

## Curriculum Vitae

### PHILIP GIRARD Professor of Law

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English, French  
Canadian

### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

B.A.: Brock University, 1975  
LL.B.: McGill University, 1979  
LL.M.: University of California, Berkeley, 1986  
Ph.D.: Dalhousie University (History), 1998

### AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

- Wesley Pue Canadian Law & Society Prize, honourable mention, 2019, for *A History of Law in Canada*, vol. I
- Walter Owen Prize, Foundation for Legal Research, 2019, for *A History of Law in Canada*, vol. I
- Honorary Fellow, American Society for Legal History, 2011
- Canadian Historical Association: *Clio Atlantic Award 2011*, for best book published on history of Atlantic Canada
- Champlain Society: *Floyd S. Chalmers Award 2006* – for best book published on Ontario history in previous year (for *Bora Laskin: Bringing Law to Life*)
- President, Canadian Association of Law Teachers (2003-04)
- Dalhousie Law School: *Hanna & Harold Barnett Prize for Excellence in First Year Teaching*, 2002
- Canadian Historical Association: *John Bullen Prize 1999* - for best doctoral thesis submitted at a Canadian university in any field of history
- American Society for Legal History: *Surrency Prize 1994* - awarded annually for the best article published in the *Law and History Review*

## ACADEMIC WORK HISTORY

2017-18	Visiting Scholar, Centre for Criminology & Sociolegal Studies, University of Toronto
2013-	Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School
2011-2012	James L. Lewtas Visiting Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School
2011-	Associate Editor, Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History
2010-2012	Visiting Scholar, Centre for Criminology & Sociolegal Studies, University of Toronto
2006-2013	University Research Professor (Dalhousie)
2002-2006	Associate Dean Graduate Studies & Research (Law)
2000-2013	Cross-appointed, Department of History and Canadian Studies Program
1997	Visitor, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi, India
1993-1994	James L. Lewtas Visiting Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School
1993-2013	Professor, Dalhousie Law School
1991-1993	Acting Dean, Dalhousie Law School
1984-1993	Assistant, then Associate Professor, Dalhousie Law School
1990-1995	Director, Common Law/Civil Law Exchange Program (various years)
1980-1984	Assistant Professor, University of Western Ontario, Faculty of Law
1979-1980	Clerk to Justice W.Z. Estey, Supreme Court of Canada.

Current teaching areas: Property in its Historical Context; Canadian Legal History; Indigenous Peoples & Settler Society

## PROFESSIONAL WORK HISTORY

2000 -	provide expert evidence on Canadian legal history to governments and private parties
2006	Consultant to Law Society of Upper Canada Task Force on the Rule of Law and Independence of the Bar
1992-2003	Member of Board of Inquiry Panel, N.S. Human Rights Commission
2001	consultant to Registry 2000 project (modernization of N.S. land registry and adoption of new <i>Land Registration Act</i> ); recommendations of policy paper on adverse possession accepted and enacted into law
2000	Qualifications as expert in legal history accepted by Nova Scotia Supreme Court in <i>Nickerson v Canada (Attorney General)</i> (2000), 185 NSR (2d) 36
1995-1997	Legal Research Counsel, Law Reform Commission of Nova Scotia
1995	Called to bar of Nova Scotia (resigned 2017)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

1. *A History of Law in Canada, vol. I, beginnings to 1866* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press for the Osgoode Society, 2018) (with Jim Phillips and Blake Brown) (920 p)
2. *Law, Authority and History: A Tribute to Douglas Hay*, special theme issue of Osgoode Hall Law Journal, vol. 54 (2017) (co-edited with Jim Phillips)
3. *Property Law: Cases and Commentary*, 3d ed. (Toronto: Emond Montgomery, 2014) (second author with Mary Jane Mossman) (823 p)
4. *Lawyers and Legal Culture in British North America: Beamish Murdoch of Halifax* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press for the Osgoode Society, 2011) (279 p)
5. *Bora Laskin: Bringing Law to Life* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press for the Osgoode Society, 2005, reissued with a new preface 2013) (646 p)
6. Editor (with Jim Phillips and Barry Cahill) of *The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, 1754-2004: From Imperial Bastion to Provincial Oracle* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press for the Osgoode Society, 2004) (515 p)
7. Editor (with Jim Phillips) of *Essays in the History of Canadian Law: Volume III, Nova Scotia* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press for the Osgoode Society 1990) (369 p)

