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English, French
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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

Honorary Fellow, American Society for Legal History, 2011
Canadian Historical Society: *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

- 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; Torts; Canadian Legal History

PROFESSIONAL WORK HISTORY

- 2010-2013 Chair, Nova Scotia Teachers' Pension Plan Appeals Committee
 2008-2013 Member, Minister's List of Arbitrators (Nova Scotia *Trade Union Act*)
 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 *Land Registration Act*); 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 *Nickerson v Canada (Attorney General)* (2000), 185 NSR (2d) 36
 1995-1997 Legal Research Counsel, Law Reform Commission of Nova Scotia
 1995 Called to bar of Nova Scotia

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. *Property Law: Cases and Commentary*, 3d ed. (Toronto: Emond Montgomery, 2014) (second author with Mary Jane Mossman) (823 pp)
2. *Lawyers and Legal Culture in British North America: Beamish Murdoch of Halifax* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press for the Osgoode Society, 2011) (279 pp)
3. *Bora Laskin: Bringing Law to Life* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press for the Osgoode Society, 2005, reissued with a new preface 2013) (646 pp)
4. 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 pp); co-author (with Jim Phillips) of "Introduction" to same.
5. 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 pp); co-author (with Jim Phillips) of "Introduction" to same.

Book Chapters (refereed unless otherwise noted)

1. "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)
2. "The Newfoundland-Canada Relationship Through the Lens of Legal History: Imitation, Influence, or Indifference?" in *Discourse and Discovery*, 317-27 (not refereed)
3. "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)
4. "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

5. "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
6. "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
7. "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
8. "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
9. "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
10. "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
11. "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
12. "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
13. "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

14. "The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia: from Confederation to the 21st Century" in *The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, 1754-2004*, 140-203
15. "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
16. "History and Development of Equity," in Mark Gillen and Faye Woodman, eds., *Trusts: A Contextual Approach* (Toronto: Emond Montgomery, 2000) (2d ed., 2008), 41-72
17. "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
18. "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
19. "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
20. "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
21. "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
22. "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. "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)

2. "The Making of the Canadian Legal Profession: A Hybrid Heritage" (2014) 21 *International Journal of the Legal Profession* 145-69
3. "'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
4. "Rethinking 'the Nation' in National Legal History: A Canadian Perspective" (2011) 29 *Law & History Review* 607-626 (with Jim Phillips)
5. "Who's Afraid of Canadian Legal History?" (2007) 57 *University of Toronto Law Journal* 727-53
6. "'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)
7. "Judging Lives: Judicial Biography from Hale to Holmes" (2003) 7 *Australian Journal of Legal History* 87-106
8. "'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
9. "The Maritime Provinces, 1850-1939: Lawyers and Legal Institutions" (1996) 23 *Manitoba Law Journal* 380-405
10. "The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, Responsible Government, and the Quest for Legitimacy, 1850-1920" (1994) 17 *Dalhousie Law Journal* 429-457
11. "Why Canada Has No Family Policy: Lessons From France and Italy" (1994) 32 *Osgoode Hall Law Journal* 579-611.
12. "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
13. "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)
14. "'His life was one continual warfare': John Thomas Bulmer, Lawyer, Librarian and Social Reformer" (1990) 12 *Dalhousie Law Journal* 376-405
15. "Some Preliminary Observations on the Rise and Fall of Urban Justice in Halifax" (1988) 8 *Nova Scotia Historical Review* 57-71 (non-refereed)

16. "From Subversion to Liberation: Homosexuals and the Immigration Act 1952-1977" (1987) 2 *Canadian Journal of Law and Society* 1-27
17. "The Protection of the Rights of Homosexuals under the International Law of Human Rights: European Perspectives" (1986) 4 *Canadian Human Rights Yearbook* 3-24
18. "Sexual Orientation as a Human Rights Issue in Canada 1969-1985" (1986) 10 *Dalhousie Law Journal* 267-281
19. "Concubines and Cohabitees: A Comparative Look at 'Living Together'" (1983) 28 *McGill Law Journal* 977-1014
20. "Good Faith in Contract Performance: Principle or Placebo?" (1983) 5 *Supreme Court Law Review* 309-327
21. "An Expedition to the Frontiers of Nuisance" (1980) 25 *McGill Law Journal* 565-597

