

CURRICULUM VITAE

a) NAME

LAWRENCE, Sonia N., Associate Professor, tenured.
Member of the Graduate Faculty: Yes

b) DEGREES

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| LL.M | Yale Law School, Yale University, U.S.A., 2001 |
| LL.B | University of Toronto (Joint LL.B/M.S.W. Programme), 1999 |
| M.S.W | Social Work, University of Toronto, (Joint programme), 1999 |
| B.A. | History/Sociology, University of Toronto, University College, 1995 (College Gold Medalist in Arts) |

c) EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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| 2006-2009 | Assistant Dean First Year |
| 2006 | Tenure and promotion to Associate Professor |
| 2001 – 2006 | Assistant Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, Ontario, Canada |
| 1999 – 2000 | Law Clerk to Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin, Supreme Court of Canada |
| 1998-1999 | Research Assistant to Professor Patrick Macklem, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto (part time) |
| May - July 1998 | Summer Associate Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, New York |
| 1997 – 1998 | Academic Support Program Tutor/Mentor Faculty of Law, University of Toronto |
| 1997 – 1998 | LL.B. /M.S.W. Practicum Student African Canadian Legal Clinic, Toronto |
| Summer 1997 | Instructor, Summer Minority Mentorship Program Faculty of Law, University of Toronto |
| Jan.1996-May 1996 | Social Work Practicum Student, Toronto Family Court Clinic (Young Offender Team), Clarke Institute of Psychiatry |

e) **SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Current

Group Applications and Test Cases Committee, Legal Aid Ontario, Member
Comments Editor, Canadian Journal of Women and the Law
Canadian Association of Law Teachers (CALT) Executive Member

May 2006- Group Applications and Test Cases Committee, Legal Aid Ontario, Member
June 2006- Comments Editor, Canadian Journal of Women and the Law
October 2005 African Canadian Legal Clinic Legal Subcommittee Member (Charkaoui Appeal Intervention)
July 2004- Canadian Association of Law Teachers (CALT) Executive Member
• Responsibility for Annual Conference Programme (Vancouver, BC, June 21-24, 2005)
• Local Organizer for Annual Conference (York University, Summer 2006)
• Vice President 2008-2009
• Executive Member, 2009-10
August 2004-2005 Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF) Subcommittee Member (Sharia Law)
June 2008 Women's Legal Education and Action Fund Monitoring Project Subcommittee Member

University Service and Administration (years begin & end in July)

2008 - 2009 Assistant Dean First Year
Curriculum Reform Working Group (Upper Year)
Standing Committee on Teaching and Learning
Admissions Committee
Management Committee
2007 - 2008 *[Parental Leave Sept 12, 2007-April 2, 2008]*
Assistant Dean – First Year
Curriculum Reform Working Group
Admissions Committee
Management Committee
2006 - 2007 Curriculum Reform Working Group
Admissions Committee
Management Committee

Standing Committee on Teaching and Learning

- 2005 *[Parental Leave Nov. 11, 2005- May 15 2006]*
Equality Committee Chair
Faculty Recruitment Committee
Strategic Planning Committee
Co- Clerkship Coordinator
- 2004 – 2005 Equality Committee Chair
Faculty Recruitment Committee
Academic Standing Committee
Tenure and Promotion Committee
Clerkship Coordinator
Building User Committee
- 2003- 2004 Parkdale Community Legal Services Board
- Personnel subcommittee (Chair)
 - Legal Aid Policy subcommittee
 - Student Education Working Group
- Membership and Community Participation subcommittee
- August 2003 Articling Hiring subcommittee
- Academic Standing Committee
Clerkship Coordinator
Building User Committee
- 2002 - 2003 Parkdale Community Legal Services Board
- Personnel subcommittee
 - August 2002 Articling Hiring subcommittee
 - August 2002 Immigration Lawyer Hiring subcommittee
- Tenure and Promotion Committee
Academic Standing Committee
- 2001 - 2002 Parkdale Community Legal Services Board
- Personnel Subcommittee
- First Year Curriculum Committee

f) GRADUATE SUPERVISIONS

Supervisor

Katherine Neufeld (LLM in progress)

Leigh Sprague (LLM, leave of absence)

Eyal Kimel (PhD, leave of absence)
Sandra Chu (LL.M. completed, November 2004)

Committee Member

Ph.D. Antoinette Clarke (in progress)
Ph.D. Ruthy Lazar (Completed June 2009)
Michael Antonik (LLM, Completed September 2008)
Ena Chadha (LLM, completed May 2008)
D. Jur. Kerry Taylor (Completed January 2007)
LL.M Lolita Buckner Inniss (completed 2006)
LL.M., Kirsten Manley-Casimir (completed 2005)

Other Participation

Chair PhD Oral Defence, Chantal Morton (May, 2009)
Dean’s Representative LLM Oral Defence, Amy Binder, (March, 2008)
Dean’s Representative Ph.D. Oral Defence, Deanna Santos (March 2004)
Chair LLM Oral Defence, Vidya Kumar (completed September 2002)

g) GRADUATE COURSES

N/A.

h) EXTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING

Jan. 2003 Court Challenges Program of Canada, Impact study of “Section 28”

i) INTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING

Dec. 2004 SSHRC C Research
For project on youth access to constitutional rights. Unable to take up funds due to illness and upcoming maternity leave.

