

McGill Centre for
Human Rights
and Legal Pluralism



Centre sur les droits de la
personne et le pluralisme
juridique de McGill

2018



ANNUAL REPORT

McGill Centre for
Human Rights
and Legal Pluralism



Centre sur les droits de la
personne et le pluralisme
juridique de McGill

Management Board

2018-2019

Myriam Denov, Full Professor
Chiara Fish, External Member
David Howes, Full Professor
Robert Leckey, Dean & Chair
Lucas Mathieu, Undergraduate Student Representative
Tanya Monforte, Graduate Student Representative
Víctor Muñoz-Fraticelli, Assistant Professor
Vrinda Narain, Assistant Professor
Nancy Ross, Associate Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation)

Management Team

François Crépeau, Centre Director
Nandini Ramanujam, Executive Director & Director of Programs
Sharon Webb, Program Coordinator

2017-2018

Myriam Denov, Full Professor
Chiara Fish, External Member
David Howes, Full Professor
Robert Leckey, Dean & Chair
Tanya Monforte, Graduate Student Representative
Víctor Muñoz-Fraticelli, Assistant Professor
Vrinda Narain, Assistant Professor
Marie-Laure Saliah-Linteau, Undergraduate Student Representative

Management Team

François Crépeau, Centre Director
Nandini Ramanujam, Executive Director & Director of Programs
Sharon Webb, Program Coordinator

ANNUAL REPORT

2018

McGill Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism

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

www.mcgill.ca/humanrights

This report covers the period from January – December 2018

Contents

- | | | | |
|-----------|---|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| 05 | Opening Remarks | 26 | Community-Building |
| 06 | Our Community | 32 | Interdisciplinary Research |
| 15 | Selected Publications and Grants | 33 | The Centre in the World |
| 21 | Public Engagement | 36 | Collaborators & Partners |

Cover photo: Caroline Schurman-Grenier, The Gambia
Contents photo: Rose Adams, Lake Agnes, Banff
Back photo: Alicia Blimkie, Manila, The Philippines

OPENING REMARKS

Mot de bienvenue

On December 10, 2018, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights turns 70.

The Centre is commemorating this milestone through a rich array of teaching and program initiatives under the theme of the Past, Present and Future of Human Rights. The year started off with the Humphrey lecture with John Borrows who spoke about the role of the United Nations Declaration on Rights of Indigenous People in strengthening aboriginal and treaty rights in Canada. The Rene Cassin lecture with Philippe Sands took us to the tragic history of the second world war, the aftermath of which paved the foundation of the universal human rights framework. The Humphrey lecture with Philip Alston reminded us that the State must step up to guarantee dignity and equality to its most vulnerable population instead of shifting the obligation to private actors. Our Human Rights Internship Blog (<https://blogs.mcgill.ca/humanrightsinterns>) as well as the new blog series of the Centre (<https://www.mcgill.ca/humanrights>) are serving as an effective public education platform. These blogs bring diverse and multi-dimensional perspectives on human rights from home and away.

The O'Brien Graduate Fellows and Visiting-Fellows-in-Residence programs continue to foster a vibrant community of scholars and practitioners. In fall 2018, our Fellows shared their insights and experience with our students in a focus week course entitled The Past, Present and Future of the UDHR. Our students recognized the privilege of getting unique perspectives from contexts as different as Afghanistan and Uganda. Our efforts to shed the spotlight on cutting-edge human rights issues continue through seminars and workshops. The Disability and Human Rights initiative continues to bring together experts, advocates and activists together to work towards the realization of human rights for people with disabilities. International Disability Day was marked by an awareness-raising campaign involving a screening of short films as well as an interactive poster-making activity in the Atrium. The Atrium is also hosting a poster exhibition celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration.

The Centre continues to provide a sanctuary to Scholars at Risk and has recently started a partnership with the Scholar Rescue Fund to reinforce our efforts in protection and promotion of academic freedom. The Centre continues to play a leadership role in the Scholars at Risk Canada Section. We will be participating in a high-level meeting in the Canadian parliament on the UN Human Rights Day to urge the Canadian government to create a national program for Scholars at Risk.

Our strength remains our students, volunteers, friends and supporters who keep us motivated, inspired and engaged.



FRANÇOIS CRÉPEAU
Centre Director



NANDINI RAMANUJAM
*Executive Director
& Director of Programs*

OUR COMMUNITY

Notre communauté

François Crépeau

Centre Director
2015 – 2021

36
Full Members

Nandini Ramanujam

Executive Director &
Director of Programs

7
Associate Members

Sharon Webb

Program Coordinator



Centre Members

Membres du Centre

Although the Centre is based at the McGill Faculty of Law, and many of the Centre's members are law professors and lecturers, we are committed to an interdisciplinary approach to human rights. 50% of our members are either cross-appointed or drawn from outside the Faculty of Law, and include political scientists, philosophers, anthropologists, geographers, historians, and specialists in religion and social work. As of December 2018, the CHRLP team comprised **36 Full Members** and **7 Associate Members**.

Full Members

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

Associate Members

Michael Brown (<i>ISID and UN Peace Mediation Expert</i>)
Daniel Cere (<i>Religious Studies</i>)
Armand de Mestral (<i>Law</i>)
Pierre Deschamps (<i>Law</i>)
Aristide Nononsi (<i>Former UN Independent Expert, Sudan; Consultant, Human Rights and Development</i>)
Philip Oxhorn (<i>Political Science, Associate Provost (International)</i>)
Cecilia Thompson (<i>Human Rights Consultant</i>)

Member Accomplishments

Accomplissements des membres

We celebrate the accomplishments of each of our members for their excellent work and contribution to their discipline and to the Centre. Each year, the Centre sees many members publicly recognized for their expertise and career achievements. Congratulations to all members for their continued hard work, great ideas, and high ideals. Here are a few highlights from 2018:

