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ANNUAL REPORT**



# **OSGOODE HALL LAW SCHOOL OF YORK UNIVERSITY**



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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

**Our 2019-20 fiscal year, which covers the period May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020 and is highlighted in this annual report, could be described as the calm before the storm.**

The Law School enjoyed a steady and productive period of normal activity for the first 10 months of the fiscal year, then the COVID-19 pandemic struck, and a more intense and sometimes uncertain period of activity ensued.

I am extremely proud of our faculty, students and staff for the ways in which they have risen to the challenge of adjusting to the new coronavirus reality, shifting seamlessly in mid-March to an online teaching and learning environment and working from home.

Classes at Osgoode will be predominately online during the fall 2020 and winter 2021 terms and the School's remote synchronous learning facilitator program will assist our faculty to deliver a meaningful online teaching and learning experience to our students.

You will read about our successful transition to online remote learning in these pages and see how, for example, we are using technology such as the videoconferencing system Zoom for classes and meetings as well as research collaboration, PhD defenses and conferences.

We recognize that the pandemic has caused not only mental stress but unanticipated, significant financial hardship for some students. I am pleased to report that the Law School was able to create a \$250,000 fund to assist returning JD students who had lost income or had unexpected expenses since March 15, 2020 that were directly attributed to COVID-19. It was also great to be able to offer some socially distanced, in-person classes for first-year students in our Ethical Lawyering in a Global Community course in the first term of the 2020-21 academic year.

Going forward, I know that the Osgoode community will continue to join together, demonstrating not only our resiliency but also our deep commitment to our shared goals and priorities. Thank you to all our students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends for being the lifeblood of the School.

**Mary Condon**  
Dean

# ADMISSIONS & STUDENT SERVICES (JD PROGRAM)

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Winter 2020 Term

On March 17, 2020, in response to the growing concern surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office of Admissions & Student Services moved its operations to a remote, “work-from-home” environment. Our staff continued to provide virtually all of our services and supports to students, save and except for the hard copy printing of transcripts. The Programs & Records Office quickly went to work planning for a remote and online April exam period, working closely with Osgoode’s Information Technology Services staff to allow for remote exam pick-up and submission. The Career Development Office stayed in close contact with students as they adjusted to changes to their summer job or internship opportunities. The CDO also worked with legal employers and other Ontario law schools in developing an adjusted timeline and process for articling and summer student recruitment for the 2020-21 hiring season. These changes were then adopted by the Law Society of Ontario. The Financial Services Office was able to successfully complete the “winter funding” exercise and these additional bursaries were dispersed to students on time. The FSO also administered a special, COVID-19 related “Printing Fund” to provide financial support to students whose access to printing services was disrupted by the pandemic. The Office of Experiential Education worked closely with the Director of Clinical Education on efforts to shift to an online learning and legal service delivery model for the remainder of the inter 2020 term – which will carry forward for students that have placements/summer jobs with our clinical partners over the summer months. Finally, our Admissions Office pressed ahead with the final stages of our application review process, building an exceptional and diverse Class of 2023. Admissions staff expanded their outreach efforts to the incoming class in order to keep them informed and engaged as we moved toward the start of the new academic year in what is likely to be an online, remote learning environment.

### Indigenous Initiatives

In April 2019, the Osgoode Indigenous Students’ Association (OISA) and the Osgoode Hall Law Journal co-hosted Indigenous legal experts Paul Chartrand, Gordon Christie, Naomi Metallic, and Sara Mainville for a special issue workshop. In conjunction with convocation, we also hosted our annual Honouring Ceremony for Indigenous graduates with special guest and mentor Justice Harry LaForme. Fall is always an exciting time, as we organize Anishinaabe Law Camps in partnership with two First Nation communities. The Anishinaabe Law Camps seek to build an Anishinaabe renaissance that supports Indigenous communities in reclaiming and practising Indigenous legal orders, while working toward decolonization and reconciliation within Canadian legal processes. This year, Neyaashiinigmiing and Rama First Nation hosted approximately 50 learners each. Osgoode sent a large cohort of Indigenous student delegates to the annual Indigenous Bar Association meeting in October 2019, where newly appointed Cree Professor Jeffrey Hewitt was a keynote speaker. Winter brought major upheaval for the Wet’suwet’en Nation; the conflict sparked protests across the entire country. In partnership with the University of Windsor Faculty of Law, faculty and students hosted a well attended teach-in at the beginning of March 2020 on this important land dispute, answering complex questions.



*Orange Shirt Day, September 30, 2019, at Osgoode. The annual event is designed to educate people and promote awareness of the Canadian Indian residential school system and its negative impact on Indigenous communities for more than a century.*

## JD PROGRAM ADMISSIONS

### JD AND COMBINED JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS ADMISSION – FIRST YEAR

PROGRAM	APPLIED		OFFERED		ACCEPTED	
	FA2018	FA2019	FA2018	FA2019	FA2018	FA2019
JD	2953	2759	584	619	292	310
JD/MBA	81	126	9	6	5	4
JD/MES	54	40	1	5	1	2
JD/MA (Philosophy)	50	57	0	2	0	1

\*2019 data updated as of June 12, 2020

### COMBINED JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS ADMISSION – SECOND YEAR

PROGRAM	APPLIED		OFFERED		ACCEPTED	
	FA2018	FA2019	FA2018	FA2019	FA2018	FA2019
JD/MBA	NA	13	10	13	10	12
JD/MES	NA	NA	0	0	0	0
JD/MA (Philosophy)	NA	NA	0	0	0	0

### JD AND COMBINED JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS ENROLLED

PROGRAM	FA2018	FA2019
JD – 1L	314*	316
JD – 2L	304*	314
JD – 3L	326**	302
JD – 4L	3	3
JD/MBA	72	60
JD/MES	11	7
JD/MA	3	4
JD/LLB (Civil)	3	3

\*includes joint program students registered as inactive

\*\*does not include JD/LLB (Civil) students

## EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION & CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Osgoode has increased its focus on hands-on learning opportunities for students, which has put experiential education in the forefront.