Sept. 2004 SSHRC C Research
SSHRC internal small travel grant: For travel to University of Westminster for Critical Legal Conference to present “Swallowed Up” co authored paper on drug swallowers.

j) PUBLICATIONS

Life-time summary (**count**) according to the following categories:

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| - Books authored..... | 0 |
| - Books edited | 0 |
| - Chapters in books | 2 |
| - Papers in <i>refereed</i> journal..... | 3 |
| - Papers in <i>refereed</i> conference proceedings. | 0 |
| - Major invited contributions and/or technical reports..... | 5 |

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| - Abstracts and/or papers read..... | 11 |
| - Others (workshops presented) | 10 |

Chapters in Books

1. “Choice, Equality and Tales of Racial Discrimination: Reading the Supreme Court on Section 15” in Sheila McIntyre & Sanda Rodgers, eds., *Diminishing Returns: Inequality and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. (Markham: LexisNexis Butterworths, 2006) 115.
2. Chapter 23 Mobility Rights 1071-1102 in Leonard I. Rotman, Bruce P. Elman, Gerald L. Gall *Constitutional Law: Cases, Commentary and Principles* (Thompson Carswell 2008)
3. Reflections: On Judicial Diversity and Judicial Independence Forthcoming in Lorne Sossin and Adam Dodek, edited collection on *Judicial Independence* (submitted September 2008)

Papers in refereed journals

1. (Peer Review) Bakht, Natasha, Brooks, Kim, Calder, Gillian, Koshan, Jennifer, Lawrence, Sonia, Mathen, Carissima and Parkes, Debra L., *Counting Outsiders: A Critical Exploration of Outsider Course Enrollment in Canadian Legal Education*(2007). *Osgoode Hall Law Journal*, Vol. 45, No. 4, pp. 667-732, 2007 Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1121163>
2. (Peer Review) (with Toni Williams) (with Toni Williams) “Swallowed Up: Drug Couriers at the Borders of Canadian Sentencing”, *University of Toronto Law Journal* 56.4 (2006) 285-332.
3. (Peer Review) “Cultural (In)Sensitivity: The dangers of a simplistic approach to culture in the courtroom” (2001) *13 Canadian Journal of Women and the Law* 107. (29pp)
4. (Peer Review) “From Consultation to Reconciliation: Aboriginal Rights and the Crown’s Duty to Consult”, (2000) *79 Canadian Bar Review* 252. (with Patrick Macklem) (27 pp)

Major invited contributions and/or technical reports

1. Race Based Equality Arguments under the Charter: Is this Ground we want to break? (7700 words: written for the National Anti Racism Council of Canada, and to be included in its section 15 paper series, no information on publication)
2. "Feminism, Consequences, Accountability: Commentary on the 2004 Betcherman Lecture Feminism. Law and Public Policy: Family Feuds and Taxing Times" 42(4) Osgoode Hall Law Journal 583 (18 pp).
3. "A New Subtlety in Judicial Supremacy: Review of Constitutional Cases, the 2003-04 term" (2004) 26 Supreme Court Law Review 77 (69 pp).
4. "Harsh, perhaps misguided: Developments in Law 2002". (2003) 20 Supreme Court Law Review 93 (18 pp.). Section 15(1) at the Supreme Court 2001-2002: Caution and conflict in Defining "The Most Difficult Right" (2002) 16 Supreme Court Law Review 103.