- **Allison Christians** received the Principal's Prize for Excellence in Teaching (Full Professor Category) for her depth of integration of research and teaching as well as her commitment to making learning a shared experience inside and outside the classroom.
- **Evan Fox-Decent's** academic work was cited by the Supreme Court of Canada in significant public/private law cases, such as the case "Chagnon v. Syndicat de la fonction publique et para publique du Québec".
- **David Howes** held the Chaire Jacques Leclercq at the Université Catholique Louvain, Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium in spring 2018. He also co-organized the Uncommon Senses II conference in May 2017, and edited a four-volume reference work *Senses and Sensation: Critical and Primary Sources*, which was published by Bloomsbury Academic in March 2018.
- **Catherine Lu** received multiple awards in 2018 for her book *Justice and Reconciliation in World Politics*, including the 2018 Jervis and Schroeder Best Book Award in International History and Politics, by the International History and Politics Section of the APSA. She is also co-winner of a prize for the best piece of innovative theoretical research in international relations, and yet again for advancing the vibrancy of international studies as a pluralistic discipline.
- **Ronald Niezen** obtained the William Lyon Mackenzie King Chair for Canadian Studies, Harvard University, for the academic year 2018-2019.
- **Nandini Ramanujam** was co-chair of the McGill Principal's Task Force on Respect and Inclusion in Campus Life during fall 2017 and winter 2018. The final report was delivered to the Principal in May 2018.
- **Colleen Sheppard** was inducted into the Royal Society of Canada in late 2017 as a recognition of her lifetime achievement and academic excellence.
- **Jon Unruh** provided advice and international perspective to the Colombian government's land restitution program in July 2018 and was also invited to write the prologue to the Government of Colombia's book documenting the history and lessons learned of Land Restitution Unit's postwar land and property restitution program. He also provided advice on housing, land and property restitution remedies to government of Sri Lanka, and he advised on restitution and remedy options, innovations and hybrid approaches to IDP returns for Sri Lanka.

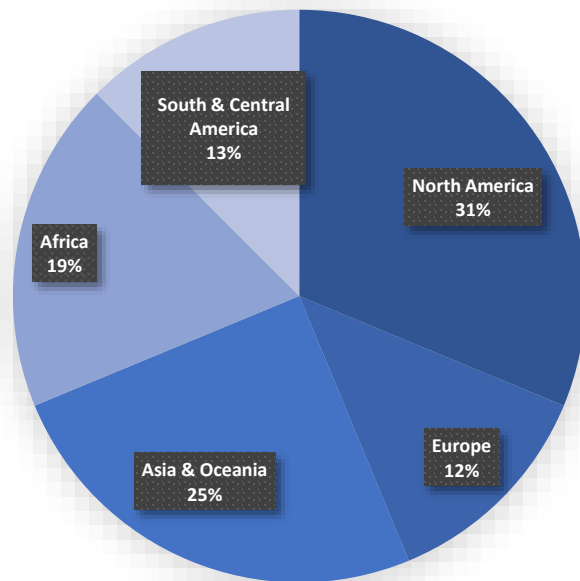
Fellows and Researchers

Membres et chercheurs

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 2018, we were pleased to host:

11	1
O'Brien Graduate Fellows	Visiting Researchers
8	5
O'Brien Fellows in Residence	Visiting Fellows
4	5
Associate Fellows	Disability Initiative Coordinators
4	14
Steinberg Post-Doctoral Fellows	Student Researchers & Coordinators

Global Distribution of Fellows and Researchers



O'Brien Graduate Fellows

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.



On November 1, 2018, the Centre again had the great privilege of welcoming Mr. O'Brien to the faculty. He joined all the current Graduate Fellows and Fellows in Residence for an informal lunch and engaged with each of them about their research and other areas of common interest.

In 2018, the Centre welcomed 3 new O'Brien Graduate Fellows:

María Adelaida Ceballos-Bedoya, Colombia
Eunice Leyva García, Mexico
Vishakha Wijenayake, Sri Lanka

Ten Graduate Fellows remained with the CHRLP, continuing their studies from the 2017-2018 academic year:

Pierre-Alexandre Cardinal, Canada
Kims Banda, Zambia
Yvana Lucía Novoa Curich, Peru
Rapti Ratnayake, Sri Lanka
Rokeya Chowdhury, Bangladesh
Jose Mauricio Gaona, Colombia/United States
Tanya Monforte, United States
Florence Ashley, Canada
Maryse Décarie-Daigneault, Canada
Raymond Ouigou Savadogo, Burkina Faso/Canada



The Centre congratulates 3 LL.M graduates in 2018: **Kims Banda, Rapti Ratnayake** and **Yvana Novoa Curich!** We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

O'Brien Fellows in Residence – Winter 2018

Radha D'Souza, India – A Reader in Law at the University of Westminster. She has also taught law at University of Waikato in New Zealand. She is also a social justice activist and she worked with labour movements and democratic rights movements as organizer and lawyer.

Vicki Prais, England – A London-based human rights lawyer. Her experience includes areas such as strategic legal and public policy advice to Governments, technical assistance and capacity building, advisory work and opinions on state compliance with human rights instruments. She has worked with the United Nations, the Council of Europe, and the British Government.

Lorena Poblete, Argentina – A researcher at Argentina's National Research Council and Associate Professor at the National University of San Martin. She holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (Paris). Her research was focused on the enforcement of domestic worker's labour rights in Argentina, Chile, and Paraguay.

Timothy F. Yerima, Nigeria – He was Dean of the Faculty of Law at Kogi State University in Nigeria. He is member of the Governing Council of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in Abuja, and member of the Council of Legal Education of Nigeria. His research interests are focused on human rights and African human rights system.

O'Brien Fellows in Residence – Fall 2018

Zelalem Kibret Beza, Ethiopia – Lawyer specialized in Public International Law. His research is focused on transitional politics and justice, traditional justice, counterterrorism and New Social Movements and Liberation Technology.

Saeed Parto, Iran/Canada – PhD in Human Geography and co-founder and Director of Research at the Afghanistan Public Policy Research Organization (APPRO). His academic work has centred on environmental policy, waste management at national scale and institutional capacity building through development aid programs.



Nivedita Narain, India – Pioneer in the Indian self-help group movement. She has held for over 30 years various leadership roles in the NGO PRADAN, which works towards livelihoods development and gender justice in India's poorest regions. Her research interests are focused on socio-economic development and gender justice.

Fatemeh Sadeghi Givi, Iran – Researcher and lecturer of Political Science and Gender Studies, specialized in Political Thought, Gender Studies, Islamic Political Thoughts, and Iranian Politics. She has published several articles and books in both English and Persian.

Associate Fellows

Associate Fellows are independent scholars whose work coincides with the intellectual themes and reach of the Centre. In 2018, the Centre hosted four Associate Fellows:

Éloge Butera, *Rwanda/Canada*, is a human rights activist with an active involvement in Canadian public life, having worked in Parliament as a research and legislative assistant to Senator Roméo Dallaire and articling student to **Irwin Cotler**. Éloge is now working as an advisor on policy and legislative affairs to the Canadian Government in Ottawa.