### CLINICAL & INTENSIVE PROGRAMS

	2018-2019	2019-2020
Number of Clinics & Intensives	16	16
Number of students enrolled	256	251

### PRAXICUM COURSES

	2018-2019	2019-2020
Praxicum approved courses	39	35

### SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

	2019	2020
Ian Scott Public Interest Internships	10	10

Through the Ian Scott Public Interest Internship Awards, students who are passionate about social justice are able to participate in summer placements with organizations that align with their legal interests and longer-term career goals. Awards were given out allowing students to spend the summer of 2020 working with the following organizations:

- ARCH Disability Law Centre (Toronto)
- Fair Change (Toronto)
- Daily Bread Food Bank (Toronto)
- Human Rights Legal Support Centre (Toronto)
- Canadian Constitution Foundation (Toronto)
- Chinese Canadian National Council (Toronto)
- Matthew House (Toronto)
- Justice for Children & Youth (Toronto)
- The Sentencing and Parole Project (Toronto)
- The Barbra Schlifer Clinic (Toronto)

The following is a list of additional summer internships awarded:

	2019	2020
Betcherman Feminist Legal Internship	1	1
CAMH Corporate Internship	1 (now part of the Hennick Centre Business Law Internships)	1 (now part of the Hennick Centre Business Law Internships)
UHN Corporate Internships	1 (new for 2019 and part of the Hennick Centre Business Law Internships)	1 (part of the Hennick Centre Business Law Internships)
Kreppner Internship in Advocacy/Patient Rights	2	2
McCarthy Tétrault Business Law Internship	5	5
John Plater '96 Memorial Internship	2	2
Victor Internships in Environmental Law	2	2
Lisus Social Justice Internship	1	1
Lenczner Slaght Social Justice Internship	1	1
Debwewin Aboriginal Internship	3	3
Law Commission of Ontario	-	3
Forum Equity	-	1

## OSGOODE PUBLIC INTEREST REQUIREMENT (OPIR)

	2019-2020	
# of OPIR organizations offering placements	370+	370+
# of students registered with OPIR:		
Class of 2019	321	-
Class of 2020	124	298
Class of 2021	34	39
Class of 2022	-	40

## STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

As part of the Law School's commitment to experiential education, wide arrays of opportunities are available, and students are encouraged to participate in law-related volunteer work that is in the public interest.

	2018-2019	2019-2020
# of PBSC projects:	56	72
# of PBSC student volunteers:	203	223
# of LAWS student volunteers:	35	55
# of CLASP student volunteers:	109 (22 caseworkers, 87 intake)	127 (26 caseworkers, 101 intake)

## JD CLASS OF 2019 GRADUATION SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS

(As of April 1, 2020, 296 students reporting out of a class of 320)

Secured articles (or associate positions in jurisdictions without an articling requirement) including:	280
Private Practice	
Clerkships (if clerkship fulfills articling requirement)	
Public Interest	
Government	
Business/Industry	
Other employer	
Still seeking articles	7 (as of April 1, 2020)
Students not seeking articles	9 (1 non-traditional, 1 other, 7 in LSO Law Practice Program)
Students pursuing graduate studies/LLM	
Students deferring articles to next academic year	
Students pursuing non-traditional career	
Students enrolled in the LSO's Law Practice Program	
Other	
Employment status unreported	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>320</b>

*\*Of the 280 articling/associate positions confirmed, 15 are Clerkships. 4 of the 15 students to serve in the 2020-21 clerkship year.*

Supreme Court of Canada: 2 students (both to serve in the 2020-21 clerkship year)

Federal Court of Canada: 4 students (2 of 4 to serve in the 2020-21 clerkship year)

Ontario Court of Appeal: 1 student

Ontario Superior Court: 4 students

Ontario Superior Court – Divisional Court: 1 student

Quebec Court of Appeal: 1 student



**EXCHANGE/INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

	STUDENTS (2018)	STUDENTS (2019)	INSTITUTIONS (2018)	INSTITUTIONS (2019)
<b>Outgoing (Summer)</b>	15	7	2	1
<b>Outgoing (Fall/Winter)</b>	32	30	11 (plus 1 York International [YI] partner)	11 (plus 1 York International [YI] partner)
<b>Incoming</b>	56	50	18 (plus 1 YI partner)	20 (plus 1 YI partner)

**Osgoode's Exchange Partners:**

- Monash University, Australia
- São Paulo Law School of Fundação Getulio Vargas (Direito GV), Brazil
- Université de Montréal, Canada
- University of Concepcion, Chile
- University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- Chinese University of Hong Kong, China
- University of Hong Kong, China
- Tsinghua University, China
- Université Paul Cézanne, Aix Marseilles III, France
- Bucerius Law School, Germany
- University of Delhi, India
- O.P. Jindal Global University, India
- Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland
- University College Dublin, Ireland
- Bar Ilan University, Israel
- Hebrew University, Israel
- Waseda University, Japan
- University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg
- University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Maastricht University, Netherlands
- Vrije Universiteit, Netherlands
- University of Edinburgh, Scotland
- University of Strathclyde, Scotland
- National University of Singapore, Singapore
- University of St. Gallen, Switzerland
- University of Kent, United Kingdom
- Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom

## STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES

PROGRAM	TOTAL FUNDS AWARDED 2019-2020
Fall Bursaries	\$2,788,630
Winter Funding	\$1,021,250
Entrance Scholarships (Students entering Sept. 2019)	\$290,450
Upper-Year Scholarships (For performance 2018-2019)	\$421,475
Income Contingent Loan Program (loan portion only)	\$196,016
Graduation Awards (awarded in June 2019)	\$96,000
Medals & Prizes (awarded in June 2020)	Approx. \$84,909
Work Study/RA Positions	\$50,000
Chamber Mentorships	\$9,000
International Legal Partnership	\$12,000
Moot Funding	\$7,540
Ian Scott Public Interest Internship Program	\$92,500
Other Internships**	\$210,000
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AWARDED</b>	<b>\$5,194,861</b>

\*\*Note: Other Internships include the following:

Barbara Betcherman Award	\$10,000
CAMH Corporate Internship	\$10,000
Debwewin Internship	\$30,000
Forum Equity Partners ICLP Summer Internship	\$10,000
Kreppner Internship in Advocacy/Patient Rights	\$20,000
LCO Student Scholar Fellowship (distributed in May 2020)	\$15,000
Lenczner Slaght Advocacy Internship	\$7,500
Eric and Edna Lisus Social Justice Internship	\$10,000
McCarthy Tétrault LLP Business Law Internship	\$50,000
Osgoode Internship Award	\$7,500
John Plater '96 Memorial Internship	\$20,000
Victor Internships in Environmental Law	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$210,000</b>

## STUDENT SUCCESS AND WELLNESS

The Student Success and Wellness Counsellors continued to provide individualized counselling services to Osgoode students throughout the academic year to support them with a range of complex and intersecting personal, mental health, substance use, and wellness issues. In the context of COVID-19, the Student Success and Wellness Counsellors quickly developed and launched a best practice informed model of virtual counselling in which high-quality counselling services continued to be offered remotely to Osgoode students without a disruption to service. Counsellors tailored and customized their interventions with students to be responsive to the unique mental health needs that emerged during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Student Success and Wellness Counsellors offered education, information and outreach regarding COVID specific wellness to students via virtual education and through the co-creation of COVID-specific wellness resources for students that were posted on the Osgoode student webpage.