Abstracts and/or papers read

1. "Race, Law and Section 15(2): Kapp, 2 ways." Presented at The McLachlin Court's First Decade: Reflections on the Past and Projections for the Future, CBA Constitutional and Human Rights Law Conference. June 19, 2009. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.
2. "What's under Kapp? History, advocacy, and "reverse racism" at the Supreme Court of Canada." Presented at 2008 Constitutional Cases Conference. Osgoode Hall (Professional Development Centre), April 18, 2009. Toronto, Ontario Canada.
3. Panelist at "Rethinking Separate but Equal: A Discussion of Equality and Afrocentric Schools." March 10, 2009. Faculty of Law, University of Toronto.
4. Have Women Judges Made a Difference to Judicial Independence? March 2, 2009 Presented at International Women's Day Law Forum: Have Women Judges Made a Difference? Law Society of Upper Canada, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
5. (with others) Counting Outsiders: A Critical Exploration of Outsider Course Enrollment in Canadian Legal Education. May 28, 2008. Presented at CALT Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
6. What Do Students Want, and Why? Trends in Course Choice in Canadian Law Schools. September 7, 2007. Presented at Feminist Friday, Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, Ontario Canada.
7. Choosing equality? Working with the Supreme Court's new equality discourse." Presented at Strategizing Systemic Inequality Claims: Equality Rights and the Charter, organized by the Human Rights Research and Education

Centre and the Shirley Greenberg Professorship in Women and the Legal Profession University of Ottawa - Faculty of Law Common Law Section, March 11- 12, 2005.

8. "Swallowed Up: Drug Couriers at the Borders of Canadian Sentencing" Presented at Critical Legal Conference, Westminster University, London, U.K., September 3-5 2004.
9. "Section 28 of the Charter and Women's Citizenship" Presented in Identity and Law panel at Canadian Association of Law Teachers Annual Meeting, Winnipeg Manitoba, June 1, 2004.
10. "The promise and peril of section 28". Presentation at LEAF Law Project Colloquium, September 2003, Toronto.
11. "The Bureaucratization of Poverty Law". Panel member at Connections and Directions Legal Aid Ontario conference, June 25, 2003 Hamilton Ontario.
12. "Harsh, perhaps misguided: Developments in Law, 2002." Presentation at Constitutional Cases Conference: Sixth Annual Analysis of the Constitutional Decisions of the Supreme Court of Canada, April 4, 2003.
13. "Welfare Administration" Presentation at Joint Meetings of the CLSA and Law and Society Association. Vancouver, May 2002.
14. "Section 15(1), analogous grounds, and poverty." Presentation at The Charter at 20. Toronto, April 2002.
15. "Section 15(1) at the Supreme Court of Canada 2001." Presentation at 2001 Constitutional Cases Conference. Toronto, April 2002.
16. "The Dangers of A Simplistic Approach to Culture in the Courtroom" Feminist Perspectives on the Criminal Law, Legal Dimensions Lecture Series, Osgoode Hall Law School. October 11, 2001.
17. "s.15 Equality Analysis and Remedies" at the Second African Canadian Preparatory Conference for WCAR. Toronto, July 28 2001

Others (e.g. workshops presented, other types of publications)

1. (with Shin Imai) What do our students say about how we teach writing? June 22, 2009. Interactive workshop presented at The Write Stuff: Teaching Writing at Osgoode (Osgoode Course Design Institute 2009).
2. Book review of Robert Post et al "Prejudicial Appearances: The Logic of American Antidiscrimination Law" 2004 Osgoode Hall Law Journal 41, 180 (9 pp).

Consultations/Panels

1. "What makes a faculties good places for women?" Panelist/Commentary at Feminist Sociological Scholars Workshop, Carlton University, Ottawa, Ontario Canada, May 22, 2009.
2. Feminist Friday, Commentator on three papers presented, September 12, 2008, Osgoode Hall Faculty of Law.
3. African Canadian Legal Clinic, National Consultation on Anti-terrorism Measures in Canada. Consultee. Toronto, February 2005.
4. "The Future of Feminist Legal Scholarship" Panelist. Workshop: Feminism and Research and Teaching in law for Feminist law Faculty. Institute for Feminist Legal Studies, Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto April 30, 2004.
5. Court Challenges National Consultation, Poverty Law Brainstorming Session. Panel Member. Ottawa, November 2004.
6. African Canadian Legal Clinic National Roundtable Consultation: Racism and State Misconduct: Accountability and Equality. Consultee. Toronto, September 2002
7. "The next twenty years..." Panelist at Symposium Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Charter (CLE program co sponsored by Ministry of the Attorney General & the Law Society of Upper Canada). Toronto, April 2002.
8. "Roundtable: The intersections of gender, race and class in the Third World at Conference: The "Third" World and the International Order: Law, Politics and Globalization." Discussant. Osgoode Hall Law School, York University October 13, 2001.

Other Presentations

1. "Law meets History: Aboriginal Rights and Historical Proof" Presentation to history students at Riverdale C.I., Toronto. April 28 2004
2. "Women of Colour in the Law". Panelist. Panel sponsored by Osgoode Hall Women's Caucus at Osgoode Hall. February 2003.
3. "Using Websites in Teaching" Presentation at Technology Enhanced Learning Workshop presented by York University Centre for the Support of Teaching.