Edin Hodžić, *Bosnia-Herzegovina*, is co-founder, Director and Head of Public Law Program at Analitika, Center for Social Research from Sarajevo, a think-tank in Bosnia and Herzegovina. He has worked on war crimes cases at the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Noam Schimmel, *USA*, earned a PhD in Media and Communication from the London School of Economics and Political Science 2014. He has particular interests in the ethical dimensions of human rights law, the politics of human rights and humanitarian aid, and the role of rhetoric and communication in both advancing and limiting human rights.

Mulry Mondélice, *Haiti*, is professor of international law, human rights and diplomacy in Glendon College's Department of International Studies at York University. Guest lecturer of the Fondation René Cassin at the Haitian École de la magistrature. His research interests are focused on humanitarian assistance, the rule of law standards in international relations, the roles of National Human Rights Institutions in international cooperation and the international system of human rights.

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 4 Post-doctoral Research Fellows in 2018:

Rouba Essam Al-Salem, *Palestine/Canada* (2017-2018), is a human rights and migration specialist in the Middle East region. Her current research interests revolve around the Canadian private sponsorship of Syrian refugees and the parallels, successes, and challenges of other host countries where private sponsorship has been implemented.

Hanna Haile, *Eritrea/United States* (2017-2018), has research and writing interests in international human rights, migration, environmental law, sustainability, and intellectual property rights. She has recently been working on a project which explores

the impacts of the activities on copper mining companies and the issues communities face in the Copperbelt of Zambia.

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 2018, the Centre was pleased to host:

Dia Dabby, Canada (2018-2019), is a visiting fellow at the Centre. She holds a Doctorate in Civil Law from the Faculty of Law at McGill. Her teaching and research interests focus on comparative constitutional law, religious diversity, education law, governance, and legal methodology.

Marina Sharpe, Canada (2017-2018), is a specialist in international migration and holds degrees in law, economics, international development, and also publishes regularly. She is currently a Senior Research Fellow at Global Canada, an organisation focused on bolstering Canada's impact on international affairs.

Rouba Essam Al-Salem, Palestine/Canada (2018-2019), is a human rights and migration specialist in the Middle East region. Her current research interests revolve around the Canadian private sponsorship of Syrian refugees and the parallels, successes, and challenges of other host countries where private sponsorship has been implemented.

Hanna Haile, Eritrea/United States (2018-2019), has research and writing interests in international human rights, migration, environmental law, sustainability, and intellectual property rights. She has recently been working on a project which explores the impacts of the activities on copper mining companies and the issues communities face in the Copperbelt of Zambia.

Marie-Eve Loïselle, Canada (2018-2019), is an ARC Research Fellow at UNSW Law School for the Discovery project Leveraging power and influence on the United Nations Security Council. She is a PhD scholar at the Australian National University. Her experience and interests are focused on international law and human rights as well as on the relationship between law and border walls through the framework of legal materiality.

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.

- **Camille Provencher** and **Kevin Pinkoski** both acted as O'Brien Fellows-in-Residence Coordinators in 2018, providing generous support and guidance to international visitors.
- **Alex Agnello** and **Emilie de Haas** skillfully handled the ever-evolving Human Rights Internship Program. This complex and intense program and the program participants continue to thrive in their care. We are pleased to welcome **Alix Génier** and **Sara Gold** to the IHRIP team in the fall of 2018.
- A team of four students: **Sydney Lang**, **Jacinthe Dion**, **Mélanie Charbonneau-Gravel** and **Meghan Pearson**, lead the Disability Initiatives in 2017-2018, and prepared an excellent retrospective report of the initiative since its inception in 2012. In fall 2018, we welcomed **Samanta García-Fialdini** to take the lead on the Disability initiatives for 2018-2019.
- **Camille Provencher** continued for a third year to assist with publicity, events, and administrative support at the Centre. With pleasure, we welcomed **Kimia Towfigh** to this role in fall 2018. Camille and **Lucas Mathieu** also provided communications support to the Centre.
- **Rapti Ratnayake**, **Yvana Novoa Curich**, **Mónica Narváez Chicaíza** and **Andrea Buitrago Carranza** were indispensable in their support of Centre events, seminars and conferences, and helping with publicity, and all variety of administrative support at the Centre.
- Many **O'Brien Graduate Fellows** were also very generous with their time and community engagement. We appreciate the support of each and all!

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Publications sélectionnées

The following is a sample of the pioneering work undertaken by our members in 2018. 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, "International Criminal Justice in the Context of Failed and Fragile States: Revisiting the ICC Self-Referral Debate", in *The International Court and Complementarity: From Theory to Practice* (Cambridge, 2018) (forthcoming).

Blackett, Adelle, guest editor, "Decolonizing Labour Law: Contributions to an Emergent Transnational Labour Law. / Vers un droit du travail décolonisé : Contributions au droit transnational du travail en émergence." Special edition of the *Canadian Journal of Law and Society* / Édition spéciale de *La Revue Canadienne Droit et Société*, 33, no. 2 (2018).

Blackett, Adelle, and A. Trebilcock, guest eds., "Regulatory Innovation on Decent Work for Domestic Workers in the Light of International Labour Organization Convention No. 189." *International Journal of Comparative Labour Law and Industrial Relations* 34, no. 2 (2018).

Blackett, Adelle, and Tiemeni, T.G., "Regulatory Innovation in the Governance of Decent Work for Domestic Workers in South Africa: Access to Justice and the Commission on Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration". *International Journal of Comparative Labour Law and Industrial Relations* 34, no. 2 (2018): 203–230.

Blackett, Adelle, "Standard Setting on Decent Work for Domestic Workers at the ILO." *Global Dialogue*, Vol. 8, Issue 2. July 2018.

Bradley, Megan, (2018) "Durable Solutions and the Right of Return for Internally Displaced Persons: Evolving Interpretations," *International Journal of Refugee Law* 30(2): 218-242.

Fox-Decent, Evan, "Guardians of Legal Order: The Dual Commissions of Public Fiduciaries" in *Fiduciary Government*, Evan Criddle, Evan Fox-Decent, Andrew Gold, Sung Hui Kim, Paul Miller eds. (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2018). SSRN: Guardians of Legal Order: The Dual Commissions of Public Fiduciaries

Fox-Decent, Evan, "Challenges to Public Fiduciary Theory: An Assessment" in *Research Handbook on Fiduciary Law*, Andrew Gold & Gordon Smith, eds. (Elgar Press, 2018). SSRN: Challenges to Public Fiduciary Theory: An Assessment

Howes, David ed, *Senses and Sensation: Critical and Primary Sources*, 4 vol., Bloomsbury Academic (2018).