### **Book Chapters (refereed unless otherwise noted)**

1. "American Influences, Canadian Realities: How 'American' is Canadian Legal Education?" in Susan Bartie and David Sandomierski, eds., *The Americanization of Legal Education: Critical Histories* (New York: New York University Press, forthcoming 2020)
2. "St-Laurent, Judging, Justice, and the Death Penalty in the Shadow of the Cold War," in Patrice Dutil, ed., *Modernizing Canada: Louis St-Laurent's Politics and Policies* (Vancouver: UBC Press, forthcoming 2020)
3. "At the Crossroads of Fusion: British North America/Canada, 1750-2000," in John Goldberg, Henry Smith and Peter Turner, eds., *Equity and Law: Fusion and Fission* (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2019)

4. "Newfoundland's Constitution from Contact to *King William's Act*," in Melvin Baker, Christopher Curran and J. Derek Green, eds., *Discourse and Discovery: Sir Richard Whitbourne Quatercentennial Symposium 1615-2015* (St. John's NL: Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador, 2016), 41-56 (not refereed)
5. "The Newfoundland-Canada Relationship Through the Lens of Legal History: Imitation, Influence, or Indifference?" in *Discourse and Discovery*, 317-27 (not refereed)
6. "Law, Politics, and the *Patriation Reference* of 1981," in Steve Patten and Lois Harder, eds., *Patriation and its Aftermath: Politics, Federalism and the Constitution in Canada* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2015), 115-136
7. "Imperial legacies: Chartered enterprises in Northern British America," in Shaunnagh Dorsett and John McLaren, eds., *Legal Histories of the British Empire: Laws, Engagements, and Legacies* (London: Routledge, 2014), 127-140
8. "Covenants, Cottages, and the Cold War: *Galbraith v. Madawaska Club*," in Eric Tucker, Bruce Ziff and James Muir, eds., *Property on Trial: Canadian Cases in Context* (Toronto: Irwin Law for the Osgoode Society, 2012), 93-118
9. "Of Institutes and Treatises: Blackstone's *Commentaries*, Kent's *Commentaries*, and Murdoch's *Epitome of the Laws of Nova-Scotia*," in Angela Fernandez and Markus D. Dubber, eds., *Law Books in Action: Essays on the Anglo-American Legal Treatise* (London & Portland: Hart Publishing, 2012), 43-62
10. "A Certain Malaise: *Harrison v. Carswell*, Shopping Centre Picketing, and the Limits of the Postwar Settlement," in Judy Fudge and Eric Tucker, eds., *Work on Trial: Canadian Labour Law Struggles* (Toronto: Irwin Law for the Osgoode Society, 2010) (with Jim Phillips), 249-80
11. "Liberty, Order, and Pluralism: the Canadian Experience," in Jack P. Greene, ed., *Exclusionary Empire: English Liberty Overseas, 1600 to 1900* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009), 160-190
12. "Stratification, Economic Adversity, and Diversity in an Urban Bar: Halifax, Nova Scotia, 1900-1950," in Constance Backhouse and W. Wesley Pue, eds., *The Promise and Perils of Law: Canadian Lawyers in History* (Toronto: Irwin Law, 2009) (with Jeffrey Haylock)(non-refereed), 75-102
13. "Politics, Promotion, and Professionalism: Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Judicial Appointments," in Jim Phillips, R. Roy McMurtry and John T. Saywell, eds., *Essays*

*in the History of Canadian Law, vol. X, A Tribute to Peter N. Oliver* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press for the Osgoode Society, 2008), 169-199

