Research and publications:

In 2013, McGill University’s Institute of Air & Space Law and Centre for Research in Air and Space Law published the following research:

Centre for Research in Air and Space Law:


Prof. Paul Dempsey:

- Public Policy and the Regulation of Commercial Aviation (with Professor Laurence E. Gesell, Coast-Aire, 2013).
- “Liability of the Carrier,” in Cologne Compendium on Air Law in Europe 965-76 (Hobe, von Ruckteschell & Heffernan, eds. 2013).
- “The Emergence of National Space Laws” in Proceedings of the International Institute of Space Law, Naples, Italy.
- Filed a Report before the Federal Court of Australia in Australian Competition and Consumer Commission v PT Garuda Indonesia and Another.

Prof. Ram Jakhu

- “Commentary on the 1979 Moon Agreement” in Cologne Commentary on Space Law, Volume II, 2013, pp. 325-426 (co-authored with: Stephan Hobe, Steven Freeland, Fabio Tronchetti and Peter Stubbe).
- Regulatory and Economic Aspects of the Exploitation of Outer Space Resources, for Canadian Space Agency, St. Hubert, Quebec, Canada, April 2013 (co-authored with Yaw Nyampong).
Prof. Armand de Mestral

- Worked with IASL and CISDL students and other members of the Faculty of Law in preparing a book on *Civil Aviation and Sustainable Development*, much of the book focuses on issues raised by the EU Emissions Trading Scheme.

Prof. Ludwig Weber

- “Professor Nicolas Mateesco Matte: Celebrating 100 Years”, Dedication in: (2013) XXXVIII Annals of Air and Space Law xv

**Grants:**

Continuing the Erin J C Arsenault Trust Fund (extended for nine years till 2020), substantial financial support of over $3.5 million was provided to the Institute of Air & Space Law for its activities related to “Space Security through the Rule of Law and Sustainable Space Development”. The funds will be used, *inter alia*, to support research, publications and outreach activities related to Space Law. It also will be used to support graduate and post-graduate Arsenault Fellowships.

With the support of its alumni, the IASL began a fundraising campaign in 2013 to establish an endowment to create the George and Ann Robinson Award. The campaign is still ongoing and, upon completion, it will supplement the Sekiguchi Fellowship established by the IASL in 2008 in honor of Professor Masao Sekiguchi (1934-2004), a graduate of the Institute, as well as the Nicolas M. Matte Fellowship in Air & Space Law established by the IASL in 2012 with a $200,000 endowment to honor one of its prior Directors, Prof. Dr. Nicolas M. Matte.

**Involvement in the community:**

*Workshops, Seminars & Conferences:*

In 2013, the McGill University Institute of Air & Space Law organized the following international workshops, seminars and conferences:

- *Conference on the Commercialisation of Space: Opportunities and Challenges*, co-organized with the Department of War Studies, King’s College London, on Jan. 24-25, 2013 in London, UK. – 50 participants
- *Workshop on Space Security Index* (2013), held at McGill University, Faculty of Law, Montreal on Apr. 12-13, 2013 – 35 participants
- IAAAS/McGill 6th IAASS Conference - *Safety is not an Option*, held at Faculty of Law, McGill University, May 21-23, 2013 – 160 participants
- McGill/ICAO Manfred Lachs Conference on the *Regulation of Emerging Modes of Aerospace Transportation* (REMAT), held at the Centre Mont-Royal, Montreal, May 24-25, 2013– 90 participants
- World Economic Forum/McGill Global Agenda Council on Space Security Workshop - *Bringing Space Down to Earth*, held at the Faculty of Law, McGill University, July 4-5, 2013 – 27 participants
- Fourth ICAO/McGill University *Pre-38th Assembly Symposium - Enhancing Air Transport Connectivity and Profitability*, held at ICAO Headquarters 21-22 September 2013 - 300 participants;
- 2nd Annual Symposium on *Emissions Trading and International Civil Aviation: Role of Market-Based Mechanisms*, Faculty of Law, McGill University, October 25, 2013 – 45 participants
- Fifth Annual *McGill Conference on International Aviation Liability & Insurance*, at the Hilton Montreal Bonaventure Hotel, October 25-26, 2013– 275 participants
Prof. Paul Dempsey delivered the following papers, talks, lectures and interviews:

