous presence and participation within the law school and incorporating Indigenous laws within trans-systemic legal education

Highlights of the Fellowship

- The students' uptake, participation and response to the seminar

Teaching & Public Engagement

- Delivered a one-day workshop on the ILRU methodology to 20 professors from the Common-law section of the University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law on June 6. McGill Law Professors Antaki and Kong attended.



"I really appreciated how helpful and welcoming everyone was. Also, students were very engaged, willing to take risks and try new ways of learning new ways related to Indigenous laws, nimble and critical thinkers."



O'BRIEN FELLOWS IN RESIDENCE

Shivaun Quinlivan

Dates of Fellowship: August - December 2016

Country of Origin: Ireland

Shivaun Quinlivan's research interests are in the area of equality and education, in particular, the right to equality in education for children with disabilities. Dr. Quinlivan teaches Constitutional Law, Inclusive Education Law and Policy, and Irish Legal Systems at NUI Galway. Dr. Quinlivan coordinated the establishment of a LL.M in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy. She has also developed several new teaching modules on inclusive education.

Highlights of the Fellowship

- Meeting the welcoming and generous faculty members and fellows
- The invaluable help, assistance and encouragement of Sharon Webb and Nandini Ramanujam
- The space, resources and opportunities for broad research

Accomplishments while at CHRLP

- Finalized a publications on gender discrimination in Irish Universities
- Presented the Annie McDonald Langstaff talk on “Gender Discrimination in Irish Universities: A Case Study”

Teaching & Public Engagement

- Presented a number of talks, including:
 - Reasonable Accommodation and Universities
 - Reasonable Accommodation and the CRPD
 - UNCRPD a tool to challenge social isolation?
 - The Right to Inclusive Education
 - Inclusive Education and the CRPD
- Lectured on the right to inclusive education for children with disabilities

After the Fellowship

- Resumed her position as a lecturer at the School of Law, NUI Galway.



“The O’Brien Fellowship gave me the space and the distance to see that my activism on gender discrimination could also inform my academic endeavors.”



O'BRIEN FELLOWS IN RESIDENCE

Claudia Geiringer

Dates of Fellowship: September-November 2016

Country of Origin: New Zealand

Professor Geiringer holds the Chair in Public Law and is the Director of the New Zealand Centre for Public Law at Victoria University of Wellington. She teaches and researches primarily on the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act, constitutional and administrative law, the domestic reception of international law and the laws of Parliament. Prior to commencing her academic career, Professor Geiringer was a Crown Counsel, where she practiced in the areas of Bill of Rights law, immigration law, electoral law and constitutional law. She has also served a six-month term as Acting Special Counsel for Human Rights in Australia.

Highlights of the Fellowship

- I come from a tiny island at the bottom of the Pacific, isolated from the major academic institutions of the northern hemisphere by thousands of miles of ocean. The highlight for me was simply the opportunity to spend time in the intellectual ferment of one of North America's greatest law schools.

Accomplishments while at CHRLP

- Finalized writing for a monograph on the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act
- Formed relationships with experts in Canadian constitutional and human rights law
- Engaged in productive interactions with other O'Brien Fellows – both in formal settings at seminars and workshops, as well in informal conversations.

Teaching & Public Engagement

- Resumed her position at the Victoria University of Wellington Law School
- Spoke on "The Strange Antipodean Afterlife of John Hart Ely's Democracy and Distrust: a case study in the transnational migration of constitutional theory"

After the Fellowship

- Resumed her position at the Victoria University of Wellington Law School



"I was very grateful for the support given to me during the visit, in particular by Nandini Ramanujam, and Sharon Webb. They are formidable forces who drive the Centre through their energy, determination and unswerving commitment."



O'BRIEN FELLOWS IN RESIDENCE

Faisal Siddiqi

Dates of Fellowship: September-November 2016

Country of Origin: Pakistan

Faisal Siddiqi is a practicing lawyer of the High Courts and Supreme Court of Pakistan. He is a Board Member of the Pakistan Institute of Labour Education and Research and is a Founding Trustee of the Legal Aid Foundation for Victims of Rape and Sexual Assault. Mr. Siddiqi has a varied general litigation practice in constitutional, civil and criminal law and specializes in pro-bono human rights litigation. His well-known human rights cases include the Baldia Factory fire case, as well as cases involving rape, maladministration and lack of governance, and the rights to electricity and to education. Mr. Siddiqi previously worked as an Advisor to the Attorney General for Pakistan.