14. "Courts, Communities and Communications: the Nova Scotia Supreme Court on Circuit, 1816-1850," in Hamar Foster, Ben Berger and Andrew Buck, eds., *The Grand Experiment: Law & Legal Culture in British Settler Societies* (Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press for the Osgoode Society, 2008) (with Jim Phillips), 117-134
15. "British Justice, English Law, and Canadian Legal Culture" in Phillip Buckner, ed., *Canada and the British Empire, a companion volume to the Oxford History of the British Empire* (Oxford University Press, 2008), 259-278
16. "Land Law, Liberalism and the Agrarian Ideal: British North America, 1750-1920," in John McLaren et al., eds., *Despotic Dominion: Property Rights in British Settler Societies* (Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 2004), 120-143
17. "The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia: from Confederation to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" in *The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, 1754-2004*, 140-203
18. "From Preacher to Planter to Pariah: The Vicissitudes of the Rev. James Murdoch," in Margaret Conrad, ed., *Planter Links* (Fredericton: Acadiensis Press, 2001), 105-118
19. "History and Development of Equity," in Mark Gillen and Faye Woodman, eds., *Trusts: A Contextual Approach* (Toronto: Emond Montgomery, 2000) (2d ed., 2008; 3d ed., 2015), 37-66
20. "Victorian Philanthropy and Child Rescue: the Career of Emma Stirling in Scotland and Nova Scotia, 1860-95," in Marjory Harper and Michael E. Vance, eds., *Myth, Migration and the Making of Memory: Scotia and Nova Scotia c. 1700-1990* (Halifax and Edinburgh: Fernwood, 1999), 218-231
21. "Taking Litigation Seriously: The Market Wharf Controversy at Halifax, 1785-1820" in G. Blaine Baker and Jim Phillips, eds. *Essays in the History of Canadian Law, vol. VIII: In Honour of R.C.B. Risk* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press for the Osgoode Society, 1999), 213-240
22. "The Making of a Colonial Lawyer: Beamish Murdoch of Halifax, 1822-1842," in Carol Wilton, ed., *Inside the Law: Canadian Law Firms in Historical Perspective* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press for the Osgoode Society, 1996), 57-99
23. "Children, Church, Migration and Money: Three Tales of Child Custody in Nova Scotia," in Hilary Thompson, ed., *Children's Voices in Atlantic Literature and Culture: Essays on Childhood* (Guelph: Canadian Children's Press, 1995), 10-23

24. "Married Women's Property in Nova Scotia, 1850-1910," in Janet Guildford and Suzanne Morton, eds., *Separate Spheres: Women's Worlds in the 19th Century Maritimes* (Fredericton: Acadiensis Press, 1994) (with Rebecca Veinott), 67-92
25. "Married Women's Property, Chancery Abolition and Insolvency Law: Law Reform in Nova Scotia 1820-1867," chapter in *Essays in the History of Canadian Law, vol. III*, 80-127

**Articles (refereed unless otherwise noted)**

1. "The Contrasting Fates of French-Canadian and Indigenous Constitutionalism: British North America, 1760-1867" (2020) 7 *Law & History* (forthcoming)
2. "The 'Atlantic Seat' on the Supreme Court of Canada: An Endangered Species?" (2017) 80 *Supreme Court Law Review* 31-60
3. "A Tempest in a Transatlantic Teapot: A Legal Historian's Critical Analysis of Frédéric Bastien's *La Bataille de Londres* (2014) 51 *Osgoode Hall Law Journal* (review essay - not refereed)
4. "The Making of the Canadian Legal Profession: A Hybrid Heritage" (2014) 21 *International Journal of the Legal Profession* 145-69
5. "'If two ride a horse, one must ride in front': Married Women's Nationality and the Law in Canada 1880-1950" (2013) 94 *Canadian Historical Review* 28-54
6. "Rethinking 'the Nation' in National Legal History: A Canadian Perspective" (2011) 29 *Law & History Review* 607-626 (with Jim Phillips)
7. "Who's Afraid of Canadian Legal History?" (2007) 57 *University of Toronto Law Journal* 727-53
8. "'No Place Like Home': The Search for a Legal Framework for the Family Home in Canada and Britain" (2004) 30 *Queen's Law Journal* 715-71 (with Heather Conway)
9. "Judging Lives: Judicial Biography from Hale to Holmes" (2003) 7 *Australian Journal of Legal History* 87-106
10. "'I will not pin my faith to his sleeve': Beamish Murdoch, Joseph Howe, and Responsible Government Revisited" (2001) 4 *Journal of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society* 1-24

11. "The Maritime Provinces, 1850-1939: Lawyers and Legal Institutions" (1996) 23 *Manitoba Law Journal* 380-405
12. "The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, Responsible Government, and the Quest for Legitimacy, 1850-1920" (1994) 17 *Dalhousie Law Journal* 429-457
13. "Why Canada Has No Family Policy: Lessons from France and Italy" (1994) 32 *Osgoode Hall Law Journal* 579-611.
14. "Themes and Variations in Canadian Legal History: Beamish Murdoch and his *Epitome of the Laws of Nova-Scotia*" (1993) 11 *Law and History Review* 101-144
15. "The Roots of a Professional Renaissance: Lawyers in Nova Scotia 1850-1910" (1991) 20 *Manitoba Law Journal* 148; also appeared in Dale Gibson and W.W. Pue, eds., *Glimpses of Canadian Legal History* (Winnipeg: Legal Research Institute, 1992)
16. "'His life was one continual warfare': John Thomas Bulmer, Lawyer, Librarian and Social Reformer" (1990) 12 *Dalhousie Law Journal* 376-405
17. "Some Preliminary Observations on the Rise and Fall of Urban Justice in Halifax" (1988) 8 *Nova Scotia Historical Review* 57-71 (non-refereed)
18. "From Subversion to Liberation: Homosexuals and the Immigration Act 1952-1977" (1987) 2 *Canadian Journal of Law and Society* 1-27
19. "The Protection of the Rights of Homosexuals under the International Law of Human Rights: European Perspectives" (1986) 4 *Canadian Human Rights Yearbook* 3-24