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) (primary responsibility for research and drafting)

Book Reviews

I.C.F. Spry, *The Principles of Equitable Remedies*, 2d ed. (1980); Michel Poirier, ed., *Droit québécois de l'aménagement du territoire* (1983); Robert D. Bureau and Pierre MacKay, eds., *Le droit dans tous ses états, La question du droit au Québec 1970-87* (1987); W.W. Pue and Barry Wright, *Canadian Perspectives on Law & Society: Issues in Legal History* (1988); Beth Bilson, *The Canadian Law of Nuisance* (1991); Gordon Bale, *Chief Justice William Johnstone*

Ritchie (1991); Ian Bushnell, *The Captive Court. A Study of the Supreme Court of Canada* (1992); F. Murray Greenwood, *Legacies of Fear. Law and Politics in Quebec in the Era of the French Revolution* (1993); Tina Loo, *Making Law, Order, and Authority in British Columbia, 1821-1871* (1994); Christopher Moore, *The Law Society of Upper Canada and Ontario's Lawyers 1797-1997* (1997); Stephen Waddams, *Sexual Slander in Nineteenth-Century England: Defamation in the Ecclesiastical Courts, 1815-1855* (2000); Laurel Sefton MacDowell, *Renegade Lawyer: The Life of J.L. Cohen* (2001); R.C.B. Risk, *A History of Canadian Legal Thought* (2006); Ari Kaplan, *Pension Law* (2006); Christopher Tomlins and Michael Grossberg, eds., *Cambridge History of Law in America* (2008); Michel Ducharme, *Le concept de liberté au Canada à l'époque des Révolutions atlantiques* (2010); John McLaren, *Dewigged, Bothered, and Bewildered: British Colonial Judges on Trial, 1800-1900* (2011);

Reviews in *Literary Review of Canada*: 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); Frederick Vaughan, *Aggressive in Pursuit: The Life of Emmett Hall* (January 2005); A.J.B. Johnston, *Endgame 1758: The Promise, the Glory, and the Despair of Louisbourg's Last Decade* (October 2008); Fred Kaufman, *Searching for Justice: An Autobiography* (June 2010); Allan Hutchinson, *Is Eating People Wrong? Great Legal Cases and How they Shaped the World* (May 2011); Frédéric Bastien, *La Bataille de Londres: dessous, secrets et coulisses du rapatriement constitutionnel* (September 2013)

Other

1. Doctoral thesis entitled "Patriot Jurist: Beamish Murdoch of Halifax, 1800-1876" (Dalhousie University, 1998)
2. 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)
3. Entries for the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (U.K.) on Emma Stirling (1838-1907); Sir Lyman Poore Duff (1865-1955)
4. Editor of the *Dalhousie Law Journal*, a refereed academic journal, 1997-2000; 2006-10, 2012-13
5. bimonthly column, "That's History" in *Law Times* (2011 -)

CONFERENCE PAPERS and OTHER ADDRESSES (since 2000 only)

"At the Crossroads of Fusion: British North America/Canada, 1800-2000," Equity and Law: Fusion and Fission, Cambridge University, UK, August 2016

- “Writing a Legal History of Canada,” Ontario Ministry of Attorney-General, 30 November 2015 (with Jim Phillips)
- “Newfoundland’s Constitution from Contact to King William’s Act,” Sir Richard Whitbourne Quatercentennial Symposium, Trinity, NL, June 2015
- “The Newfoundland-Canada Relationship through the Lens of Legal History: Imitation, Influence or Indifference?” Sir Richard Whitbourne Quatercentennial Symposium, Trinity, NL, June 2015
- “Disorienting: Towards a Legal History of North America,” keynote address to American Society of Legal History, Denver, CO, November 2014
- “A History of Law in Canada, chapter 2,” Toronto Legal History Group, February 2014
- “Writing Canadian Legal History: Origins,” DeLloyd Guth Visiting Lecture in Legal History, University of Manitoba Faculty of Law, Winnipeg, MB, February 2013
- “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
- “Beginnings: Chartered Enterprises and Canadian Legal History,” Maclean Lecture, University of Victoria Faculty of Law, Victoria, BC, October 2012
- “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
- “Empires, Law and First Nations in Northern North America, 1500-1713,” keynote address to Canadian Law & Society annual meeting, Waterloo, ON, May 2012
- “The Canadian Legal Profession: Clone, Hybrid, or Mutant?” James Lewtas Lecture, Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, ON, Nov. 2011
- “The Supreme Court of Canada’s *Patriation Reference*: Context, Impact, Legacy” The Patriation Negotiations Conference, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Nov. 2011
- “‘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
- “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
- “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, Jan. 2011
- “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, UoT Centre for Criminology, Mar. 2011)
- “Judging and Jewish Identity: the Case of Bora Laskin” presented at “Judging: the Relevance of Jewish Identity,” Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel, Dec. 2010
- “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, Nov. 2010