Highlights of the Fellowship

- Interactions with the students and members of McGill's Law Faculty and CHRLP

Accomplishments while at CHRLP

- Gave a series of lectures and talks on human rights and legal practice

Teaching & Public Engagement

- Gave a series of talks, including:
 - Legalisation and Judicialisation of Social & Economic Rights Struggles:
 - Rape Survivors – Beyond Criminal Justice: A Pakistani Perspective
 - Baldia factory fire, 2012: Lessons for Labour Rights struggles
 - Human Rights lawyering: Myths & Realities
 - Radical Islamic Militancy & Pakistan: A lawyer's perspective
 - Balancing National Security & Rights: Deconstructing the debate

After the Fellowship

- Resumed work with the Pakistan Institute of Labour Education and Research and the Legal Aid Foundation for victims of Rape and Sexual Assault.



“The time and space provided to me by the O'Brien Fellowship allowed me to reflect on the various areas of my Human Rights and Legal Practice and to concretise this reflection into a series of lectures and talks which I delivered during the fellowship.”



O'BRIEN FELLOWS IN RESIDENCE

Assata Kone-Silue

Dates of Fellowship: May - June 2017

Country of Origin: Côte d'Ivoire

A graduate of the Paris West University Nanterre La Défense (France), Dr. Assata KONE-SILUE is a professor and researcher at the University Félix Houphouët Boigny, also called Cocody (Côte d'Ivoire). Specializing in social law,

Dr. Assata KONE-SILUE is particularly interested in issues pertaining to job insecurity, and the interactions between informal economies and social law in French-speaking sub-saharan African countries. She teaches civil law (contract law and civil responsibility law), general commercial law and law of commercial societies as well as OHADA law (Organisation pour l'Harmonisation du droit des affaires en Afrique).

Accomplishments while at CHRLP

- Collaborative research with members of the Labour Law and Research Laboratory and Professor Adelle Blackett.
- Research team meetings with international labour law and Faculty of Law collaborators.

Teaching & Public Engagement

- Co-presenter at the ACFAS "Célébrez la pensée libre" conference, May 2017:
 - L'innovation dans la régulation des travailleurs et travailleuses domestiques en Côte d'Ivoire : l'administration du travail et l'accès à la justice



“ Je suis reconnaissante pour la mobilisation dont l'équipe a fait preuve. Merci pour tout car mon séjour montréalais a été fructueux bien qu'il ait été court.”



O'BRIEN FELLOWS IN RESIDENCE

Monica Moyo

Dates of Fellowship: February - May 2016

Country of Origin: USA

Monica Moyo has been involved in international human rights research and advocacy for a decade. Her primary interest is human rights approaches to global poverty and economic justice. Ms. Moyo has been a guest scholar in the foreign policy program at the Brookings Institution, human rights fellow at the Transitional Justice Institute in Northern Ireland, student-director of the human rights litigation clinic at the University of Minnesota, and fellow at the American Society of International Law. She has also participated in human rights advocacy before the United Nations Human Rights Committee in Geneva and volunteered with NGOs in Israel, focusing on the economic challenges facing refugees and asylum seekers.

Highlights of the Fellowship

- Discussions with colleagues
- Contributing to the ongoing work of others
- Meeting extraordinary faculty
- Access to the McGill Law Library and the vast array of primary materials

Accomplishments while at CHRLP

- Researched and wrote an article to be published

Teaching & Public Engagement

- Presented ongoing research on the challenge of defining “international cooperation” within the socioeconomic rights context.

After the Fellowship

- Resumed freelance writing on human rights.



“The O’Brien Fellowship confirmed my interest in and capacity to contribute meaningfully to the world of ideas. Participating in discussions with colleagues strengthened my confidence in my ability to generate research-worthy ideas as well as to contribute to the work of human rights organizations.”



O'BRIEN FELLOWS IN RESIDENCE

Nora Ahmetaj

Dates of Fellowship: February - June 2016

Country of Origin: Kosovo

Nora Ahmetaj's specializations are in human rights, conflict transformation and transitional justice. She is a founder of the Centre for Research, Documentation and Publication, an organization dedicated to seeking transitional justice, reconciliation and truth for victims and former adversaries of the Kosovo conflict. During the armed conflict in Kosovo, Ms. Ahmetaj conducted investigations of war crimes and crimes against humanity for the Humanitarian Law Centre. From 2010-2012 she was a member of the Regional Coordination Council of Coalition for Regional Truth Commission (RECOM) for war crimes committed during the years 1991-2001 in Former Yugoslavia.