The Student Success and Wellness service underwent staffing transitions this year. A new full-time Counsellor Supervisor was recruited and hired to replace the outgoing Counsellor Supervisor. The Student Success and Wellness service provided a counselling practicum for a racialized counselling intern and a racialized student has been offered the counselling intern practicum placement for the upcoming academic year.

A collaborative and supportive partnership was established between the Osgoode Student Success and Wellness Counsellor Supervisor and the Director of York University – Student Counselling and Development Service, the Manager of Graduate Student Wellness Services, and the Manager of Student Accessibility, Well-Being & Counselling at Glendon. This partnership across counselling and wellness departments has led to the development of a collegial network that provides opportunities to: share best practices for clinical and operational issues in the area of Counselling and Wellness; share resources and facilitate referrals for students across programs as needed; provide each other with peer consultation and support on leadership, systemic, operational and clinical issues; to identify areas for collaboration on clinical services, program quality improvement initiatives; to share opportunities for training and educating counselling interns; to collaborate on staff development opportunities.

## GRADUATING CLASS OF 2018

DEGREE	2018	2019
JD	267	290
JD/MBA	21	28
JD/MES	3	8
JD/MA	1	-
JD/BCL	5	3

<b>Gold Medal</b>	Ronke Ayodeji Akinyemi
<b>Silver Medal</b>	Sam Q. Zhu
<b>Bronze Medal</b>	Devon Kapoor
<b>Dean's Gold Key Awards</b>	Hana Ariel Bell, Jerico Buian Fajotina Espinas, Rick Frank, Scott Lin, Elisa Nicole Mastrotillo, Manuela Morales Anderson, Aashish Oberoi, Shanice Renee Prendergast, Alana Janine Robert, Yadesha Satheaswaran, Adam Gordon Veenendaal, Angela Rose Yenssen
<b>Honorary Degree Recipient</b>	Kimberlé Crenshaw

*Honorary degree recipient Kimberlé Crenshaw*



# RESEARCH GRADUATE PROGRAM IN LAW

## HIGHLIGHTS

Under the direction of Professor Sonia Lawrence, the Research Graduate Program in Law continued to provide the best in graduate legal education and opportunities for our students.

## STUDENT SUCCESSES

In 2019-20, our students received many competitive and prestigious scholarships and awards, including:

### External Awards

Over \$535,000 received in external scholarships

#### Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship

- Jake Effoduh
- Inbar Peled

#### Joseph-Armand Bombardier Awards

- Joshua Shaw, CGS Doctoral Scholarship
- Scott Franks, CGS Masters Scholarship

#### SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship

- Pierre-Andre Theriault

#### Ontario Graduate Scholarship

- Dana Phillips
- Danardo Jones
- Jonathan Khan
- Kenneth Grad
- Summaiya Zaidi

### York Awards

- Carolyn Carter, Joyce & Fred Zeman's Scholarship
- Dana Phillips, Susan Mann Dissertation Scholarship
- Julie DeWolf, Sidney Peck Graduate Scholarship
- Maxwell Miyawa, Provost Dissertation Scholarship
- Roojin Habibi, Manulife Graduate Scholarships

### Osgoode Awards

#### Arthur Brunskill

- Amanda Darrach

#### Harry W. Arthurs Fellowship

- Adaora Nwajiaku
- Carolyn Carter
- Jonathan Khan
- Roojin Habibi

#### Harley D. Hallett Graduate Scholarship

- Amanda Turnbull
- Caitlin Murphy
- Julie De Wolf
- Juman Abujbara
- Kevin Berk
- Rahina Zarma, Osgoode Dissertation Scholarship
- Scott Franks
- Steven Rita-Procter
- Ulziilkham Enkhbaatar

#### Hon. William Z. Estey Teaching Fellowship in Law

- Danardo Jones
- Inbar Peled
- Joshua Shaw
- Kenneth Grad

The successes of our individual students indicate the high level at which our students are working and serve to attract superb candidates to Osgoode's Research Graduate Program. We are grateful to these students, and their supervisors, for all the hard work they have put into their scholarship. Congratulations!

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROFESSIONAL & SKILL DEVELOPMENT

By providing professional and skills development advice and support, the Osgoode Research Graduate program works to support excellent research skills among our students, to ensure that students have opportunities to develop transferable professional skills, and to inform our students about the ins and outs of the always challenging academic job market. These sessions also provide a space for our community to learn together.

The program offers a broad slate of skills & professional development sessions to Graduate students, with assistance from faculty, staff and students.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2019-20 YEAR INCLUDE:

In 2019-20, the Graduate Workshop series included 14 sessions offered over fall, winter and summer terms including:

- Workshop: Cite Write - How to Use Zotero
- Workshop: Applying for SSHRC Doctoral Awards: The Program of Study Description
- Introduction to the (Canadian) Academic Job Market
- Legal Education Reading Group
- A number of mock job talks for our students on the job market
- Workshop: Conceptualizing Conference Presentations
- Shut Up & Write (Writing together) Sessions (weekly in the summer term)



Photo: Will Yang



*Sanaa Ahmed began a two-year term at Schulich Law as a Killam Postdoctoral Fellow in October 2019 after obtaining her PhD from Osgoode earlier in the year.*

*Professor Sean Rehaag received the York Faculty of Graduate Studies 2019 Postdoctoral Supervisor of the Year Award.*

## ACADEMIC CONFERENCE FUNDING

Conference attendance is one way in which students can test the waters of the academy, learn about cutting edge research, extend their scholarly networks, and develop their professional skills. This year, the Graduate Program provided over \$1,400 in funding to assist our students in attending academic conferences in their fields, including conferences in Windsor and Israel. \*Calls on this funding were considerably reduced due to the impact of COVID-19 on conferences and travel.