## **Reports**

1. "The Independence of the Bar in Historical Perspective: Comforting Myths, Troubling Realities," in *In the Public Interest: The Report and Research Papers of the Law Society of Upper Canada's Task Force on the Rule of Law and the Independence of the Bar* (Toronto: Irwin Law, 2007)
2. "Adverse Possession and the Land Registration Act: Policy Options" (commissioned by the N.S. Registry 2000 Project) (2001)
3. Nova Scotia Law Reform Commission, *Discussion Paper. Matrimonial Property in Nova Scotia: Suggestions for a New Family Law Act* (1996) and *Final Report. Reform of the Law Dealing With Matrimonial Property in Nova Scotia* (1997)

## Book Reviews

1. Beverley McLachlin, *Truth Be Told: My Journey Through Life and the Law* (2020)
2. John McLaren, *Dewigged, Bothered, and Bewildered: British Colonial Judges on Trial, 1800-1900* (2011);
3. Michel Ducharme, *Le concept de liberté au Canada à l'époque des révolutions atlantiques* (2010);
4. Christopher Tomlins and Michael Grossberg, eds., *Cambridge History of Law in America* (2008);
5. Ari Kaplan, *Pension Law* (2006);
6. R.C.B. Risk, *A History of Canadian Legal Thought* (2006);
7. Laurel Sefton MacDowell, *Renegade Lawyer: The Life of J.L. Cohen* (2001);
8. Stephen Waddams, *Sexual Slander in Nineteenth-Century England: Defamation in the Ecclesiastical Courts, 1815-1855* (2000);
9. Christopher Moore, *The Law Society of Upper Canada and Ontario's Lawyers 1797-1997* (1997);
10. Tina Loo, *Making Law, Order, and Authority in British Columbia, 1821-1871* (1994);
11. F. Murray Greenwood, *Legacies of Fear. Law and Politics in Quebec in the Era of the French Revolution* (1993);
12. Ian Bushnell, *The Captive Court. A Study of the Supreme Court of Canada* (1992);
13. Gordon Bale, *Chief Justice William Johnstone Ritchie* (1991);
14. Beth Bilson, *The Canadian Law of Nuisance* (1991);
15. W.W. Pue and Barry Wright, *Canadian Perspectives on Law & Society: Issues in Legal History* (1988);
16. Robert D. Bureau and Pierre MacKay, eds., *Le droit dans tous ses états, La question du droit au Québec 1970-87* (1987);
17. Michel Poirier, ed., *Droit québécois de l'aménagement du territoire* (1983);



18. I.C.F. Spry, *The Principles of Equitable Remedies*, 2d ed. (1980).

Reviews in *Literary Review of Canada*:

1. Christopher Moore, *Three Weeks in Quebec City: The Meeting That Made Canada* (July-August 2015)
2. Frédéric Bastien, *La Bataille de Londres: dessous, secrets et coulisses du rapatriement constitutionnel* (September 2013);
3. Allan Hutchinson, *Is Eating People Wrong? Great Legal Cases and How they Shaped the World* (May 2011);
4. Fred Kaufman, *Searching for Justice: An Autobiography* (June 2010);
5. A.J.B. Johnston, *Endgame 1758: The Promise, the Glory, and the Despair of Louisbourg's Last Decade* (October 2008);
6. Frederick Vaughan, *Aggressive in Pursuit: The Life of Emmett Hall* (January 2005);
7. Review essay covering Ellen Anderson, *Judging Bertha Wilson: Law as Large as Life*; Thomas Berger, *One Man's Justice: A Life in the Law*; and John Saywell, *The Lawmakers: Judicial Power and the Shaping of Canadian Federalism Canada* (July 2003);