Howes, David, "The Skinscape: Reflections on the Dermalogical Turn", In *Body and Society* (24-3, 2018).

- Howes, David, “Cultural Exchange as Sensory Exchange” In Shaoxin Dong, ed, *The Senses in Sino-Western Cultural Exchanges in the Early Modern Period*. Fudan University Press, 2018.
- Sébastien Jodoin, Sébastien Duyck, and Alyssa Johl, eds, *Handbook of Human Rights and Climate Governance* (Abingdon, UK: Routledge, 2018).
- Klein, Alana, and Lara Khoury: “The Renewal of the Judicial Function in the Protection of Health: Looking Across the Boundaries of Constitutional, Criminal and Private Law” in Catherine Régis, Lara Khoury et Robert P. Kouri, *Health Law at the Frontier - Les rencontres en droit de la santé*, vol. 2. (Montreal: Yvon Blais, 2018) 199-244.
- Lu, Catherine, ‘Author response: Responsibility, Structural Injustice, and Structural Transformation,’ *Ethics & Global Politics*, 11:1 (2018): 42-57, DOI: 10.1080/16544951.2018.1507388
- Lu, Catherine, Book Symposium Introduction: ‘Redressing and Addressing Colonial Injustice,’ *Ethics & Global Politics*, 11:1 (2018): 1-5, DOI: 10.1080/16544951.2018.1507386.
- Lu, Catherine, “Cosmopolitan Justice, Democracy, and World Government,” *Institutional Cosmopolitanism*, Luis Cabrera ed. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018), 232-252.
- Madokoro, Laura, “Women at Risk: Globalization, Gendered Fear, and the Canadian State,” *Journal of Canadian Foreign Policy* (2018): 1-14.
- Madokoro, Laura, “Being Remembered” in *Activist Aging: Older, Bolder, and Changing the World* edited by May Chazan, Melissa Baldwin and Pat Evans. Women’s Press, 2018.
- Madokoro, Laura, “Debating Refuge in the United States: Secular and Religious Authority Across the Centuries,” 17 July 2018, available online: <https://societyandspace.org>
- Manikis, Marie, “Conceptualizing the victim within criminal justice processes in common law tradition” in D. Brown et al. (eds), in *The Oxford Handbook of Criminal Process*, (Oxford University Press, 2018) (forthcoming).
- Mégret, Frédéric, (as co-editor with Philip Alston) *The United Nations and Human Rights: A Critical Appraisal*, Oxford, Oxford University Press (forthcoming in 2018).
- Mégret, Frédéric, « The Laws of War and the Structure of Masculine Power », *Melbourne Journal of International Law* (2018).
- Mégret, Frédéric, « L’amnistie aux confins des logiques juridiques : imposée, honnie, réclamée ? », *Revue de droit public* (2018).
- Mégret, Frédéric, “Bin Laden: Tale of a Death Foretold”, *Journal of Genocide Research* (2018).
- Mégret, Frédéric, and Guilhem de Roquefeuille., “The Normalization of NGOs’ Relationship to the ICC: From Advocates for the Court to Participants in its Operation”, *European Journal of Human Rights*(2018).
- Mégret, Frédéric, « Punir les coupables, punir leurs familles ? », *Les Cahiers de la Justice* (2018).
- Mégret, Frédéric, “The Strange Case of the Victim Who Did Not Want Justice,” *International Journal of Transitional Justice* (2018).

Mégret, Frédéric, and Chloe Swinden), “Returning the ‘Fallen Terrorist’ for Burial in Non-International Armed Conflicts; The Rights of the Deceased, the Obligations of the State, and the Problem of Collective Punishment”, *International Review of the Red Cross* (2018).

Mégret, Frédéric, and Marika Giles Samson), “Defiance, Defence Repentance and what Lies In Between; What Determines Defendants’ Shifting Postures Before International Criminal Tribunals?,” *Journal of International Criminal Justice* (2018).

Mégret, Frédéric, “International Criminal Justice as a Peace Project,” *European Journal of International Law* (2018).

Ramanujam, Nandini, and Sarah Berger-Richardson. "Ending child malnutrition under SDG2: the moral imperative for global solidarity and local action." *Social Alternatives*, Vol. 37, no. 1, 2018.

Unruh, Jon, (in press) The ‘evidentiary bind’ in postwar land restitution: The case of Sri Lanka. *International Journal of Peace Studies*.

Unruh, Jon, Crafting land restitution in Colombia: Optimizing a legal, social and institutional framework. *Land Use Policy* (2018) 80: 403-405.

GRANTS AND RESEARCH AWARDS

Subventions et Bourses de recherche

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

Payam Akhavan	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), 2018-2019. <i>“Strengthening Justice for International Crimes: A Canadian Partnership”</i> .	\$10,273
Kirsten Anker	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council – (SSHRC), 2017-2018. <i>“From environmental to ecological law: An Anthropocene challenge”</i> .	\$12,925
Mark Antaki	SSHRC Insight Grant, 2013-2018. <i>“From Shorthand to Keywords: Uncovering the Common Sense of Canadian Constitutional Law”</i>	\$138,371
Adelle Blackett	Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation, 2017-2018. <i>“Trudeau Fellowship- Canadian Contributions to Social Justice”</i>	\$60,000
Adelle Blackett	Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation, 2018-2019. <i>“Trudeau Fellowship- Canadian Contributions to Social Justice”</i> .	\$50,000
Adelle Blackett	Canada Foundation for Innovation, 2017-2020. <i>“Legal Mapping Database of Transnational Uses of International Labour Law”</i>	\$72,600
Adelle Blackett	McGill University (Internal Funding), 2017-2020. <i>“Legal Mapping Database of Transnational Uses of International Labour Law”</i>	\$30,485
Adelle Blackett	Grouping of Canadian Companies and Corporations, 2017-2020. <i>“Legal Mapping Database of Transnational Uses of International Labour Law”</i>	\$6,067