### GRADUATE STUDIES ADMISSIONS

	APPLICATIONS	
PROGRAM	FA2018	FA2019
LLM	71	91
PhD	75	75

### STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN PROGRAM (ALL YEARS)

DEGREE	IN PROGRESS
LLM	21
PhD	55

### DEGREES CONFERRED FALL 2019, WINTER 2020 AND SUMMER 2020

	FALL 2019	WINTER 2020	SUMMER 2020
LLM	4	1	0
PhD	6	2	2

## SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED DEFENSES: FALL 2019, WINTER 2020, SUMMER 2020

NAME	DEGREE	TITLE	SUPERVISOR	TERM
Danardo Jones	LLM	<i>Punishing Black Bodies in Canada: Making Blackness Visible in Criminal Sentencing</i>	Palma Paciocco	FA19
Diana Nicholls	LLM	<i>Girls, Who Run The World? Not Yet: An Analysis of the Underrepresentation of Women on Boards in Canada and the Theory Underlying Regulation Thereof</i>	Mary Condon	FA19
Humayun Chaudhary	PHD	<i>Narrowing the Gap between Tax Law and Accounting</i>	Amin Mawani	FA19
Ian Stedman	PHD	<i>Resisting Obsolescence: A Comprehensive Study of Canada's Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner &amp; the Office's Efforts to Innovate While Strategically Asserting Greater independence</i>	Lorne Sossin	FA19
Ikenna Aniekwe	LLM	<i>The Nigerian Niger Delta and the Invisible Hand of TREMF: Exploring the (IM)Possibility of Socio-Economic Justice Under the Un'Ruggie' Guiding Principles</i>	Obiora Okafor	FA19
Justice Ogoroh	PHD	<i>Assessing Canada's Copyright Law in the Digital Context: Digital Locks, Open Licenses, and the Limits of Legislative Change</i>	Carys Craig	FA19
Michele Charles	LLM	<i>The Barrier of Forum Non Conveniens in Transnational Environmental and Human Rights Tort Litigation in Canada</i>	Craig Scott	FA19
Pavla Kristkova	PHD	<i>A Comparative Study of Judicial Safeguards in Relation to Investor-State Dispute Settlement</i>	Gus Van Harten	FA19
Philip Bevans	PHD	<i>A Corporative Theory of Corporate Law and Governance</i>	Peer Zumbansen	FA19
Sanaa Ahmed	PHD	<i>Regulatory Transgression? Drivers, Aims and Effects of Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing Regulation in Pakistan</i>	Margaret Beare	FA19
Huaning Li	PHD	<i>The Nexus Standard and its Implications for International Taxation: A Case Study of Ten European Patent Box Regimes</i>	Jinyan Li	SU20
Mohammad Hassan	PhD	<i>Mining Conflict, Indigenous Peoples and Environmental Justice: The Case of Phulbari Coal Project in Bangladesh</i>	Dayna Scott	SU20
Gerard Kennedy	PHD	<i>Hryniak, the 2010 Amendments, and the First Stages of a Culture Shift?: The Evolution of Ontario Civil Procedure in the 2010s</i>	Janet Walker	WI20
Katharine Fisher	LLM	<i>Using Charter Damages to Provide Meaningful Redress and Promote State Accountability: A Re-Examination of the Omar Khadr Case</i>	Jamie Cameron	WI20
Poland Lai	PHD	<i>Disability's Encounter with Legislation and Governance - Long-term Care Homes in Ontario</i>	Shelley Kierstead	WI20

# OSGOODE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Upon the outbreak of COVID-19 in March 2020, OsgoodePD's downtown facility was the first York University facility to be locked down due to a local case, and the lockdown was accomplished literally overnight. With the **excellent support of our OsgoodePD staff, faculty, and staff at Osgoode Hall Law School and York IT**, we were able to shift quite seamlessly to a fully online environment for degree and non-degree programs, as well as for staff working from home. Programs with learning outcomes requiring in-person attendance were shifted to new dates in 2020-21. Despite these measures, attendance at non-degree programs for the last six weeks of the year was down significantly and we refunded thousands of dollars in fees.
- As a service to the community, we worked quickly with volunteer speakers to mount more than 15 complimentary **online webinars dealing with COVID-19–related legal topics** for multiple professions. A total of 6,400 people participated in the webinars.
- **The Osgoode Certificate in Family Law Skills and Practice**, the first skills certificate incorporating **Simulated Clients (SC)**, was launched in the fall of 2019. **Distinguished Professor of Practice Paul Maharg** and **Professor Shelley Kierstead** worked with OsgoodePD staff and senior practitioners and judges to develop the program, which builds on the inaugural Simulated Client project in the Law School's first-year JD Legal Process course. **Students in the Certificate program received personalized feedback from trained simulated clients, which provided an evidence-based method of acquiring practical skills for client interactions.** Thirteen SCs trained and participated in various program modules over a five-month period as part of this project.
- We furthered our collaboration with **The Institute for the Future of Law Practice (IFLP)** by hosting a three-week bootcamp in May 2019 in conjunction and parallel with Northwestern University in Chicago and University of Colorado, Boulder. In total, 18 Osgoode JD students participated in the 2019 IFLP program. The bootcamp is designed to **equip students with skills needed for 21<sup>st</sup> century law practice, including process design, project management, data analytics, and legal technology**, and was followed by 10-week internships at Toronto legal services employers.
- We began working on a **new website** in the summer of 2019 with our selected vendor, Creative Context. The new design will highlight the unique learning offerings at OsgoodePD while improving the overall user experience. The new OsgoodePD website will launch in the fall of 2020.
- We launched faculty development workshops including workshops on learning outcomes, assessment, and grading rubrics.
- Despite the negative financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic during the last two months of the fiscal year, we **exceeded our budgeted revenue and net contribution targets.**



## DIGITAL LEGAL EDUCATION

- We continued to expand the online **CLE subscription, the REDe Passport**, and implemented modifications to the learning management system, overall enhancing the user experience. Modifications included improved search functionality, the addition of a materials tab (for downloading searchable PDFs and templates by practice area), as well as adding and highlighting modular segments of accredited CLE content featuring Professionalism and EDI hours.
- A **fully online Legal Research and Writing course** was launched for Professional LLM students. The course features multi-media production, with features to engage learners, such as quizzes and ‘drag and drop’ exercises. It is delivered with synchronous webinars and dedicated academic and technical support. Having this course fully online allows students to draw on it at any time throughout their graduate studies.
- Additional templates for converting further LLM and CLE courses to an online format were finalized and production started on several projects launching in the fall of 2020. These projects include: Understanding Financial Statements, Foundations in Canadian Law (CCLW), Constitutional Law (CCLW), International Business Transactions (IBL-LLM), Due Diligence, and the Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop. Production and development of a hybrid Certificate in Adjudication launching in September 2020 also began, in partnership with the Society of Ontario Adjudicators and Regulators (SOAR).

## PROFESSIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAMS

- Professional LLM (excluding the LLM in International Business Law and Canadian Common Law programs) enrollment averaged more than 250 students per term.
- Approximately 40 students from more than a dozen different jurisdictions were enrolled in the LLM in International Business Law.
- The LLM in Canadian Common Law enrollment averaged 150 students per term, 80% of which were full-time and 20% part-time.
- We launched an LLM in Financial Law, with its first intake in the fall of 2020.
- A big focus this year was web platforms: a new version of the student portal was launched and a new application platform, Salesforce, was adopted for the winter 2021 intake.