### Other

Doctoral thesis entitled "Patriot Jurist: Beamish Murdoch of Halifax, 1800-1876" (Dalhousie University, 1998)

Entries for the Dictionary of Canadian Biography on Henry Pryor (1808-1892); Robert Sedgewick (1848-1906); J.T. Bulmer (1846-1901); Sir Robert Weatherbe (1834-1915); Sir Wallace Graham (1848-1917); William Bruce Almon Ritchie (1860-1917); Sir Charles Townshend (1844-1924); Richard Chapman Weldon (1849-1925); James Wilberforce Longley (1849-1922)(with Barry Cahill); Edmund Leslie Newcombe (1859-1931); Benjamin Russell (1849-1935); G. Frederick Pearson (1868-1938)(with Barry Cahill)

Entries for the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography (U.K.) on Emma Stirling (1838-1907); Sir Lyman Poore Duff (1865-1955)

Editor of the Dalhousie Law Journal, a refereed academic journal, 1997-2000; 2006-10; 2012-13

bimonthly column, "That's History" in Law Times (2011 - 2018)

co-edited with Colin Coates a special issue of the Robarts Centre publication *Canada Watch*, entitled *Confederation Watch*, with a dozen reflections by senior scholars on various aspects of the Confederation debates of 1865 (2016)

### **CONFERENCE PAPERS and OTHER ADDRESSES (since 2000 only)**

1. "Does Legal History Really Matter?" keynote address to inaugural conference of Legal History Society of Nigeria," Lagos, October 2019
2. "The Contrasting Fates of Fates of French-Canadian and Indigenous Constitutionalism: British North America, 1760-1867," given at Osgoode Society Legal History Workshop, October 2019
3. "New Directions in Judicial Biography," Legal Biography Workshop, Max Planck Institute, Frankfurt, July 2019
4. "American Influences, Canadian Realities: How 'American' is Canadian Legal Education?" Beyond Harvard: the Americanization of Legal Education, Osgoode Hall, Toronto, ON, June 2018
5. "The Dual Constitutions of British North America, 1760-1867," Law & Empire: Perspectives from the Colonized conference, Bridgetown, Barbados, July 2018
6. "Law and Empire, 1500-1812," Cambridge History of America and the World conference, University of New Hampshire, September 2018 (with Catherine Evans)
7. "Judging, Justice and the Death Penalty: the St-Laurent Years," Modernizing Canada: Louis St-Laurent's Politics and Policies, University of Ottawa, May 2018
8. "African-Canadians and the Law under the French and British regimes, 1701-1866," Toronto Legal History Group, January 2018
9. "Rearguard or Vanguard: A New Look at the Constitutional Act, 1791," Canada's Legal Past Conference, University of Calgary, July 2017 (revised

versions presented at Toronto Legal History Group, November 2017 and Osgoode Faculty Seminar Series, January 2018)

10. "Our Laws, Our Nation: Recent Trends in Canadian Legal History," panel participant at Canadian Historical Association, Ryerson University, May 2017
11. "At the Crossroads of Fusion: British North America/Canada, 1800-2000," Equity and Law: Fusion and Fission, Cambridge University, UK, August 2016
12. "Writing a Legal History of Canada," Ontario Ministry of Attorney-General, 30 November 2015 (with Jim Phillips)
13. "Newfoundland's Constitution from Contact to King William's Act," Sir Richard Whitbourne Quatercentennial Symposium, Trinity, NL, June 2015
14. "The Newfoundland-Canada Relationship through the Lens of Legal History: Imitation, Influence or Indifference?" Sir Richard Whitbourne Quatercentennial Symposium, Trinity, NL, June 2015
15. "Disorienting: Towards a Legal History of North America," keynote address to American Society of Legal History, Denver, CO, November 2014
16. "A History of Law in Canada, chapter 2," Toronto Legal History Group, February 2014
17. "Writing Canadian Legal History: Origins," DeLloyd Guth Visiting Lecture in Legal History, University of Manitoba Faculty of Law, Winnipeg, MB, February 2013
18. "Colonization, Culture, Continuity: the Role of the Legal Profession," keynote address, Australia/New Zealand Legal History Society annual conference, University of Technology Sydney, Australia, December 2012
19. "Beginnings: Chartered Enterprises and Canadian Legal History," Maclean Lecture, University of Victoria Faculty of Law, Victoria, BC, October 2012
20. "Chartered Enterprises and the Law of Colonization in Early North America: A Northern Exceptionalism?" presented at the conference "Law, Spaces, Cultures and Empire: Engagements and Legacies," Singapore, July 2012
21. "Empires, Law and First Nations in Northern North America, 1500-1713," keynote address to Canadian Law & Society annual meeting, Waterloo, ON, May 2012