Highlights of the Fellowship

- Taking part in events on The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada
- Access to library resources
- Scholarly engagement with the other O'Brien Fellows

Accomplishments while at CHRLP

- Wrote an article on *Flexibility in Transitional Justice* for the Philippe Kirsch Institute Global Justice Journal

Teaching & Public Engagement

- Gave a presentation on "women and war crimes" for a workshop on Why Law Needs Feminism

After the Fellowship

- Resumed her position at CRDP and organizing an initiative to establish a Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Kosovo.



"The library resources allowed me to deepen my research theories and to finalize my research project. I completed my research analysis on reconciliation in Kosovo and have acknowledged a special thanks to the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism and the O'Brien Program. I thank Mr. O'Brien for this opportunity and McGill for hosting us."



O'BRIEN FELLOWS IN RESIDENCE

Olubayo Oluduro

Dates of Fellowship: January - June 2016

Country of Origin: Nigeria

Olubayo Oluduro is a Professor of Law at the Adekunle Ajasin University, Nigeria. Dr. Oluduro has published extensively in local and international refereed journals on a wide range of legal and interdisciplinary subjects. He has also consulted widely on environmental and human rights issues.

Highlights of the Fellowship

- Interactions with Professors at McGill University, including Professors Ramanujam, Van Praagh and Jodoin, as well as from the Administrative Coordinator of CHRLP, Sharon Webb.
- Access to the rich and up-to-date resources of the University library
- CHRLP seminar and lecture series where renowned guest lecturers are invited from all over the world to discuss diverse legal topical issues.

Accomplishments while at CHRLP

- Completed two research papers: Oil and Gas Exploration and Environmental Crimes: The Legal Snags and Concerns in Nigeria and Child Marriage in Nigeria: Toward a Progressive Interpretation of Religious Doctrines
- Progressed on an inaugural lecture paper Exploring the Link Between Environment and Health for Achieving the United Nations SDGs in Nigeria

Teaching & Public Engagement

- Presented "Oil and Gas Exploration and Environmental Crimes: The Legal Snags and Concerns in Nigeria"

After the Fellowship

- Resumed his position at the Adekunle Ajasin University



"The facilities, resources and support made the Fellowship an exciting, fruitful, productive and rewarding one. I also gained tremendously from the seminar and lecture series presented by CHRLP and the Faculty of Law, where guest lecturers are brought from all over the world to speak on diverse topical legal issues."



O'BRIEN FELLOWS IN RESIDENCE

CURRENT FELLOW

Fayyaz Baqir

Dates of Fellowship: May – December 2017

Country of Origin: Pakistan

Fayyaz Baqir is a development practitioner. He has researched and taught on the themes relating to inclusiveness; aimed at crossing the divides based on class, gender, faith, ethnicity and economic opportunities. He researched, lectured and managed programs at the United Nations, Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (AKRSP), and leading civil society organizations in Pakistan. He has been engaged in teaching and research assignments with Georgetown University, Harvard University, University of Idaho, Wellesley College (USA) Tilburg University (The Netherlands), Gothenburg University (Sweden), Quaid e Azam University, Punjab University and National Defence University (Pakistan). He served as Senior Advisor on Civil Society for UNRCO and Senior Advisor on Policies, Partnerships and Outreach for UNDP Pakistan. He received Top Contributors Award from UNDP's Global Poverty Reduction Network in 2007 and 2008 and an Outstanding Performance Award by UNDP Country Office in 2004 for creating a vibrant small grants programme for low income communities in Pakistan.