*When the pandemic struck, OsgoodePD shifted seamlessly to a fully online environment for degree and non-degree programs, as well as for staff working from home. Pictured is Professor Trevor Farrow, Co-Director of the Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop.*

## NON-CREDIT CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

- Over 6,850 people participated in non-credit programs, with approximately 55% attending online and 45% in-person. This is apart from the 6,400 participants in the complimentary COVID-19 webinars, for a total of 13,250 participants in non-degree programs.
- New short programs included Equity, Diversity and Inclusion: Cultural Competence for Legal Professionals; Administrative Law's New Landscape: What *Vavilov/Bell* Means for the Law and for Your Practice; Construction Liens Under Ontario's *New Construction Act*; Managing the Legal Responsibilities of Climate Change; Forensic Science in Criminal Cases; Data Breaches and Cybersecurity Incidents: The Legal Guide to Preparedness and Response; Annual Update in Corporate Insolvency and Restructuring; Critical Update: The Legalization of Cannabis Edibles, Extracts and Topicals; Estate Litigation: The Practical Guide for Legal Professionals; and, Mental Health Court: Essentials for Lawyers and Treatment Providers.
- 35 multi-day certificates were offered. Newly launched certificates included the Osgoode Certificate in Handling Summary Conviction Offence Cases; the Osgoode Certificate in Canadian Securities Law and Practice; the Osgoode Certificate in eDiscovery and Information Management; and the Osgoode Certificate in Privacy and Information Management in Healthcare.
- Custom and in-house programs were delivered to several organizations including Government of Nunavut, Canadian Cultural Property Export Review Board, Ontario Securities Commission, Condominium Authority of Ontario, and Correctional Services Canada.

# OFFICE OF RESEARCH & INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

## HIGHLIGHTS

This report describes the activities and achievements of the Associate Dean Research (ADR), Sara Slinn, and the Research Office in 2019-20. The Research Office continues to successfully support faculty scholarship and research-related initiatives, advancing the strategic goals of Osgoode and York University, and carrying out the mandates of the ADR.

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

### EXTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING 2019-20 (MAY 1, 2019 TO APRIL 30, 2020)

RECIPIENT	GRANT AGENCY	PROJECT TITLE
Ben-Ishai, Stephanie	Law Foundation of Ontario	<i>RRSPs and Debt: An Investigation into the Investor Rights of Older Canadians</i>
Ben-Ishai, Stephanie	Canadian Foundation for Legal Research	<i>Artificial Intelligence, Consumer Credit and Discrimination: A Canadian Perspective</i>
Boisselle, Andree	Accelerate International -MITAC	<i>WSÁNEĆ Law and Governance: Marine and Terrestrial Management in the Southern Gulf Islands</i>
Craig, Carys	SSHRC Connection Grant	<i>Taking on TFV: (Advancing and Sharing Knowledge on Technology Facilitated Violence (Academics, Practitioners, Policymakers, and Civil Society)</i>
Drake, Karen	SSHRC Partnership Engage Grant	<i>Identifying Indigenous Standards for Evaluating Indigenous Persons Courts</i>
D'Agostino, Pina	Innovation, Science & Economic Development Canada	<i>Innovation Clinic: Project 668-512661</i>



*Professor Stephanie Ben-Ishai's prolific scholarship was recognized with a Distinguished Research Professorship at spring Convocation on Friday, June 21, 2019.*

RECIPIENT	GRANT AGENCY	PROJECT TITLE
D'Agostino, Pina (co-applicant)	NSERC- Create Grant	<i>Additive Manufacturing in Engineering Design and Global Entrepreneurship (AM-EDGE)</i>
Farrow, Trevor	Law Foundation of Ontario Access to Justice Fund	<i>Measuring the Impact of Legal Service Interventions</i>
Geva, Ben (co-applicant)	European Central Bank Legal Research Program UK	<i>Could the ECB issue an electronic equivalent of paper-based euro-based euro banknotes? Under what conditions might such 'electronic banknotes' have legal tender status?</i>
Girard, Philip	Osgoode Society for Legal History	<i>Legal History Research</i>
Haigh, Richard	Municipality of York Region	<i>Constitutional Aspects of Roads &amp; Railways</i>
Li, Jinyan	YCAR – China/Canada	<i>International Tax Disputes Among Belt &amp; Road Countries: Can There Be One Mechanism that Works for All (Big and Small)?</i>
McGregor, Deborah (co-applicant)	SSHRC Insight Grant	<i>Indigenous Research Sovereignty and Governance: Anishinabek Perspectives on Intellectual Property Rights and Responsibilities</i>
McGregor, Deborah (co-applicant)	SSHRC Partnership Development Grant	<i>Sacred Responsibilities to Water: Indigenous Knowledge Exchange (Canada-Colombia)</i>
McGregor, Deborah (co-applicant)	SSHRC Partnership Grant	<i>Conservation as Reconciliation</i>
Mykitiuk, Roxanne (co-applicant)	Social Development Partnership Program – Disability	<i>Accessible Canada: Regulatory Development Processes. Meaningful Participation in Regulation-Making – with ARCH Disability Law Center</i>
Mykitiuk, Roxanne (co-applicant)	Social Development Partnership Program – Disability	<i>Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Person with Disabilities (CRPD). OP Lab: Learning, Sharing, Actioning – with ARCH Disability Law Center</i>
Okafor, Obiora	SSHRC Connection – Outreach Grant	<i>Outreach Activities on the Popularization of the African Union's African Human Rights Action Plan ("Outdooring the AHRAP")".</i>
Puri, Poonam	Law Foundation of Ontario -Responsive Large Grant	<i>Investors Education Video Series</i>

RECIPIENT	GRANT AGENCY	PROJECT TITLE
Rehaag, Sean	SSHRC Connection Grant	<i>Fact-Finding in Immigration Detention Reviews: Evidence Law Meets Administrative Law</i>
Rehaag, Sean	Law Foundation of Ontario – Responsive Small Grant	<i>Meet Gary in Translation</i>
Rehaag, Sean	SSHRC Insight Grant	<i>Refugee Law Laboratory @ CRS</i>
Rehaag, Sean	SSHRC Partnership Engage Grant	<i>Canadian “Dreamers” in Universities and Colleges: Seeking Education, Seeking Status</i>
Scott, Dayna	SSHRC & CEAA Knowledge Synthesis Grant	<i>Implementing a Regional, Indigenous-Led and Sustainability-Informed Impact Assessment in Ontario’s Ring of Fire</i>
Slinn, Sara (co-applicant)	SSHRC Insight Grant	<i>Collective Bargaining in the Canadian Construction Industry: A Comparative Study of Bargaining Structures in Ontario and Quebec</i>
Slinn, Sara	Employment & Social Development	<i>Collective Representation for Self-Employed Contractors</i>
Van Wagner, Estair	SSHRC Connection Grant	<i>Canadian Feminist Judgment Project: Rethinking Feminist Judging and Reimagining Feminist Legal Futures</i>

## INTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING 2019-20

### Osgoode Research Intensification Fund

The Research Intensification Fund continued to provide support to further our research objectives as set out in our Strategic Plan. From inception, the Research Intensification Fund has now supported 158 different projects from the eight different funding categories: JD Student; Pilot Projects; Matching Funds; Grant Preparation & Revision Funds; Conference/Workshop Funds; Top up Research Funding; Senior Scholar SSRF (TURF); Senior Scholar SSEF (PER).