22. "The Canadian Legal Profession: Clone, Hybrid, or Mutant?" James Lewtas  
Lecture, Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, ON, Nov. 2011
23. "The Supreme Court of Canada's *Patriation Reference*: Context, Impact, Legacy"  
The Patriation Negotiations Conference, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB,  
Nov. 2011
24. "'If Two Ride a Horse, One Must Ride in Front': Married Women, Nationality,  
and the Law in Canada, 1880-1950," Toronto Legal History Group, Sept 2011
25. "Coverture Resurgent? Married Women's Nationality in Canada and the  
Empire, 1880-1950" presented at "Married Women and the Law in Britain, North  
America and the Common Law World," King's College, Halifax, NS, June 2011
26. "Of Institutes and Treatises: Blackstone's *Commentaries*, Kent's *Commentaries*, and  
Murdoch's *Epitome of the Laws of Nova-Scotia*," Canadian Law & Society  
Association mid-winter meeting, Toronto, ON, January 2011
27. "The Making of the Legal Profession in British North America: Reform vs.  
Revolution," Carleton Law Department Jurisprudence Centre, Ottawa, ON, Jan.  
2011 (also Toronto Legal History Group, Jan. 2011, University of Toronto Centre  
for Criminology, March 2011)
28. "Judging and Jewish Identity: the Case of Bora Laskin" presented at "Judging:  
the Relevance of Jewish Identity," Tel Aviv University, Israel, December 2010
29. "Identity and Professionalism" and "Bora Laskin, Engaged Academic" presented  
at the Chief Justice of Ontario's Thirteenth Colloquium on the Legal Profession,  
Osgoode Hall, Toronto, ON, November 2010
30. "Revolution and the Legal Profession in North America, 1750-1950" Canadian  
Law & Society annual meeting, Montreal, QC, June 2010
31. "*Galbraith v. Madawaska Club*" presented at workshop for contributors to *Property  
Law Stories* collection, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, June 2010
32. "Bora Laskin and the Transformation of the Supreme Court of Canada," Judicial  
Biography and the Supreme Court conference, University of Texas at Austin Law  
School, Austin, TX, January 2010
33. "The Future of Canadian Legal History in a Smaller, Hotter World" Osgoode  
Society 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium, Toronto, ON, October 2009

34. "Re-thinking 'the Nation' in National Legal History: A Canadian Perspective," 19<sup>th</sup> British Legal History Conference, University of Exeter, UK, July 2009
35. "What does Canadian Legal History have to contribute to Canadian Studies?" presented at "Canadian Studies: the State of the Art" conference at Mount Allison University, Sackville, NB, February 2009
36. "*Harrison v. Carswell*: Law's Labour's Lost?" presented at "Putting Law to Work" conference, Victoria, BC, June 2008
37. "Liberty in Canadian History: Contradiction or Catchword?" Liberty Fund Symposium, "Liberty and Cultural Transmission in the British Empire," Cincinnati, OH, November 2007
38. "Stratification, Economic Adversity, and Diversity: Some Evidence from Halifax, Nova Scotia, 1900-1950," presented at "The History of the Canadian Legal Profession" conference, Osgoode Hall, Toronto, ON, October 2007 (also given at Dalhousie Law School faculty seminar, Nov. 2007) (with Jeffrey Haylock)
39. "Politics, Promotion, and Professionalism: Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Judicial Appointments," CLSA annual meeting, Saskatoon, SK, June 2007
40. "*Bora Laskin: Bringing Law to Life*," Book Talks series, Holy Blossom Temple, Toronto, ON, 5 December 2006
41. "Bora Laskin: Life, Legend, Legacy," University of Alberta Faculty of Law Visiting Speakers Series, Edmonton, AB, 21 September 2006
42. "Historical Perspectives on Contract Law," National Judicial Institute Judges' Seminar, Halifax, NS, May 2006
43. "Writing Bora Laskin," Toronto Legal History Group, November 2005
44. "Bora Laskin and the Making of Modern Canada," Lakehead University, November 2005
45. "Who's Afraid of Canadian Legal History?" CLSA annual meeting, Harrison Hot Springs, BC, June 2005 (also given to Dalhousie Law and History seminars)
46. "Historic Nova Scotia Courthouses," Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia, Halifax, NS, January 2005