Accomplishments while at CHRLP

- Contributed a piece for SAR Canada Fall newsletter, September 1, 2017.
- Published an editorial on Canadian Science Policy Conference website on September 27, 2017
- Submitted a proposal (CAD 4 million) on Social Entrepreneurship for accessing Public Resources submitted to UK Aid for a 4 year action research project on October 20, 2017
- Contract signed with Routledge Publishers for writing a book on Poverty Alleviation and Poverty of Aid: Pakistan November 1, 2017. Script submission due on March 1, 2018
- Selected as member of Task Force for Justice Conference 2018: March 30 - April 2 (Netherlands)

Teaching & Public Engagement

- Discussant in a workshop on urban equity, September 29, at Department of Urban Planning McGill
- Spoke on Free Speech, Hate Speech and Blasphemy in Civil Liberties law class on October 18
- Workshop on Poverty Alleviation: The Bird's Eye View and the Worm's Eye View, ISID, Oct 19
- Workshop on Human Rights-Based Approach to Development at CHRLP on October 25
- Panelist at Canadian Science Policy Conference (CSPC) on November 2 in Ottawa
- Panelist at Academic Freedom event on November 2, 2017 in Ottawa, SAR Canada and the CIPS
- Nov 7-9: Talks at Wellesley College, Boston, on the Siachen Glacier initiative; Lessons in Poverty Alleviation; How Student Activism Can Change Politics in Pakistan Today



"I find the interests at the CHRLP and ISID to be close to my heart. It has been a privilege to collaborate on some unique ideas and contribute to the extremely impressive academic programs at the two Centres."



O'BRIEN FELLOWS IN RESIDENCE

CURRENT FELLOW

Laurens van Apeldoorn

Dates of Fellowship: August - December 2017

Country of Origin: The Netherlands

Laurens van Apeldoorn is a specialist in contemporary political theory and the history of political thought. His research broadly focusses on the nature and prospects of the sovereign state. My recent historical research is on the political philosophy of Thomas Hobbes, while his recent contemporary research concerns international taxation in relation to global justice. Professor van Apeldoorn was a post-doctoral research fellow at the University of Amsterdam where he continues to hold an affiliate position. He has also held visiting appointments at the University of Toronto, the University of Montreal, King's College London, and the University of Leuven. While at the Centre for Human Rights & Legal Pluralism, Professor van Apeldoorn will work on a research project on tax jurisdiction and human rights.

Achievements while at CHRLP

- Completed a paper on the allocation of corporate income tax revenue to the jurisdictions where multinational enterprises are active
- Co-authored a paper with Professor Allison Christians on how guidelines set by the OECD may allow for transfer price adjustments. Professor Christians presented this paper at the International Tax Symposium at the University of Florida in October.

Teaching & Public Engagement

- Participating in the Tax Policy class convened by Allison Christians
- On December 6, will present a talk at CHRLP on Human Rights, Exploitation and International Taxation



"I am exceedingly grateful for having been given the opportunity to come to McGill as an O'Brien Fellow in Residence. The Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism has proven to be a very rewarding and intellectually stimulating environment, and I could not have hoped for a better place to pursue my research on the role of human rights in the international taxation regime."



O'BRIEN FELLOWS IN RESIDENCE

CURRENT FELLOW

Lauren Curatolo

Dates of Fellowship: September - December 2017

Country of Origin: USA

Lauren Curatolo works as a criminal defense attorney, representing indigent clients facing complex legal and social issues. During her studies at City University of New York School of Law, Lauren was in the International Women's Human Rights Clinic. She also worked with Legal Aid's Exploitation Intervention Project to represent and advocate on behalf of survivors of sex trafficking. After the 2010 earthquake, Lauren traveled to Haiti to interview survivors of sexual violence, engaged with U.N. agencies, and conducted know-your-rights trainings for women's grassroots organizations. She also worked in the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Ms. Curatolo's interests are in exploring the feminist voice and the particularized role it plays in elevating the stories and voices of the perceived "Others" who find themselves in the criminal justice system. She is interested in storytelling as a tool in effective advocacy. As an O'Brien Fellow, Lauren will examine the ways in which the criminal justice system disenfranchises and dehumanizes vulnerable individuals.

Achievements while at CHRLP

- Presented *Legal Writing and the Self* on how lawyers can use their voices persuasively in the courtroom and through their legal writing
- Presented a Criminal Litigation Workshop on how to craft opening statements
- Spoke at *Féminismes Et Droit*, the first Feminist Law Conference in Quebec

Teaching & Public Engagement

- Participated as a guest speaker in a tutorial session on Judicial Politics
- Participated in a Q&A with students interested in Criminal Defense work
- Gave a guest lecture in a sentencing class on the effect of victim impact statements and the problems with mandatory minimum sentences
- Spoke on Ethics and the Criminal Defense Attorney in a Criminal Law class



“My experiences as an O'Brien Fellow in Residence have been incredibly enriching, both professionally and personally. Working with McGill School of Law's students, who hunger for exposure to litigation experience and who are truly thoughtful about their future roles in the legal world, has invigorated my passion for my work in the criminal justice system.”