Funds awarded in 2019-20 total \$49,459 for 18 awards.

*This year projects were funded in the following categories:* Seven Matching Funds; Six Top-up Research Funds Two Grant Preparation & Revision Funds; Two Senior Scholar Research Funds; One JD Student Research Funds.

### YORK GRANTS

RECIPIENT	AWARD	PROJECT TITLE
Li, Jinyan	COVID-19 York University Fund	<i>Learning from COVID-19 Pandemic: Developing Fiscal Antibodies</i>
Maharg, Paul	Academic Innovation Fund	<i>Sharesim.net: open educational resources for simulation in higher education</i>
Mykitiuk, Roxanne (co-applicant)	Academic Innovation Fund	<i>A multidisciplinary experiential-education resource to support the communication needs of students with disabilities and instructors in placement</i>
Rehaag, Sean	COVID-19 York University Fund	<i>Asylum seekers and COVID-19</i>

### AWARDS & PRIZES

The Research Office supported the nominations of several faculty for awards and prizes including: Canada Research Chair, Canadian Association for the Administration of Justice (CIAJ) medal, Canadian Association of Legal Ethics (CALE) Lifetime Achievement Award, Fulbright Chair, Killam Foundation Fellowship, the Royal Society of Canada Fellows program, SSHRC Impact Award, University Professorship, York Research Chair.

In 2019-20, several faculty members received prestigious awards:

- Professor Allan Hutchinson - Canadian Association of Legal Ethics (CALE) Lifetime Achievement
- Professor Emeritus John McCamus - Canadian Institute for Administration of Justice (CIAJ) Medal
- Professor Obiora Okafor – York Research Chair – Tier 1 in International and Transnational Legal Studies
- Professor Dayna Scott – Massey Fellowship

## A. RESEARCH EVENTS AND VISITORS

Osgoode's vibrant research culture reflects a shared sense of the importance of legal research and scholarship to the institution, the academy, and the public at large. The Research Office supports an incredible wealth of research events each year, from faculty seminars to workshops, and from speakers' series to conferences.

**RESEARCH EVENTS****SEPTEMBER**

Osgoode Speaker Series: Consumer Law in the US: The History, Structure, & Constitutionality of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau – Deepak Gupta

Osgoode Speaker Series: Insider Trading in the USA – Martha Stewart, Mark Cuban, & Continual Ambiguity – Marc Steinberg

**OCTOBER**

Professor Poonam Puri: Osgoode's Investor Protection Clinic Celebrates Second-Year Anniversary

ILIGS Seminar Series: Immunities of Heads of States & the International Criminal Court  
– Professor Dapo Akande

ILIGS Seminar Series: On the Need for Intellectual Property Rights in Ecowas – Juliet Ogbodo  
Law, Religion & Social Thought: Do Rivers Have Rights? Indigenous Sovereignty on the Klamath River  
– Dr. Dana Lloyd

Law.Arts.Culture / Osgoode Speaker Series – Tell all the Truth but Tell it Slant: Is Gender Sensitive Transitional Justice the Feminism we were Aiming for? – Professor Vasuki Nesiah

Pierre Genest Global Lecture and Work-in-Progress: The Aesthetics of Private International Legal Form  
– Horatia Muir Watt

Work-in-Progress with Professor Saptarishi Bandopadhyay

**NOVEMBER**

In the Know Series: Budget for Grant Applications

Work-in-Progress with Professor Hengameh Saberi

**DECEMBER**

Legal Writing Institute Workshop

In the Know Series: Hot Topics in Publishing for Prospective Publishers

**JANUARY**

Indigenous Environmental Justice Project: Disrupting the Weaponization of Fossil Kin - Zoe Todd

All Our Relations: Eels & Other Swimmers Teaching Us Life – Kristi Leora Gansworth

Indigenous Law, Gender & Land – Dr. Heidi Stark, Dr. Cheryl Suzack, Dr. Deborah McGregor

In the Know Series: Research Ethics

Osgoode Speaker Series: Indigenous Reconciliation & the New Constitution of International Trade  
– Amokura Kawharu

Pierre Genest Global Lecture and Work-in-Progress: The Rights Epidemic – Professor Jamal Greene  
Work-in-Progress with Professor Gus Van Harten

**FEBRUARY**

Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

All our Relations: Nipissing First Nation & Sovereign Fishing Practices – Nicole Latulippe

Work-in-Progress with Professor Benjamin Berger

Work-in-Progress with Professor Jennifer Nadler

**MARCH**

Osgoode Speaker Series: Normativity at the Border – Colin Grey

**MAY**

In the Know Series: Connection Grants - Uses in a Virtual World

This year, several events were cancelled or revised as a result of the development of the pan-university Research Commons programming. Additionally, some events were cancelled or rescheduled due to the impacts of COVID-19.



## VISITING SCHOLARS & RESEARCHERS

Osgoode attracts many visiting scholars and faculty from around the world, helping to build Osgoode's institutional relationships, research networks and collaborations. Visitors deliver seminars, lectures and workshops on a wide range of topics, and make an important contribution to the research culture and enhancing the international outlook of the Law School.

NAME	COUNTRY/INSTITUTION	RESEARCH INTERESTS
Sean Brennan	University of New South Wales, Australia	Aboriginal Legal Issues, Constitutional Law
Priya Gupta	Southwestern Law School, United States	Property, Cities, Finance law
Rhea Mammen	National Law School of India University, India / Shastri Institute	Legal Education
Gladys Mirugi-Mukundi	Dullah Omar Institutue University of the Western Cape	Socio-economic Rights
Sarbani Sen	Jindal Global University, India	Public Law and Comparative Law
Wei Hu	Chenzhou Tax Service, China	Tax Law
Shanghai Hu	Guangxi Tax Service, China	International Tax Reform
Atefah Yazdani	Allameh Tabataba'I University, Iran	Public International Law
Zhiyuan Wen	Xiamen University, China	International Investment Law
Claire Mumme	University of Windsor, Canada	Labour and Employment Law
Florencia Ratto	Justice Studies Centre of the Americas	Judicial Precedent
Santiago Campos	Justice Studies Centre of the Americas	Case Management

## B.SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH NETWORK, OSGOODE HALL LAW SCHOOL LEGAL STUDIES RESEARCH PAPER SERIES

Under the editorship of Sara Slinn, a total of 96 previously published, accepted and working papers were submitted to the Osgoode Hall Law School Legal Studies Research Paper Series. The Osgoode Series published and distributed a total of eight e-journal issues.