Megan Bradley	SSHRC Insight Grant, 2015-2020. <i>“The International Organization for Migration: Understanding a rising humanitarian actor”</i> (principal investigator). Ranked 1/78 applications in Committee 2C (Political science and public administration)	\$161,000
Megan Bradley	FRQSC New Researcher’s Grant, 2015-2018. « Recherche de la justice après les catastrophes naturelles » (principal investigator)	\$39,600
Megan Bradley	SSHRC, 2018-2025. “Civil Society and the Global Refugee Regime”.	\$2,500,000
Angela Campbell	SSHRC, 2016-2022. « Accès au droit et accès à la justice » (ADAJ), co-investigator	\$2,500,000
Angela Campbell	McGill University (Internal Funding), 2018-2019. <i>“Legal Pluralism and Aboriginal Successions and Inheritance”</i>	\$31,918
Angela Campbell, Alana Klein	Fonds Québécoise de Recherche, 2015-2019. « Le rôle du droit dans la création, la mise en œuvre et le bouleversement des politiques sociales en santé : Approche multidisciplinaire et pluraliste »	\$283,064
Allison Christians	Ford Foundation, 2018-2020. « Core support for research and policy analysis to align global standards for allocation of multinational’s taxable profits »	\$77,922
François Crépeau	SSHRC/CRSH, 2015-2018. « Out of Place: Droit, Littérature, et Migration » (co-investigator)	\$289,409
François Crépeau	SSHRC/CRSH, 2014-2018. <i>“Securization of migration asylum in Canada: A Comparative analysis of policy consequences and human rights impact”</i>	\$199,515
Miriam Denov	FRQSC New Researchers Grant, 2016-2020. <i>Children and Families Affected By War: A Tri-Pillared Approach</i>	\$313,820
Miriam Denov	SSHRC Insight Grant, 2015-2020 <i>Born of War: The Perspectives, Rights and Needs of Children Born of Wartime Sexual Violence, principal investigator with René Provost</i>	\$340,000

Miriam Denov	Trudeau Fellowship, 2014-2018 , <i>Born of War: The Rights and Citizenship of Children Born of Wartime Rape</i>	\$225,000
Miriam Denov	SSHRC/IDRC Partnership Grant. 2014-2020 , <i>Networks for change and well-being, Girl-led 'from the ground up' policy-making addressing sexual violence</i>	\$2,500,000
Miriam Denov	McGill Internal Research Fund, 2013-2018 , <i>Children Affected by War Living in Quebec</i>	\$20,000
Jacob Levy	SSHRC Connection Grant, 2017-2018 , <i>Political Theory in/ and/ as Political Science</i>	\$25,000
Evan Fox-Decent	SSHRC 2017-2022 . "The Cosmopolitan Justice of International Law"	\$189,411
Sébastien Jodoin	Fonds de Recherche du Québec – Société et Culture, 2017-2019 . « <i>Les vecteurs politiques transnationaux menant à la réforme de la gouvernance de l'environnement dans les pays en voie ...</i> »	\$47,093
Sébastien Jodoin	SSHRC, 2018-2020 . "Recognizing and Protecting the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Efforts to Combat Climate Change"	\$64,793
Alana Klein	SSHRC, 2017-2021 . "Harm reduction, public policy, and moral controversy: principle and practice"	\$134,196
Jacob Levy, Evan Fox-Decent	FRQSC Soutien aux Équipes, 2015-2019 . « <i>Les idéaux politiques au-delà de la raison, de la justice, et de l'État-nation</i> »	\$302,720
Catherine Lu	SSHRC Insight Grant, 2013-2019 , <i>"Human Rights and Vulnerabilities"</i>	\$95,000
Frédéric Mégret	SSHRC, 2016-2019 . "Strengthening Justice for International Crimes : A Canadian Partnership" co-investigator with Payam Akhavan and others	\$2,500,000
Laura Madokoro	SSHRC, 2018-2025 . « <i>Civil Society and the Global Refugee Regime</i> » (co-investigator)	\$3,555,948

Laura Madokoro	SSHRC, 2018-2019. « <i>Research from the Ground Up: Building a Migration Research Collective</i> » (co-investigator)	\$34,868
Marie Manikis	FRQSC New Researchers Grant, 2017-2023, « <i>Regroupements stratégiques, Centre internationale de criminologie comparée.</i> »	\$1,636,660
Marie Manikis	SSHRC Grant, 2016-2018. “ <i>A new form of victim participation in the criminal justice process? A study on the enforcement mechanisms available in Canada to respond to victims’ rights breaches</i> ” (principal investigator)	\$59,366
Marie Manikis	FRQSC Grant, 2016-2019. « <i>Vers l’amélioration des relations entre les victimes d’actes criminel et le système de justice pénale? L’étude des mécanismes procéduraux en place pour remédier aux violations des droits des victimes au Canada</i> » (principal investigator).	\$47,657
Marie Manikis	France-Canada Research Fund – New Scientific Collaboration Support Program, 2016-2018. “ <i>Understanding the social function of pre-trial detention: A comparative study between Canada and France</i> ” (principal investigator).	\$14,860
Marie Manikis	Department of Justice Canada Grant, 2016-2018. <i>Victimological Research in Brief, Centre International de Criminologie Comparée, Université de Montréal</i> (co-investigator)	\$21,275
Vrinda Narain	Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice, 2018-2020. “ <i>Difference and Inclusion: Reframing Multiculturalism and Reasonable Accommodation</i> ”	\$7,500
René Provost	Trudeau Fellowship, 2015-2018. “ <i>Insurgent Justice</i> ” (principal investigator).	\$225,000
Shaheen Shariff	SSHRC Partnership Grant, 2016-2021. “ <i>A Multi-Sector Partnership to Investigate and Develop Policy and Practice Models to Dismantle "Rape Culture" in Universities</i> ” (principal investigator; many co-investigators from across disciplines, including Nandini Ramanujam and Colleen Sheppard).	\$2,600,000
Colleen Sheppard	SSHRC Insight Grant, 2015-2020. “ <i>Systemic Discrimination: Complexities and Challenges</i> ” (principal investigator).	\$229,548

Daniel Weinstock	J.W. McConnell Family Foundation 2016-2018. <i>“Narratives and Stories of Innovation in Montreal”</i>	\$20,000
Daniel Weinstock	Canadian Institutes of Health Research, 2017-2021. <i>“Harm reduction: Public health reasoning in law and public policy in relation to morally controversial behaviours”</i>	\$439,876
Daniel Weinstock	Health Canada, 2018-2023. <i>“Training and Retention of Health Professionals” (co-investigator)</i>	\$20,000,000
Daniel Weinstock	Ministère du Conseil exécutif, 2018-2020. « <i>Contribuer à la rétention de jeunes Québécois d’expression anglaise par l’employabilité</i> »	\$925,000

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Engagement publique

Warnings from the Rohingya

Date: March 03

**Speakers: Bob Rae and
Payam Akhavan**

In this event, Bob Rae, Canada's Special Envoy to Myanmar, discussed the ongoing genocide of the Rohingya, strengths and weaknesses of the current international efforts, and the need for greater strategic involvement from Canada.