O'BRIEN FELLOWS IN RESIDENCE

CURRENT FELLOW

Ranabir Samaddar

Dates of Fellowship: October - December 2017

Country of Origin: India

Ranabir Samaddar is considered one of the foremost theorists in the field of migration and forced migration studies. His research has focussed on migration and refugee studies, peace studies with an emphasis on the theory and practice of dialogue, nationalism and post-colonial statehood in South Asia, and labour studies with reference to technological restructuring and labour flows across borders. Dr. Samaddar has pioneered peace studies programmes in South Asia. He has worked extensively on issues of justice and rights in the context of conflicts in South Asia. He was previously the Director of the Peace Studies Programme at South Asia Forum for Human Rights in Kathmandu. He was a Professor at the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies in Calcutta and is a member of an EU supported collective research and documentation programme on the protection of minority rights. Dr. Samaddar's much-acclaimed *The Politics of Dialogue* was the culmination of his work on justice, rights, and peace. His recent political writings, *The Materiality of Politics* and *The Emergence of the Political Subject* challenge prevailing accounts of the birth of nationalism and the nation state and signal a new turn in critical post-colonial thinking.

Achievements while at CHRLP

- Research meeting on borders and mobility, NYU, 11 November, New York
- Lecture and participation in a regional research meeting on "Need for Regional Strategy to Protect the Human Rights of the Rohingyas", 28-29 November 2017

Teaching & Public Engagement

- Presented a talk on the "Rohingyas: Emergence of a Stateless Population"
- Public lecture, "October Revolution in Colonial and Postcolonial Time", Binghamton University
- Valedictory lecture, "Rohingyas: Emergence of a Stateless Population", Conference on *Mobile Bodies: A Long View of the Peoples and Communities of Maritime Asia*
- Public lecture, "Refugees, Migrants, and the Economy", Carleton University, Ottawa
- Public lecture, "Is There a Theory of Population in *Capital*?", York University, Toronto
- Seminar presentation on "The Laboring Subject of Refugee Economies", Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, McGill University, 23 November 2017



"In my work I have greatly gained from my acquaintance and collaboration with Professor François Crépeau with whom I am planning further collaboration and some joint work. My deep thanks go to the O'Brien Fellowship program. The residency has also given me opportunity to discuss my work and exchange views with others and learn from fellow colleagues in various places."



O'BRIEN GRADUATE FELLOWS

CURRENT GRADUATE FELLOW

Jose Mauricio Gaona (DCL Candidate)

Dates of Fellowship: 2016-2019

Country of Origin: Colombia/United States

Supervisor: François Crépeau

Anticipated Graduation: 2020



Jose Mauricio Gaona is a Vanier Canada Scholar, an O'Brien Fellow at the McGill Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, and a Saul Hayes Fellow at the Faculty of Law where he pursues his doctorate (DCL). He is a recipient of the Dean's Honour Scholarship and Fellowship Award from University of California UCLA, an international scholarship from the Government of Finland in Italy, a postgraduate scholarship from University Externado in France, and four consecutive Honour Graduate Scholarships for Academic Excellence in Colombia.

Mr. Gaona holds a LLM in International and Comparative Law from the University of California UCLA (Dean's Honour Scholar), a M2 in EU Law from University of Paris II Assas (First-Class Honours), and a LL.B. from University Externado (First-Class Honours, thesis unanimously acclaimed and published).

Mr. Gaona has been an invited panelist at McGill University, an invited lecturer at Yale University, and an invited official lecturer by the Government of France in South America. His research and academic affiliations include UNIDROIT Rome, BNF Paris, UCLARP Los Angeles, ASIL Washington, CHRLP Montreal, HACLR Columbus and HRC Indianapolis. He served as Law Clerk for the Chief Justice of the State Council, National Deputy Comptroller for Public Management, and Assistant of the Attorney General of Colombia. He volunteered at the Refugee and Immigration Centre RAICES and served as Legal Assistant before the Department of Homeland Security at ICE Federal Detention Centre in Texas.

Mr. Gaona current research focuses on global migration, national security, and refugee protection. His DCL thesis is entitled *The unwelcome refugee: a comparative and global analysis on national security, asylum and refugee protection*. It proposes a comparative, empirical, and interdisciplinary-analytical model aimed at breaking current paradigms on modern forced migration.