Total downloads from the Osgoode Series reached 228,976 including approximately 20,000 new downloads in the past 12 months.

Osgoode is currently ranked 11th in the SSRN International Law Schools Ranking (excluding US law schools).

## C.ETHICS APPROVALS

Implementing revised processes, an Ethics Review Subcommittee of the Research and Seminars Committee reviewed and approved five ethics applications from JD, professional LLM and research LLM students working on research papers and Major Research Papers respectively.



## CANADIAN FORUM ON CIVIL JUSTICE

The Canadian Forum on Civil Justice (CFCJ) is a not-for-profit organization that seeks to advance civil justice reform through research and advocacy. The CFCJ is housed at Osgoode Hall Law School and benefits from engagement with the Osgoode Hall Law School community while also offering opportunities for learning and knowledge exchange through people-centred projects and initiatives that seek to make the civil justice system more accessible, effective, and sustainable. Serving as a leader in evidence-based access to justice research, and a coordinator and facilitator to share knowledge between jurisdictions in Canada and internationally, the CFCJ creates new knowledge to address gaps in the understanding of the civil justice system, acts as a catalyst to transform this knowledge into successful reforms, and encourages the evaluation of reforms that will build on the work that is being undertaken.

**Director**, Research & Operations: Lisa Moore

**Chair**, CFCJ Board of Directors and Principal Investigator, CFCJ's Community-Based Justice Research Project:  
Professor Trevor C. W. Farrow PhD

## HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2019, the CFCJ continued work on a collaborative, multi-country, three-year research project to compare and advance collective understanding of the costs, benefits, challenges and opportunities for providing and scaling access to community-based justice services in Canada, Sierra Leone, Kenya and South Africa.

The Community-Based Justice Research project (2018-2021) is funded by the International Development Research Centre and speaks directly to Goal 16.3 of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, which urges countries to work towards ensuring equal access to justice for all of their citizens by 2030. By helping to provide the evidence needed to understand, assess and scale community-oriented justice services, this project will help countries to better develop and deliver justice information and services within communities.

Information about the Community-Based Justice Research project is available on the CFCJ website: <http://cfcj-fcjc.org/our-projects/community-based-justice-research-cbjr/>.

- In 2019, the CFCJ published “Investing in Justice: A Literature Review in Support of the Case for Improved Access.” This report provides extensive evidence in support of the economic, financial and social benefits of spending to facilitate access to justice services and programs in Canada and abroad.

This report is one of 10 international background reports commissioned by the Task Force on Justice to help inform their efforts towards equal access to justice for all by 2030 (UN Sustainable Development Goal 16.3).

The “Investing in Justice” report examines research carried out across justice services and programs in several regions, including North America, Sub-Saharan Africa, Europe, Australia and Asia. The report concludes that, “across a diversity of justice programs, services and mechanisms around the world, spending on justice results in significant economic and other benefits that generally significantly exceed the value of the investment.” In most cases, the rate of return on investment in justice services and programs is between CAD \$9 and \$16 for every CAD \$1 that is spent. Driving home the significance of justice sector investments, the report also presents data that reveals that, antithetically, cutting spending on justice almost exclusively results in increased costs to the state, the courts and communities that exceed the amount that is saved.

The Investing in Justice report was written by Lisa Moore and Trevor Farrow and is available for download on the CFCJ website: <https://cfcj-fcjc.org/wp-content/uploads/Investing-in-Justice-A-Literature-Review-in-Support-of-the-Case-for-Improved-Access-by-Lisa-Moore-and-Trevor-C-W-Farrow.pdf>.

- In addition to the CFCJ's Investing in Justice literature review, the CFCJ also published "Return on Investment in Civil Justice Services and Programs: Selected Annotated Bibliography", available here: <https://cfcj-fcjc.org/return-on-investment-in-civil-justice-services-and-programs-selected-annotated-bibliography-of-existing-research-lisa-moore-and-megan-phyper/> and a Return on Investment Infographic, available online here: <https://cfcj-fcjc.org/wp-content/uploads/Return-on-Investment-Access-to-Justice-Infographic.pdf>.

In 2019, the CFCJ received funding for a Law Foundation of Ontario (LFO) small grant for a project on "Measuring the Impact of Legal Service Interventions." This grant provided funding to support a literature review and the development of a research plan for a first-of-its-kind, longitudinal impact study in Canada to measure the impact of different types of legal interventions (e.g. summary advice, legal information, full representation, etc.) on the outcome of legal disputes. The literature review and research plan will be published in summer 2020.

- The Measuring the Impact of Legal Service Interventions project page can be accessed via the CFCJ website: <https://cfcj-fcjc.org/our-projects/measuring-legal-service-interventions/>.
- In addition to research papers published in 2019, the CFCJ also published articles on its Access to Justice Blog ([www.cfcj-fcjc.org/a2jblog](http://www.cfcj-fcjc.org/a2jblog)), bi-monthly columns on online legal magazine Slaw.ca, and shared research and findings through national and international media outlets and platforms. Within the last year, CFCJ staff and researchers also presented research findings at various national and international conferences and meetings.
- The CFCJ continued to grow its Access to Justice Research Network (AJRN) which now includes more than 350 listserv and blog subscribers. The AJRN ([www.ajrn.org](http://www.ajrn.org)) was created as a way to stimulate dialogue and knowledge exchange as well as to build ties among access to justice stakeholders in Canada and abroad. The AJRN includes a blog, listserv and website.
- The CFCJ has been an institutional partner with the national Action Committee on Access to Justice in Civil and Family Matters (Action Committee) since it was formed more than 10 years ago. With support from Osgoode, the CFCJ has been able to continue to contribute to the execution of research and dissemination activities for this leading, broad-based and representative voice within Canada's justice sector.