Human Rights and Freedom of Conscience

Date: March 16

**Organized by: The Newman Centre
Speakers: William L. Saunders, Andrew P.W. Bennet, Victor Muñiz- Fraticelli, Christina Lamb and Brian Bird**

This panel, the speakers explored the origins of the UNHDR, its articles relating to freedom of conscience and their connection with freedom of religion. Also, they compared how freedom of conscience has played out in the American and Canadian contexts with a focus on current issues and debates.



Sexual Violence and Holocaust

Date: October 15

Organized by: The Azrieli Foundation in partnership with the CHRLP

This conference was presented by the Azrieli Foundation in partnership with the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism. The conference included two sessions. The first discussion regarding sexual violence in war and genocide took place between **René Provost**, Tommy Curry, Na'ama Shik and **Myriam Denov**. The second discussion, focused on sexual violence and holocaust testimony took place between Jan Grabowski, Deborah Barton, Sophia Koukoui and Ariela Freedman.



Public Lectures

Conférences publiques

Humphrey Lecture: Indigenous rights and colonialism

Date: January 31

Speaker: John Borrows

This lecture examined how recent Supreme Court of Canada decisions reproduce colonialism by implication. Aboriginal and treaty rights are continually diminished by assuming Crown sovereignty is paramount, allowing the Crown to define its entitlements, permitting adjudicators to uphold these entitlements, and applying this logic in subsequent cases. This talk considered the role of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) in addressing this issue.



Cassin lecture: East West Street and the Origins of ‘Genocide’ and ‘Crimes against Humanity’: Looking Back, Looking Forward

Date: October 17

Speaker: Philippe Sands

In this event, Philippe Sands, Professor of Law at University College London and barrister at Matrix Chambers, discussed his latest book: “East West Street: On the Origins of ‘Genocide’ and ‘Crimes against Humanity’”.



Humphrey Lecture: Human Rights Limits to Privatization

Date: November 28

Speaker: Philip Alston



In this lecture, Professor Alston discussed how privatization (often as PPPs, have increasingly transcended multiple sectors including education, prisons and healthcare. Alston problematized private sector decision-making as a technical solution to manage resources by highlighting inherent issues including lack of transparency and accountability. He also pointed out that as government control is decreased, democracy is undermined, and that, despite several assumptions that ground mainstream orthodoxy, privatization is characterized by high costs and inefficiencies. As a way forward, Alston highlighted the centrality of human rights in a privatization framework and proposed to reset the default by restoring the role of the public sector and re-legitimizing taxation.

Non-State Laws in a Modern State Context: Indigenous and Islamic Perspectives

Date: February 16

Speakers: Omar Farahat, Kerry Sloan, Kirsten Anker, Ahmad Atif Ahmad, Vrinda Narain, Aimée Craft and John Borrows



This panel explored the commonalities and divergences in the experiences of Indigenous and Islamic law scholars and participants vis-à-vis the State. The panelists also looked at the multiplicities of Islamic and Indigenous law traditions, and how the State might contend with these complexities.

Recovering Indigenous Justice Forum

Dates: May 25 and 26

Speakers: Leonard Mandamin, Gerald Morin, Constant Awashish, Joyce King, Kevin Fleischer, Christine Zuni-Cruz, Joseph Flies-Away, Tammy Augustine, Alexander Wolf, Gord Reed, Donald Nicholls, Joseph Murdoch-Flowers



This roundtable was hosted by Professor René Provost to discuss the emergence of Indigenous self-administered justice and its implications for the future of Indigenous citizenship in Canada. This forum was a space for First Nations' leaders to reflect on their experiences and challenges in taking ownership of their administration of justice.

Seminars

Séminaires

O'Brien Seminar: Pursuing a Career in Human Rights

Date: April 4

Speakers: Vicki Prais

Marginalization and Bill 262/ UNDRIP

Date: April 6

Speakers: Marc Garneau; moderated by Raymond Savadogo

Roundtable on Justice and Reconciliation in World Politics

Date: April 9

Speakers: Arash Abizadeh, Paolo Gilabert, Vincent Pouliot; moderated by Megan Bradley

Third World Approaches to International Law

Date: April 26

Speaker: Radha D'Souza;
moderated by Adelle Blackett

Conversations: Fasting Islam and Judaism

Date: September 17

Speakers: Omar Farahat and Rabbi Michael Whitman



Photo: Third World Approaches to International Law seminar

Unpacking Mandatory Human Rights Due Diligence in Europe

Date: October 12

Speakers: Adriana Espinoza

COMMUNITY-BUILDING ON CORE THEMES

Engagement communautaire sur les thèmes principaux

1. Human Rights and Legal Pluralism

In continuing to celebrate the Centre's tenth anniversary and beyond, in 2018 we held the final dialogue in our first series among members of Dialogues on human rights and legal pluralism. These Dialogues are being filmed, both to capture this moment-in-time in the intellectual life of the Centre, and to serve as pedagogical tools. The first eight Dialogues are posted on the Centre's website and are also listed as library resources.

This series takes its meaning from the incredible breadth of our Centre members' expertise and experience. The Dialogues also reflect concentrations of expertise within the Centre community. We thank each member for bringing their unique voice to this special series of Dialogues, and especially, for contributing their voice to our community each and every day.

Dialogue 9: Realizing Economic Justice

Date: December 4

Speakers: **Allison Christians, Jon Unruh and Nandini Ramanujam**

This completes the first series of Dialogues in human rights and legal pluralism.



2. 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 Coordinators are **Raoul Wieland** (2017-2018) and **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 Seminars

The purpose of the Chair Seminars is to reinforce a Canadian locus for the study and research of international law, with particular attention to the relationship between international legal obligations and domestic law. Through the engagement in teaching and research in public international law, **François Crépeau** advances the understanding of theoretical and practical dimensions of the implementation of international treaty, customary and other obligations in domestic law with due regard to the constitutional setting in federal and unitary states.