O'BRIEN GRADUATE FELLOWS

CURRENT GRADUATE FELLOW

Tanya Monforte (DCL Candidate)

Dates of Fellowship: 2016-2019

Country of Origin: USA

Supervisor: Frédéric Mégret

Anticipated Graduation: 2020



Tanya Monforte is the former director of the International Human Rights M.A. Program at the American University in Cairo, where she was also a professor of law and served on the steering committee of the Institute for Gender and Women's Studies. She has been a visiting faculty member at Brown University, Addis Ababa University, and the University of Texas. Dr. Monforte holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School, a M.A. in the sociology of law and a B.A. in philosophy.

Dr. Monforte's background in the sociology of law has contributed to her interdisciplinary approach to law. Participating in a research group of scholars from various social science disciplines and institutions in the Global South, she has developed a critical research agenda on the international protection of the child. She has published on the topic of children associated with armed groups and has a forthcoming publication on peace education during times of conflict. As an O'Brien Fellow-in-Residence, Dr. Monforte's research project on the law of treaties addressed the International Law Commission's Guide to Practice on Reservations to Treaties and specifically dealt with the ILC's treatment of "sharia" reservations to human rights treaties.

Dr. Monforte's current areas of research include the intersection of critical security studies and human rights, women's rights and the law of treaties. Her DCL thesis is entitled *The resurrection of civil death; Old legal concepts and the emergent paradigm for global security*.



O'BRIEN GRADUATE FELLOWS

CURRENT GRADUATE FELLOW

Raymond Savadogo (DCL Candidate)

Dates of Fellowship: 2016-2019

Country of Origin: Burkino Faso

Supervisor: Frédéric Mégret

Anticipated Graduation: 2020



Raymond Savadogo holds a LL.B. in civil law with first class distinction from the Catholic University of West Africa in Burkina Faso and a LL.M. in International Criminal and Humanitarian Law with distinction from l'Université Laval in Canada. Mr. Savadogo has also studied at l'Université libre de Bruxelles.

Previously, Mr. Savadogo held a Teaching Assistant in International Criminal Law (LL.M course) for Professor Fannie Lafontaine at l'Université Laval. He has worked as a Professional Researcher for the Canadian Research Chair on International Criminal Justice and Human Rights. He has also worked as a pro bono member of the Defence Counsel of Callixte Mbarushimana, a member of an armed rebel group in the north of the Democratic Republic of Congo. He has assisted victims before the Extraordinary African Chambers established to try the former Chadian President, Hissène Habré. In addition, at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Mr. Savadogo assisted the Counsel for the Defence of Callixte Nzabonimana, as well as the Counsel of acquitted persons as part of their post-acquittal relocation.

Mr. Savadogo's research centres on procedural and substantive International Criminal Law, International Humanitarian Law, International Human Rights Law, Legal Theory, African Systems of Human Rights protection, as well as constitutional, judiciary and political reforms in Africa.

In his DCL thesis, entitled *Acquittés mais présumés non-innocent! Une analyse des impératifs de sécurité intérieure dans la réinstallation des acquittés des juridictions pénales internationales*, Mr. Savadogo will examine emerging African systems of International Criminal Justice.



O'BRIEN GRADUATE FELLOWS

CURRENT GRADUATE FELLOW

Sok Young Chang (LLM Candidate)

Dates of Fellowship: 2016-2017

Country of Origin: South Korea

Supervisor: Frédéric Mégret

Anticipated Graduation: 2017



Sok Young Chang holds an LL.B. from Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea. She obtained her master's degree from Korea University in Seoul, with a specialization in public international law. At Korea University, she received a full scholarship. Her thesis focused on exceptions to state immunity.

Before coming to McGill University, Ms. Chang worked as a researcher at Korea National Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 2014 to 2016. During this period, she wrote a number of official reports and articles on various topics of international law, including North Korean human rights, cybercrime, climate change, and international criminal tribunals.

Ms. Chang is currently conducting research under the supervision of Professor Frédéric Mégret. Her LLM thesis, entitled *Relationship between Jurisdiction and Attribution in Extraterritorial Violation of Human Rights by Non-state Entities* explores the relationship between jurisdiction and attribution in extraterritorial violation of human rights. Her broader research interests include public international law, international human rights law, international humanitarian law, and state responsibility.