47. "British Justice, English Law and Canadian Legal Culture," presented at contributors' roundtable, *Canada and the British Empire* project, Waterloo, ON, October 2004
48. Panelist at "Judicial Biography" session, Canadian Association of Law Teachers Annual Meeting, Winnipeg, MB, June 2004
49. "Sex and Society in the Sixties: the Legal Dimension," presented at "The Sixties: Style and Substance," McCord Museum, Montreal, QC, November 2003
50. "The Nova Scotia Supreme Court: Confederation to the 21st Century" given at "Courts, Communities and Conflict" conference, Halifax, NS, October 2003
51. "The Post-Confederation Supreme Court of Nova Scotia: Themes and Prospects," CLSA annual meeting, Dalhousie University, June 2003
52. "No Place Like Home: the Family Home, Law Reform and Human Rights," CALT annual meeting, Dalhousie University, June 2003 (with Heather Conway)
53. "Mapping the Rights Revolution in Postwar Canada," Dalhousie History Department seminar, February 2003
54. "Reflections on Judicial Biography" at Rand Symposium, University of New Brunswick Faculty of Law, January 2003
55. "The Many Lives and Times of W.Z. Estey," keynote talk at conference honouring W.Z. Estey (Supreme Court of Canada, 1977-88), Saskatoon, SK, November 2002
56. "Bora Laskin: Man, Myth, Memory" at Brock University Conference on Canadian Biography, St. Catharines, ON, November 2002
57. "Land Law, Liberalism and the Agrarian Ideal: British North America, 1750-1920" presented at "Property Rights in the Colonial Imagination and Experience" Victoria, BC, February 2001
58. "'I will not pin my faith to his sleeve': Beamish Murdoch, Joseph Howe, and Responsible Government Revisited" read before the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society, January 2001
59. "Professional Culture in Pre-Responsible Government Nova Scotia," Australia-New Zealand Legal History Society Biennial meeting, July 2000, Canberra, Australia

60. "Imperial Judges in Post-Colonial Context: Challenges of the New Judicial Biography," keynote address presented to Australia-New Zealand Legal History Society annual conference, July 2000, Canberra, Australia
61. "Bora Laskin Starting Out, Bora Laskin Looking Back: Narratives of Judicial Success," Canadian Law and Society Annual Meeting, Lake Louise, AB, June 2000

## **EXTERNAL ASSESSMENTS**

External reviewer for many Canadian law journals, plus

- *Canadian Historical Review*,
  - *Acadiensis*,
  - *Histoire Sociale/Social History*,
  - *Canadian Bulletin of Medical History*,
  - *Revue d'histoire de l'Amérique française*,
  - *MENS Revue d'histoire intellectuelle de l'Amérique française*,
  - *Journal of Canadian Studies*,
  - *British Journal of Canadian Studies*,
  - *Law & History Review*,
  - Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History,
  - University of Toronto Press,
  - Oxford University Press,
  - Cambridge University Press,
  - University of British Columbia Press,
  - McGill-Queen's University Press,
  - the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada,
  - the Humanities and Social Sciences Federation of Canada's Aid to Scholarly Publications Programme (ASPP),
  - Canada Council (Killam Scholars Program)
  - Québec Fonds pour la Formation de Chercheurs et l'Aide à la Recherche (FCAR).
- External assessor for cases of promotion and tenure at numerous Canadian law faculties and history departments.
  - External assessor for Senate Review of Common Law Section, University of Ottawa (March 2002)
  - External assessor for new LLM program at Université de Sherbrooke, Faculté de droit (April 2004)
  - External assessor for review of University of Victoria Law Library (April 2014)

**OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO RESEARCH**

- Chair, Law, Criminology & Socio-legal Studies Adjudication Committee, Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2008-11
- Member, College of Reviewers, Canada Research Chairs program, 2011-



## GRANTS

### External Grants

SSHRC Connection Grant	2018	to fund conference "Beyond Harvard: the Americanization of Legal Education"	\$25,000
SSHRC Standard Research Grant	2008	"Canadian Legal History, 1500-2000" (principal investigator; co-investigators Jim Phillips & Blake Brown)	\$137,500