Refugee Hosting and Settlement Policies in Lebanon and Turkey

March 16

Speaker: **Rouba Al-Salem**

Evidence in the Asylum Procedure: The Case Law on Harmful Traditional Practices

September 21

Speaker: **Hélène Gribomont**

International Lawyers' Failing: Outlawing Weapons as an Imperfect Project of Classical Law of War

September 24

Speaker: **Miloš Vec**

Refugee Law's Fact-Finding Crisis: Truth, Risk and the Wrong Mistake

September 28

Speaker: **Hilary Evans Cameron**

Statelessness in ASEAN: Causes and Responses to a Protracted Problem

November 12

Speaker: **Rodziana Mohamed Razali**

Migration and the Transnational Family: Transnational Households, Care and the Right to Family Life

November 19

Speaker: **Edit Frenyó**

3. 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. 2018 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 offered 3 new internships this year relevant to the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The first is at **The Centre for Research and Human Rights Education** (*Centro de Investigación y Docencia en Derechos Humanos*), Faculty of Law at the National University of Mar del Plata, **Argentina**. This internship is a result of the Centre's collaboration with the Disability Rights Consortium established by the Open Society Foundation. The second is the **Mental Disability Rights Initiative** of **Serbia** whose special focus is on those children and adults who are at risk of or who are already residing in social and mental health institutions, since they represent the most endangered and marginalized group. The third one is **Legal Action for Persons with Disabilities** in Uganda, which is specially focused on providing legal aid in cases involving persons with disabilities in central and eastern Uganda, as well as raising awareness among the judiciary on ensuring access to justice for persons with disabilities.

Disability, Human Rights and the Law Initiative

The CHRLP is pleased to continue the Disability and Human Rights Initiative now in its seventh 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 **Meghan Pearson**, **Sydney Lang**, **Mélanie Charbonneau-Gravel**, and **Jacinthe Dion** who were our hard-working coordinators with the Centre's Disability Initiative this in 2017-2018. **Samanta Garcia-Fialdini** (not pictured) lead the initiative in 2018-2109.



Seminars & Workshops

Disability & Law: Inclusion and Integration in the Labour Market

February 9

Speaker: Futsum Abbay, Normand Boucher, Emmanuelle Ladouceur and Gift Tshuma

This seminar explored the intersection between disability work policies and various challenges faced by persons with disabilities in accessing the labor market in the Canadian context. The event also promoted the autonomy and independent living of persons with disabilities in line with the UNCRPD which guarantees the right to work, equality of opportunities, and non-discrimination, among other rights.



Disability roundtable: Disability Rights, the University, and Social Change

October 26

Panelists: Jonas-Sébastien Beaudry, Eunice Leyva García, Sébastien Jodoin, Stephanie Chipeur, Véronique Leduc

This seminar was hosted in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The discussion brought together academics, researchers and students working on issues of disability and law to discuss the extent to which the universal rights framework has succeeded or failed to include the



International Day of Persons with Disabilities

December 3

To mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the Centre hosted a drop-in awareness-raising event in the Atrium and projected a series of short films related to disability, accessibility, and advocacy. What does disability mean to you?



4. 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 2018, **Pouya Dabiran-Zohoory** and **Rachelle Rose** interned with the **Yukon** Human Rights Commission, **Gwendolyn Muir** interned with Instituto de Democracia y Derechos Humanos - Pontificia Universidad Católica in **Peru**, **Brett Campeau** interned with the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Justice Department, **Cassandra Richards** interned with Maliiganik Tukisiiniakvik Legal Services in **Iqaluit**, and **Rose Adams** interned with the Native Law Center, **Saskatchewan**.

The Centre also hosted or co-hosted several events in 2018, highlighting Indigenous issues:

Indigenous Rights and Colonialism

Date: January 31

Speaker: John Borrows

Non-State Laws in a Modern State Context: Indigenous and Islamic Perspectives

Date: February 16

Speakers: Omar Farahat, Kerry Sloan, Kirsten Anker, Ahmad Atif Ahmad, Vrinda Narain, Aimée Craft and John Borrows

Law and Lawyering: Inuit Perspectives

Date: February 26

Speakers: Elizabeth Zarpa and Joseph Murdoch-Flowers; moderated by Sébastien Jodoin

Marginalization and Bill 262/ UNDRIP

Date: April 6

Speakers: Marc Garneau; moderated by Raymond Savadogo

Recovering Indigenous Justice Forum

Dates: May 25 and 26

Speakers: Leonard Mandamin, Gerald Morin, Constant Awashish, Joyce King, Kevin Fleischer, Christine Zuni-Cruz, Joseph Flies-Away, Tammy Augustine, Alexander Wolf, Gord Reed, Donald Nicholls, Joseph Murdoch-Flowers

A Conversation with Jodie-Lynn Waddilove

September 19

Speakers: Jodie-Lynn Waddilove

The Politics of Indigenous Apologies

October 19

Speakers: Sheryl Lightfoot



Photo: Yulia Yugay, 2018 intern, Kenya.

“For a young Indigenous person—indeed, any person—knowledge about and pride in your culture and identity is crucial to living a good life. It keeps you grounded in and connected to your community. In Indigenous worldviews, this connection to community easily extends to the natural world”.

Allen Brett Campeau— 2018 intern, Akwesasne

5. 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 2018, the CHRLP hosted three persecuted scholars **Fayyaz Baqir** (Pakistan), **Fatemeh Sadeghi Givi** (Iran), and **Zelalem Kibret Beza** (Ethiopia). Fatemeh and Zelalem remain at the Centre in winter 2019.

Fayyaz's work focuses on poverty alleviation, inclusive development approaches, and Pakistani social entrepreneurship. Fatemeh is a specialist in political thought, gender studies, Islamic political thoughts, and Iranian politics. Zelalem his research focuses on transitional politics and justice, traditional justice, individuals in international law, counterterrorism, and new social movements and liberation technology.



O'Brien Fellows in Residence, fall 2018: Nivedita Narain, Zelalem Kibret Beza, Fatemeh Sadeghi Givi, Saeed Parto

Fellow updates

Semahagn Gashu Abebe: After leaving McGill, Semahagn taught at the University of Connecticut and at Endicott College in Massachusetts. He is now in pursuing a tenure track position at Endicott College.

Destaw Andargie Yigzaw: After leaving McGill, Destaw received an appointment as a lecturer in Vietnam, where he stayed for a few years. Due to political reforms, pardons granted by the Ethiopian government, and momentum for change in Ethiopia, Destaw has been able to return to Ethiopia where he is now teaching at the School of Law of Addis Ababa University, where he studied law.

Scholars at Risk Conference

On December 10-11, the annual SAR-Canada conference was held in Ottawa. **Fatemeh Sadeghi Givi**, **Zelalem Kibret Beza**, and Nandini Ramanujam were among the participants for this important gathering of scholars, host organizations, and partners.

INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH

Recherche interdisciplinaire

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.