O'BRIEN GRADUATE FELLOWS

CURRENT GRADUATE FELLOW

Francesca Farrington (LLM Candidate)

Dates of Fellowship: 2016-2017

Country of Origin: Ireland

Supervisor: François Crépeau

Anticipated Graduation: 2017



Francesca Farrington hold a LL.B. with first class honours from Trinity College Dublin, where she was elected to the position of Scholar in her Senior Freshman year. During her studies at Trinity College Dublin, Ms. Farrington conducted research for the Free Legal Advice Centre and held a senior position on the editorial board of the Trinity College Law Review.

Ms. Farrington currently works in policy research for the Canadian Council for Refugees and as a writer/editor for the Center for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism. Her LLM thesis, entitled *Augmenting the rule of law: the changing conception of rule of law in the law and development paradigm*, explores the changing conception of development and its effect on the rule of law, in particular, for how these changes will aid marginalised groups to realize their socio-economic rights.



O'BRIEN GRADUATE FELLOWS

CURRENT GRADUATE FELLOW

Parisa Akbarimalkeshi_(LLM Candidate)

Dates of Fellowship: 2016-2018

Country of Origin: Iran

Supervisor: Nandini Ramanujam

Anticipated Graduation: 2018



Parisa Akbarimalkeshi obtained her bachelor's degree in law at Shahid Beheshti University of Tehran. As a top student in Iran's Public Universities Entrance Examination in 2011, Ms. Akbarimalkeshi had the opportunity to begin a second bachelor's degree in French Language and Literature at the same time.

Before moving to Canada, she was involving in different humanitarian activities regarding women and children in Iran, such as participating as an executive member of the "stop child labor" campaign in 2014.

Ms. Akbarimalkeshi's research interests include international human rights law, law of international organizations and Islamic law in a comparative view. She is currently an LLM candidate at the Institute of Comparative Law at McGill University, pursuing a research project on women's economic empowerment in Muslim societies, including in her home country of Iran. As an O'Brien fellow at the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, she works as a research assistant with Professor Vrinda Narain in the area of women's issues in Muslim contexts.



O'BRIEN GRADUATE FELLOWS

CURRENT GRADUATE FELLOW

Maryse Décarie-Daigneault (LLM Candidate)

Dates of Fellowship: 2016-2017

Country of Origin: Canada

Supervisor: Marie Manikis

Anticipated Graduation: 2018



Maryse Décarie-Daigneault is a Canadian lawyer and a member of the Québec Bar since 2014. She previously worked as a legal researcher at the Quebec Court of Appeal.

Ms. Décarie-Daigneault has developed an expertise on sexual and reproductive rights, having worked for the protection and defense of indigenous' women right to health in Chiapas, Mexico. Similarly, at UQAM's International Clinic for the Defense of Human Rights, Ms. Décarie-Daigneault has supervised teams of students working on reparations for victims of conflict-related sexual violence. She is also involved in the defense of refugee's rights with Action Réfugiés Montréal and in the defense of women's rights with the Association des Juristes Progressistes.

Ms. Décarie-Daigneault's research focuses on legal sociology of State violence, transitional justice and feminist and postcolonial approaches to international law. She is particularly interested in the connections between truth, memory and justice in the Americas. As an O'Brien Graduate Fellow, Ms. Décarie-Daigneault is completing her LLM at McGill University's Faculty of Law with scholarships from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and the Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture. Her LLM thesis addresses the issue of State violence in South America, more particularly with regards to the crisis of enforced disappearances in the context of the "War on Drugs" in Mexico.



O'BRIEN GRADUATE FELLOWS

CURRENT GRADUATE FELLOW

Pierre-Alexandre Cardinal (DCL Candidate)

Dates of Fellowship: 2017-2018

Country of Origin: Canada

Supervisor: Frédéric Mégret

Anticipated Graduation: 2022



Pierre-Alexandre Cardinal is currently a first year DCL candidate at McGill University's Faculty of Law. After his LLM, also obtained from McGill University, Mr. Cardinal participated in a number of international conferences and events. He published in the areas of international legal history and the relationship between international law and Empire. Developing his LLM research project entitled "Islam Between Modernity and Coloniality", his work analyzed the ambivalent relationship between European Modernity, colonialism and legal subjectivity in international normative forums.