- "Revolution and the Legal Profession in North America, 1750-1950" Canadian Law & Society annual meeting, Montreal, QC, June 2010
- "*Galbraith v. Madawaska Club*" presented at workshop for contributors to *Property Law Stories* collection, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, June 2010
- "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, Jan. 2010
- "The Future of Canadian Legal History in a Smaller, Hotter World" Osgoode Society 30th Anniversary Symposium, Toronto, ON, Oct. 2009
- "Re-thinking 'the Nation' in National Legal History: A Canadian Perspective," 19th British Legal History Conference, University of Exeter, UK, July 2009
- "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, Feb. 2009
- "*Harrison v. Carswell: Law's Labour's Lost?*" presented at "Putting Law to Work" conference, Victoria, BC, June 2008
- "Liberty in Canadian History: Contradiction or Catchword?" Liberty Fund Symposium, "Liberty and Cultural Transmission in the British Empire," Cincinnati, OH, Nov. 2007
- "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, Oct. 2007 (also given at Dalhousie Law School faculty seminar, Nov. 2007)(with Jeffrey Haylock)
- "Politics, Promotion, and Professionalism: Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Judicial Appointments," CLSA annual meeting, Saskatoon, SK, June 2007
- "*Bora Laskin: Bringing Law to Life*," Book Talks series, Holy Blossom Temple, Toronto, ON, 5 Dec. 2006
- "Bora Laskin: Life, Legend, Legacy," University of Alberta Faculty of Law Visiting Speakers Series, Edmonton, AB, 21 Sept. 2006
- "Historical Perspectives on Contract Law," National Judicial Institute Judges' Seminar, Halifax, NS, May 2006
- "Writing Bora Laskin," Toronto Legal History Group, Nov. 2005
- "Bora Laskin and the Making of Modern Canada," Lakehead University, Nov. 2005
- "Who's Afraid of Canadian Legal History?" CLSA annual meeting, Harrison Hot Springs, BC, June 2005 (also given to Dalhousie Law and History seminars)
- "Historic Nova Scotia Courthouses," Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia, Halifax, NS, Jan. 2005
- "British Justice, English Law and Canadian Legal Culture," presented at contributors' roundtable, *Canada and the British Empire* project, Waterloo, ON, Oct. 2004
- Panelist at "Judicial Biography" session, Canadian Association of Law Teachers Annual Meeting, Winnipeg, MB, June 2004
- "Sex and Society in the Sixties: the Legal Dimension," presented at "The Sixties: Style and Substance," McCord Museum and UQAM, Montreal, QC, Nov. 2003

- “The Nova Scotia Supreme Court: Confederation to the 21st Century” given at “Courts, Communities and Conflict” conference, Halifax, NS, Oct. 2003
- “The Post-Confederation Supreme Court of Nova Scotia: Themes and Prospects,” CLSA annual meeting, Dalhousie University, June 2003
- “No Place Like Home: the Family Home, Law Reform and Human Rights,” CALT annual meeting, Dalhousie University, June 2003 (with Heather Conway)
- “Mapping the Rights Revolution in Postwar Canada,” Dalhousie History Department seminar, Feb. 2003
- “Reflections on Judicial Biography” at Rand Symposium, University of New Brunswick Faculty of Law, Jan. 2003
- “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, Nov. 2002
- “Bora Laskin: Man, Myth, Memory” at Brock University Conference on Canadian Biography, St. Catharines, ON, Nov. 2002
- “Land Law, Liberalism and the Agrarian Ideal: British North America, 1750-1920” presented at “Property Rights in the Colonial Imagination and Experience” Victoria, BC, Feb. 2001
- “‘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, Jan. 2001
- “Professional Culture in Pre-Responsible Government Nova Scotia,” Australia-New Zealand Legal History Society Biennial meeting, July 2000, Canberra, Australia
- “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
- “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 the *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*, the Osgoode Society, 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), the Canada Council (Killam Scholars Program) and the 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 LL.M. 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