- Jan. 24-25: delivered a paper on “The Intersection of Air & Space Law” at the Conference on Commercialisation of Space: Opportunities and Challenges, Kings College, London, UK
- Jan. 27: delivered a paper on “An ICAO for Space” before the United National Committee on the Peaceful Use of Outer Space in Vienna, Austria, on behalf of The International Association for the Advancement of Space Safety (IAASS).
- Feb. 5: chaired a panel on “Embracing Change: Evolving Airline Models” at the Fourth World Civil Aviation Chief Executives Forum at the Singapore Aviation Academy in Singapore
- April 11-13: participated in, and Chaired a Session at, The Space Security Index Workshop, at McGill University, Montreal
- May 20: lectured on “Global Governance in International Aviation” at HEC, Le Bourget of Paris, held at Concordia University, Montreal
- May 21-24: delivered a paper on the “Intersection of Air Law and Space Law” at the 6th Annual meeting of the International Association for the Advancement of Space Safety in Montreal
- May 24-26: delivered a paper on “The Need for Regulation of Space Safety” at the McGill/ICAO Manfred Lachs Conference on the Regulation of Emerging Modes of Aerospace Transportation
- June 2-6: lectured on “Air Defense Information Zones”, “Safety Standards in International Aviation”, “Products Liability for Aircraft Manufacturers”, and “Aviation Products Liability” at Beihang University Institute of Aviation Law and Standards, and National Research Center of Air Traffic Management Law and Standards, Beijing, China
- June 7: delivered a paper on “Regulation of Airport Landing Slots” at the Conference on Airport Regulation, Tianjin, China
- June 8: lectured on Aviation Liability Issues at the Civil Aviation University of China School of Law, Tianjin, China
- June 9-14: lectured at the Northwest University of Political Science & Law, Xi’an, China
- June 15: delivered a paper on “International Air Carrier Liability” at the International Conference on the Montreal Convention of 1999, Xi’an, China
- June 16-23: delivered lectures on “The Legal Regimes Governing Aerospace Transportation Systems”, “The Emergence of National Space Law Legislation”, “Liability for Damage Caused by Space Objects under International and National Law”, and “The Chicago Convention as a Source of International Law” at the Harbin Institute of Technology School of Law, Harbin, China
- June 18: delivered a paper on “The Development of International Commercial Aviation in China” at the Conference on The Legal Issues on International Trade or Business between China and Other Foreign Countries, Harbin, China
- June 25: moderated a panel at the World Economic Forum in Montreal
- July 8-15: lectured in the course on Introduction to Air Law at the Singapore Aviation Academy, Singapore
- September 5: delivered a paper on “Environmental Regulation of Aircraft Noise” at the 5th Worldwide Airport Law Conference in Montreal
- September 21-22: delivered a paper on “Consumer Protection in Aviation” at the Sixth Annual McGill Conference on International Aviation Liability & Insurance, Montreal
- October 21-22: Chaired the Conference on Aviation Security at the ICAO/McGill University Pre-38th Assembly Conference: Enhancing Air Transport Connectivity and Profitability, Montreal
- November 14: delivered a paper on “Aviation Liability Law” before the Gdansk Air Law Conference 2013 – Challenges in International Aviation and Space Law

Prof. Ram Jakhu delivered the following papers, talks, lectures and interviews:

- 22 January 2013: participated in a Canadian Workshop on the Long Term Sustainability of Outer Space Activities, organized by the Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT) and the Canadian Space Agency (CSA), at Government of Canada Conference Centre, Ottawa.
• 24-25 January 2013: delivered a paper on “Overview of international space law: enough or too little?” at the Conference on Commercialization of Space: Opportunities and Challenges held at Kings College London, United Kingdom.
• 14 February 2013: met with Guylène Le Clair and Bruce Mann of DFAIT and Yaw Nyampong to discuss the Report of the Independent Review of the RSSSA prepared for the DFAIT in March 2012.
• 17 February 2013: provided input on “Canadian Draft for Long-term sustainability of outer space activities – Expert Group A” to Diane Thibault of CSA; Canadian Coordinator of Expert Group A of the UN COPUOS Working on Long-term Sustainability of Space Activities.
• 18 February 2013: interviewed by Kate Shepherd (a freelance journalist completing a master's degree at Carleton University) about "regulatory aspects of Space Mining, Commercialization and Canada’s role in space”.
• 25 February 2013: provided input on “Preliminary draft report and proposed candidate guidelines of expert group D: Regulatory Regimes and Guidance for Actors in the Space Arena” to Sergio Marchisio Chairman of Expert Group D of the UN COPUOS Working on the Long-term Sustainability of Space Activities.
• 7 March 2013: delivered a paper on “Some Regulatory and Political Issues Related to Space Resources Exploration and Exploitation” at the 6th Annual National Canadian Space Commerce Association Conference, Toronto, Canada.
• 15 March 2013: interviewed in Toronto by Mia Sheldon of GLOBAL NEWS for Global News “16x9” on "legal and policy issues related to exploration of natural space resources of outer space (including property rights) and space tourism".
• 18 March 2013: interviewed by Sara Frizzell, a reporter with Capital News Online, on "what space law and policy comes into play as private companies begin to take more interest in opportunities in space”.
• 25 August 2013: interviewed by Emily Brass of CBC on "legal and political aspects of Canada’s initiative, with other Space Agencies, to establish a base (lab) on the Moon".
• 22 September 2013: lectured on “Beyond Aviation: Legal Regime for Emerging Aerospace” at East China University of Politics and Law, Shanghai, China.
• 5 November 2013: interviewed by Zhou Yongjin, Chief International correspondent of Southern Metropolis Daily newspaper in China on “Why does India engage in such costly space programs? And some say Asian space race is heating up. What’s your comment on the race?”
• 4 November 2013: interviewed by Channel NewsAsia, a Singapore-based international television news station on India’s mission to Mars.
• 3 November 2013: interviewed by The Wall Street Journal (Hong Kong office) via Skype, about India’s mission to Mars. The interview with Debra Kan featured in The Wall Street Digital Journal – Asia Today on 4 November 2013 under the caption “India to Launch Asia’s First Spacecraft to Mars”.