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

Researchers: **Shaheen Shariff, Colleen Sheppard, Nandini Ramanujam,** and **Marie Manikis,** among others

THE CENTRE IN THE WORLD

Le Centre dans le monde

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



Photo: Eleanor Denis, Human Rights Intern, 2018. Namibia

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 2018, 28 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 2018 we offered two new internships with:

- Native Law Center, **Saskatchewan**
- International Center for Ethnic Studies (ICES), **Colombo, Sri Lanka**

“For me, the internship was an opportunity to realize that if the world is to achieve substantive justice, a desire which I hold true and axiomatic, it will only achieve such justice if it can develop the systems of governance and institutions required to render moot the very function of the exotic human rights advocate.”

Daniel Powell – 2018 intern, One Earth Future Foundation, Colorado

2018 SUMMER INTERNS

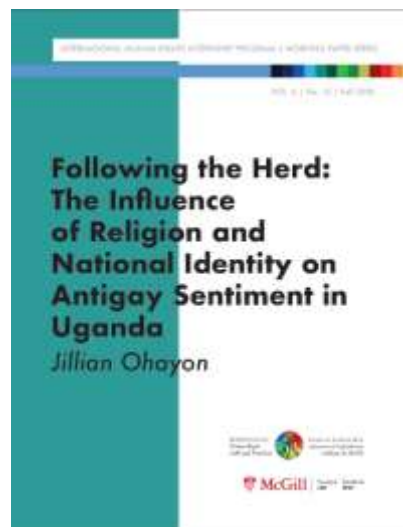
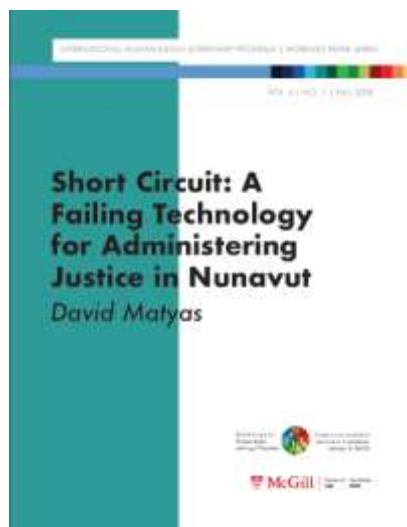
2018 Stagiaires d'été



- **Rose Adams** – Native Law Centre – **Saskatoon**
- **Elisabeth Beauchamp** – Mental Disability Rights Initiative of Serbia - **Belgrade, Serbia**
- **Alicia Blimkie** – Ateneo Human Rights Centre - **Manila, The Philippines**
- **A. Brett Campeau** – Justice Department at the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne – **Ontario/Quebec/NY border**
- **Léa Carresse** – One Earth Future Foundation - **Colorado**
- **Rozanne Caron** – Center for Law and Democracy – **Halifax**
- **Adriana Cefis** – International Center for Ethnic Studies – **Sri Lanka**
- **Pouya Dabiran-Zohoory** – Yukon Human Rights Commission – **Whitehorse, Yukon**
- **Eleanor Dennis** – Law Reform and Development Commission of Namibia – **Windhoek, Namibia**
- **Emilie Duchesne** – Cambodian League for the Promotion & Defence of Human Rights (LICADHO)- **Phnom Penh, Cambodia**
- **Alix Génier** – Aswat Nissa – **Tunisia**
- **Sara Gold** – Inter-American Court of Human Rights – **San Jose, Costa Rica**
- **Catherine Labasi-Sammartino** – Center for Health, Human Rights and Development – **Kampala, Uganda**
- **Guillaume Lebrun-Petel** – Rencontre africaine pour la défense des droits de l'Homme (RADDHO) – **Dakar, Sénégal**
- **Camille Lustière** – Avocats sans frontières Canada – **Quebec City**
- **Kerry Ann Marcotte** – Équitas – **Montreal**
- **Nicole Maylor** – One Earth Future Foundation – **Colorado**
- **Renaude Morin** – Commission nationale des droits de l'Homme – **Rabat, Morocco**
- **Gwendolyn Muir** – Instituto de Democracia y Derechos Humanos (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú)- **Lima, Perú**
- **Francesca Nardi** – Centro de Investigación y Docencia en Derechos Humanos - **Mar del Plata, Argentina**
- **Daniel Powell-Monture** – One Earth Future Foundation - **Colorado**
- **Tiran Rahimian Bajgiran** – Human Rights Watch – **New York, NY**
- **Cassandra Richards** – Maliiganik Tukisiiniakvik Legal Services – **Iqaluit, Nunavut**
- **Rachelle Rose** – Yukon Human Rights Commission – **Whitehorse, Yukon**
- **Caroline Schurman-Grenier** – Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA) – **Banjul, The Gambia**
- **Maia Stevenson** – Canadian Civil Liberties Association – **Toronto**
- **Heather Whiteside** – Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network – **Toronto**
- **Yulia Yugay** – The Equality Effect - **Malawi**

International Human Rights Internship Program Working Paper Series

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 2017, the following students were offered clerkships:

- Jonathan Brosseau-Rioux** (B.C.L./LL.B 2015)
- Mariam Chauhan** (B.C.L./LL.B 2013)
- Pierre-Philippe Turnbull** (B.C.L./LL.B 2018)
- Rachel Zuroff** (B.C.L./LL.B 2016)

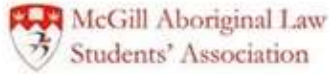


COLLABORATORS AND PARTNERS

Collaborateurs et partenaires



myACCESS



CHAIRE HANS ET TAMAR OPPENHEIMER
EN DROIT INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC
HANS & TAMAR OPPENHEIMER CHAIR
IN PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

Rathlyn Foundation



McGill Human Rights Working Group

David O'Brien



Montreal Holocaust
Memorial Centre



Arnold & Blema Steinberg

Manuel Shacter

McGill Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism

Centre sur les droits de la personne et le pluralisme juridique de McGill

Faculty of Law, McGill University

3644 Peel Street
Montreal, QC, H3A 1W9
Tel: 514-398-3577

human.rights@mcgill.ca

www.mcgill.ca/humanrights

Centre established: September 2005

Current Director: francois.crepeau@mcgill.ca

Executive Director & Director of Programs: nandini.ramanujam@mcgill.ca

Program Coordinator: sharon.webb@mcgill.ca

This report has been prepared by Yvana Novoa Curich, Sharon Webb, Nandini Ramanujam, and the staff and team of the Centre. The original design of this report was done by Nicholas Caivano and has evolved under editorial guidance of Nandini Ramanujam and Sharon Webb.

ANNUAL REPORT 2018

www.mcgill.ca/humanrights