- * Osgoode Hall Law School Research Fellowship (teaching release, fall 2014) to assist with writing Quebec portion of legal history of Canada
- * Osgoode Society grant of \$20,000 to assist with preparation of legal history of Canada
- * Osgoode Society grant of \$3000 in support of research on the reform of coverture in 20th century Canada
- * SSHRC Standard Research Grant of \$137,500 awarded in 2008 for project “Canadian Legal History, 1500-2000” (principal investigator; co-investigators Jim Phillips & Blake Brown)
- * several grants of approx. \$3500 each from Dalhousie Research Development Fund (Humanities and Social Sciences)
- * approximately \$10,000 from Osgoode Society in support of Bora Laskin biography
- * publication subsidy of \$10,000 from Foundation for Legal Research in support of *The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, 1754-2004*
- * three SSHRC grants for Occasional Scholarly Conferences (1989, 1995, 2003)
- * Borden Ladner Gervais Fellowship (2007) (\$10,000) for project entitled “Dealing with Adversity: the Halifax Bar, 1900-1950”

GRADUATE SUPERVISIONS & EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

- *Rizzetti, Janine. “The Troubled Colonial Career of Justice John Walpole Willis.” External examiner for the PhD degree, LaTrobe University, Melbourne, AU (2015).
- *Ogbogu, Ubaka, “Vaccination and the Law in Ontario and Nova Scotia, 1800-1924.” External examiner for the SJD degree, University of Toronto, September 2014.
- *Frew, Charlotte. “Marriage to a Deceased Wife’s Sister in Australia and England 1835-1907.” External examiner for Ph.D. degree, Macquarie University, Sydney, AU (2012).
- *Laurence, William. “‘A Literary Man & a Merchant’: the Literary Career of Sir William Young.” Awarded the JSD degree by Dalhousie University, October 2009 (supervisor).

*Palmater, Pamela. "Beyond Blood: Rethinking Aboriginal Identity and Belonging." Awarded the J.S.D. degree by Dalhousie University, October 2009 (supervisor).

*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 (supervisor).

* 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, October 2005 (supervisor).

* 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)

* Oxner, Sandra. "A Decade of Judicial Reform." Awarded the LLM degree by Dalhousie University, May 2001 (supervisor).

* Wetzel, Gerry. "Decolonizing Ktaqmkuk Mi'kmaw History." Awarded the LLM degree by Dalhousie University, October 1996 (supervisor).

* Odujirin, M.A. "History, Theory and the Definition of Wrong: The Limitations of Analytical Criminal Jurisprudence." External examiner for SJD degree, University of Toronto, January 1994.

* Veinott, Rebecca. "The Changing Legal Status of Women in Nova Scotia, 1850-1910." Awarded the MA degree by Dalhousie University October 1989 (joint supervisor).

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

1. co-organizer, "Law, Authority, History: A Symposium in Honour of C. Douglas Hay," York University, Toronto, ON, May 2016
2. co-organizer, "Married Women and the Law in Britain, North America and the Common Law World," King's College, Halifax, NS, June 2011
3. "Courts, Communities and Conflict," Dalhousie Law School 3-4 October 2003 in honour of the 250th anniversary of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia
4. 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)
5. Atlantic Law & History Workshop II, March 1995, Dalhousie Law School
6. Atlantic Law & History Workshop I, October 1989, University of New Brunswick Faculty of Law (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 -)
- National Advisory Board, *Canadian Historical Review*
- Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History
- Nova Scotia Barristers' Society (non-practising member)