Prof. Ludwig Weber:
• 26 January 2013: guest lectured on “Recent Developments in International Air Law and Regulation” at Tarumanagara University, Jakarta, Indonesia.
• 29 January 2013: delivered a paper on “Open Sky Policy and Aviation Security” at a Seminar held at Tarumanagara University, Jakarta, Indonesia.
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• 6 February 2013: delivered a paper on “Annex 17 and the National Civil Aviation Security Programme” at the Seminar on Legal Aspects of Aviation Security, Bangkok, Thailand,

• 7 February 2013: delivered a paper on “National Aviation Security Legislation” at the Seminar on Legal Aspects of Aviation Security, Bangkok, Thailand,

• 8 February 2013: delivered a paper on “National Aviation Security Regulations” at the Seminar on Legal Aspects of Aviation Security, Bangkok, Thailand,

• 25 April 2013: delivered a paper on “Current Developments in ICAO regarding Aviation Security” (in German) at the Forum on Airline Safety and Security 2013, Berlin,

• 15 November 2013: delivered a paper on “Current Developments in Air Passenger Rights” at the International Air and Space Law Conference, Gdansk, Poland,

Milestones

• Dr. Yaw Nyampong was hired as the Executive Director (Academic Associate) of the Centre for Research in Air and Space Law with effect from 1 August 2013.

Honours, awards, and prizes:

• Arsenault Postdoctoral Fellows: Caixia Yang (China) (2012-2013) and Diego Zannoni (Italy) (2012-2013)

The following Prizes and Scholarships were awarded in 2013-14:

• DCL BOEING Fellowship: Li-Juan (Jessica) Ko (Taiwan); Md. Tanveer Ahmad (Bangladesh)

• DCL ARSENAULT Fellowship: Timiebi Aganaba (UK/Nigeria); Isavella Vasilgeorgi (Greece); and, Andrea DiPaolo (USA).

• LLM BOEING Fellowship: René David-Cooper (Canada) and Aleksandra Puscinska

• LLM ARSENAULT Fellowship: Joyeeta Chatterjee (India); Upasana Dasgupta (India); and Andrea DiPaolo (USA)

• The Nicolas Mateesco Matte Fellowship: Remy Bucheler (Switzerland)

• The Nicolas Mateesco Matte Prize: Joyeeta Chatterjee (India); Upasana Dasgupta (India)

• The Setsuko Ushioda-Aoki Prize: Andrea DiPaolo (USA)

• The Masao Ushioda-Aoki Prize: Jared Hautamaki (USA); Yifei Xie (China); Francisco Castillo-Ruiz (USA); and, Ramya Sankaran (India)

• The Robert E. Morrow QC Fellowship: Prithviraj Sharma (India); Ashleigh Tomlinson (Canada); and, Kinga Kolasa-Sokolowska (Poland)

• International Aviation Women’s Association Graduate Award: Nicole Gonzales (Netherlands) and Rachel Nazarin (U.K.)

• The Graduate Excellence Award in Law: Upasana Dasgupta (India); Lucy Camacho (Peru); Irene Ekweozoh (Nigeria); Jared Hautamaki (USA); Marion Hiriart (France); Prithviraj Sharma (India); Don Lasantha Hettiarachchi (Sri Lanka); Rachel Nazarin (UK); Stephen Hill (UK); Li-Juan (Jessica) Ko (Taiwan); Andrea DiPaolo (USA); Kinga Kolasa-Sokolowska (Poland); Mathieu Vaugeois (Canada); René David-Cooper (Canada); P. Paul Fitzgerald (Canada)

• The Graduate Research Mobility Award in Law: Md. Tanveer Ahmad (Bangladesh); Andrew Harrington (Australia); Diane Howard (USA); Rachel Nazarin (UK); Ashleigh Tomlinson (Canada); and, Kinga Kolasa-Sokolowska (Poland).

• The Teaching Tomorrow’s Professors Award: Isavella Vasilgeorgi (Greece) and Timiebi Aganaba (UK/Nigeria)

• Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel (GREAT) Awards: Md. Tanveer Ahmad (Bangladesh); René David-Cooper (Canada); Simone Davis (USA); Andrea DiPaolo (USA); and Charles Stotler (USA).