<b>Institutional Grants</b> Osgoode @ York @ Fifty fund	2016	Douglas Hay Symposium	\$5,000
Osgoode Hall Law School Research Fellowship	Fall 2014	to assist with writing Quebec portion of legal history of Canada	One-term teaching release
Osgoode Society grant	2012	to assist with preparation of legal history of Canada	\$20,000
Osgoode Society grant	2010	in support of research on the reform of coverture in 20 <sup>th</sup> century Canada	\$3000
Dalhousie Research Development Fund (Humanities and Social Sciences)	2002, 2006, 2012	in support of ongoing projects	several grants of approx. \$3500
Osgoode Society	2002	in support of Bora Laskin biography	\$10,000
Foundation for Legal Research	2005	publication subsidy in support of <i>The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, 1754-2004</i>	10,000
Borden Ladner Gervais Fellowship	2007	for project entitled "Dealing with Adversity: the Halifax Bar, 1900-1950"	\$10,000

## GRADUATE SUPERVISIONS & EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

### Supervisor

- Chiodo, Suzanne, "Class Roots: The Genesis of the Ontario Class Proceedings Act, 1966-1993." Awarded the LLM degree by York University, June 2017
- Laurence, William. "'A Literary Man & a Merchant': the Literary Career of Sir William Young." Awarded the JSD degree by Dalhousie University, October 2009
- Palmater, Pamela. "Beyond Blood: Rethinking Aboriginal Identity and Belonging." Awarded the JSD degree by Dalhousie University, October 2009
- Steeves, David. "A Novel Approach to the Law: the Case for an Expanded Study of Canadian Law and Literature." Awarded the LLM degree by Dalhousie University, May 2009
- Brown, R. Blake. "The Jury, Politics and the State in Mid-Nineteenth-Century British North America: Reforms to Jury Systems in Nova Scotia and Upper Canada, 1825-1867." Awarded the PhD degree by Dalhousie University, October 2005
- Oxner, Sandra. "A Decade of Judicial Reform." Awarded the LLM degree by Dalhousie University, May 2001
- Wetzel, Gerry. "Decolonizing Ktaqmkuk Mi'kmaw History." Awarded the LLM degree by Dalhousie University, October 1996
- Veinott, Rebecca. "The Changing Legal Status of Women in Nova Scotia, 1850-1910." Awarded the MA degree by Dalhousie University October 1989

### External Examiner

- Rizzetti, Janine. "The Troubled Colonial Career of Justice John Walpole Willis." External examiner for PhD degree, LaTrobe University, Melbourne, AU (2015).
- Ogbogu, Ubaka, "Vaccination and the Law in Ontario and Nova Scotia, 1800-1924." External examiner for SJD degree, University of Toronto (2014).
- Frew, Charlotte. "Marriage to a Deceased Wife's Sister in Australia and England 1835-1907." External examiner for PhD degree, Macquarie University, Sydney, AU (2012).

- Morris, Grant. "Chief Justice James Prendergast and the Administration of New Zealand Colonial Justice, 1892-1899." External examiner for PhD degree, University of Waikato, NZ (2001)
- Odujirin, M.A. "History, Theory and the Definition of Wrong: The Limitations of Analytical Criminal Jurisprudence." External examiner for SJD degree, University of Toronto (1994).

### **CONFERENCES ORGANIZED**

1. local organizer, American Society for Legal History conference, Toronto, ON, October 2016 (co-organizer with Jim Phillips)
2. co-organizer, "Law, Authority, History: A Symposium in Honour of C. Douglas Hay," York University, Toronto, ON, May 2016
3. co-organizer, "Married Women and the Law in Britain, North America and the Common Law World," King's College, Halifax, NS, June 2011
4. "Courts, Communities and Conflict," Dalhousie Law School, in honour of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, October 2003
5. Local organizer for Canadian Association of Law Teachers and Canadian Law & Society Association annual meetings in context of Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences held at Dalhousie University, June 2003 (150 papers delivered)
6. Atlantic Law & History Workshop II, Dalhousie Law School, March 1995
7. Atlantic Law & History Workshop I, University of New Brunswick Faculty of Law, October 1989 (co-organized with D.G. Bell)

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Canadian Association of Law Teachers (v-p, 2002-03; president 2003-04)
- Canadian Law & Society Association (chair, program committee, Congress 2003, CLSA book prize committee, 2006)
- Canadian Historical Association
- American Society for Legal History (Surrency Prize Committee, 2004-07; John Phillip Reid Book Award Committee, 2010-13; Publications Committee, 2012 - 15; board of directors, 2016 -19)
- Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History