Mr. Cardinal's current work, supported by the O'Brien Foundation and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, engages in a critique of the omnipresent legacy of colonialism in a world order founded in difference. Under the supervision of Frédéric Mégret, his project engages in the critique of general international law theory, but also in the reconstruction of lost histories and non-Eurocentric world visions, especially China.

Mr. Cardinal also maintains side projects in environmental and animal law, the inspiration for which comes from his passion for ultra-distance running. He also organizes charity running events, and is very active in the Montreal running community.



O'BRIEN GRADUATE FELLOWS

CURRENT GRADUATE FELLOW

Menaka Rapti Ratnayake (LLM Candidate)

Dates of Fellowship: 2017-2018

Country of Origin: South Africa

Supervisor: Nandini Ramanujam

Anticipated Graduation: 2018



Rapti Ratnayake is currently completing her LL.M. at McGill's Faculty of Law. She completed her LL.B at the University of Edinburgh in 2014.

In 2015, she was awarded The Asia Foundation's LankaCorps Fellowship to work in Sri Lanka during a critical part of the country's post-war recovery. Her work involved examining the main barriers to female economic empowerment in the war affected areas of the country. She also conducted research on the re-integration of ex-combatants where she recommended a multidimensional reintegration process involving economic recovery and social political reconciliation, and examined the support structures for child soldiers and former female combatants.

Prior to starting her LL.M, she worked as a Legal Researcher for a think tank advising the Sri Lankan Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She conducted research on issues of Asian foreign policy, effective immigration policies in promoting diaspora relations, urbanisation and transitional justice.

Rapti recently released a publication titled 'Post-war realities: Barriers to female economic empowerment in the north of Sri Lanka.' She has also written for the London School of Economics South Asia Center on how diplomatic ties between Asian cities can combat the pitfalls of rapid urbanisation.

Rapti grew up in South Africa and is of Sri Lankan origin. Her main research interests in transitional justice and international human rights law stem from her exposure to post-Apartheid South Africa and her work experience in Sri Lanka. She has broader research interests in the field of migration, international criminal law, trade law and international dispute resolution.



O'BRIEN GRADUATE FELLOWS

CURRENT GRADUATE FELLOW

Kims Banda (LLM Candidate)

Dates of Fellowship: 2017-2018

Country of Origin: Zambia

Supervisor: Nandini Ramanujam

Anticipated Graduation: 2018



Kims Banda is pursuing his LLM at McGill University, supported by the O'Brien Graduate Fellows Programme as well as the Disability Rights Fellowship of the Open Society Foundations. He is a practising lawyer in Zambia, where he earned a LL.B. at the University of Zambia in 2008, and is an associate member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK).

From 2010-2014, Kims worked for the Legal Aid Board of Zambia as a defence attorney, where he represented indigent clients in both civil and criminal cases. In 2014, Mr. Banda joined the Human Rights Commission of Zambia, first as the Provincial Coordinator for Southern Province, then as Principal Legal Counsel, and finally as Chief of Investigations and Legal Services.

Over the last two years, Kims has developed a deep interest in disability rights. His Master's research project focuses on the right to participation in political and public life by persons with disabilities in Zambia.



O'BRIEN GRADUATE FELLOWS

CURRENT GRADUATE FELLOW

Yvana Lucía Novoa Curich (LLM Candidate)

Dates of Fellowship: 2017-2018

Country of Origin: Peru

Supervisor: Nandini Ramanujam

Anticipated Graduation: 2018



Yvana Novoa Curich is a Peruvian lawyer from the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP) and graduate from the Graduate program in Public Law and Good Governance from the same University. Since the beginning of her legal studies in Peru, she discovered her passion for human rights, criminal law and good governance. For the last years, she has researched and worked in these areas.

During her last year in the law program at the PUCP, she developed a deep interest in the study of corruption-related crimes and their negative impact on human rights. Since then, she has worked for more than five years in the corruption research team of the Institute of Democracy and Human Rights (IDEHPUCP) at the PUCP university, an important think tank in the field of human rights in Peru. Also, she has been a teaching assistant in international law, criminal law and anti-corruption at PUCP's Faculty of law. From 2016 to 2017 she worked at Liber, an NGO specializing in transparency and freedom of expression, where she was in charge of litigating and bringing cases against the Peruvian State, with a particular focus on the violation of access to public information rights and freedom of expression. Finally, four months before coming to Montreal, she started working at the Ministry of Justice on prevention of human trafficking. Working in the public sector was one of her dreams because she believes that that is the place where one can make real changes in society.



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