## HENNICK CENTRE FOR BUSINESS AND LAW

The Hennick Centre for Business and Law, a joint initiative of Osgoode Hall Law School and Schulich School of Business, is the first Canadian centre to promote and develop joint business and legal scholarship and education. By combining the strengths of the world-renowned law and business schools at York University, the Hennick Centre delivers innovative programs and initiatives for students, scholars and practitioners alike at the intersection of law, business and public policy. **This year the Centre directly engaged over 80 students in research positions, for credit offerings, OPIR work positions and various other unique opportunities offered by the Centre.**

**Director:** Professor Edward J. Waitzer, Faculty Co-Director, JD/MBA Program (Osgoode)

**Co-Director:** Professor Peter Macdonald, Faculty Co-Director, MBA/JD Program (Schulich)

## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Student Fellow positions:** President of Osgoode Fintech and Blockchain Association and the Student Contributions Editor at the Osgoode Hall Law Journal Alexis Choi (JD '20) and Luigi Rulli (JD/MBA '20) – while working toward a specialization in Strategic Management and Organizational Behaviour – joined the Hennick Centre as student Fellows throughout the 2019-20 academic term. They enjoyed various opportunities to attend special events through the Centre as well as publish their written works on the Hennick website.
- **Hennick Summer Business-Law Internships** prepare Osgoode students for the world beyond law school by exposing them to the real-world nature of problem-solving and the client side of legal practice, assisting them in building strong resumes, and gaining valuable experiential education along with their academics. This year the Centre's business law-focused 2020 Summer Internship program provided six placement opportunities to the students, **five** of which are funded by **McCarthy Tétrault LLP**. The Centre worked closely with all placements to make sure our students were still able to hold virtual summer positions during the COVID-19 pandemic, we are grateful for the support of:
  1. Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (**CAMH**)
  2. Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Ontario (**IIROC**)
  3. **Mount Sinai** Hospital / Sinai Health System
  4. Ontario Securities Commission (**OSC**)
  5. **World Bank** Group, Washington D.C.
  6. University Health Network (**UHN**)
- **Osgoode Venture Capital Clinical Project (OVC)**, a partnership between the Centre and **Wildeboer Dellelce LLP**, has completed its 6th successful year. The OVC was a new addition to Osgoode's business law-focused experiential education programs in 2014, and has been growing steadily ever since. The 2019-20 OVC term involved **19 Osgoode students**, five worked throughout summer 2019 as client recruiters, and 14 students during the 2019-20 academic year (12 caseworkers / 2 coordinators) under the guidance and supervision of eight Wildeboer Dellelce lawyers, providing legal services to six early stage entrepreneurial ventures in the financing and equity structuring stages of growth. This year, the OVC had also undergone some administrative changes and operated for the first time as an academically accredited course entitled—**Directed Reading: Osgoode Venture Capital Program** allowing caseworker students to earn academic credit for their participation in the program. **The JD/MBA Mentorship Program** aims to support the academic and professional development of JD/MBA students by connecting current JD/MBA students with graduates of the Osgoode-Schulich JD/MBA program for the duration of every academic year. JD/MBA students are well-positioned to choose from an array of career choices in business and law and often have specific questions about the variety of opportunities and experiences that are available to

them. Insights and advice from graduates of the program are often the most helpful way to answer some of those questions. This year 29 JD/MBA students and 37 JD/MBA alumni were paired, with a record **56 mentorship slots** filled as most alumni were willing to take on up to three students.

- **LawWithoutWalls** (LWOW) is an international academic program of the **University of Miami's School of Law** where students work with scholars, legal professionals and business experts from 30 law and business schools around the world, in over 20 countries to create a business plan in response to a problem in legal education or practice. The Hennick Centre sponsors annually the participation of Osgoode/Schulich students in LWOW. This year we congratulate **B. Shane Morganstein (JD/MBA'20)**, **Ara Dungca (JD'20)**, and **Summer Lewis (JD'21)** for their outstanding participation in the program. Ara Dungca and team won Best Business Case at the pitch competition, and Summer Lewis and team were the winners of LWOW Xed's overall ConPosium.
- **Hennick Medal for Career Achievement** is presented annually to a distinguished leader who has earned international recognition in the business and legal communities. The 2018 Hennick Medal for Career Achievement was presented on February 7, 2020 to **James O'Sullivan (LLB/MBA'90)**. James has been with Scotiabank since 1990, and has held senior leadership roles in Investment Banking, Mergers & Acquisitions, Finance, Asset Management and Global Wealth Management, Canadian Banking, and most recently, Strategic Advisor to the President and CEO. In gratitude to the Centre for this honour, James participated in three events throughout the year that hosted JD/MBA students where he spoke about his experience and offered some invaluable advice to the audience about their future careers and professional futures.
  - **October 25, 2019 – “Skills You Don't Learn in Law School”** Lunch with James O'Sullivan – provided a special opportunity for 10 Osgoode students to have a candid discussion about professional and leadership development. The lunch was hosted by James O'Sullivan and joined by Dean Mary Condon, Edward Waitzer, Co-Director of the JD/MBA Program, and Pamela Warren, Partner of Egon Zehnder. The attendees spoke about the importance of developing soft skills in addition to the technical proficiency obtained during law school.
  - **January 15, 2020 – “What's Next in Your Career?”** MBA/JD Lunch with James O'Sullivan, Mickey Cohen & Ed Waitzer – the event featured James O'Sullivan and Marshall Cohen O.C. (LLB '60, LLM '63, Hon LLD '86) Executive-in-Residence, Hennick Centre for Business and Law; Retired Counsel, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP, with the conversation moderated by Edward Waitzer. These three accomplished alumni candidly shared advice with students in the joint degree program on how to navigate career opportunities and to develop skills needed to succeed.
  - **February 7, 2020 – Medal Awarding Ceremony** at Climate Resilience: The 23rd Annual Business and Law Conference. The Dean of the Schulich School of Business, Deszo Horvath, presented the 2018 Hennick Centre Medal for Career Achievement to James O'Sullivan. During his address James provided insightful remarks to the conference attendees and shared lessons learned from his distinguished career.
- **Hennick Medal for Academic Excellence** recognizes the top graduating student of the JD/MBA program with the highest cumulative GPA. The 2019 Hennick Medal for Academic Excellence was awarded on February 7, 2020 at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Business & Law JD/MBA Students' Association Conference to **Sam Q. Zhu**. Sam is currently pursuing a career in corporate and securities law at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP in Toronto.

## ADDITIONAL SPECIAL PROJECTS

- On February 7, 2020, the JD/MBA Students' Association hosted their **23rd Annual Business & Law Conference**—entitled “Climate Resilience”. The focus of the conference was the impact of climate change on the business and legal industries. More specifically, conference presentations focused on climate change and corporate decision making as it pertains to sustainable investing and corporate governance. This year, a record-breaking number of students were in attendance, with the keynote address by three executives from the **Canada Infrastructure Bank** (CIB).
- **Visual Legal Advocacy (VLA)** Program was launched in 2016 with the help of former Dean Lorne Sossin. The inaugural project was an original production of the film **Collared**, led by two lawyers/filmmakers then senior fellows of the Centre, along with an Osgoode student research team. The documentary project on insider trading was a great success; the film premiered before a sold-out audience at the Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema in September 2018 and was rescreened in February 2020. The Centre continues to house VLA projects sporadically as they arise with the involvement of Osgoode faculty and students who earn Osgoode Public Interest Requirement (OPIR) hours for their work.
- The Centre managed two VLA projects this academic year in partnership with Hot Docs for Continuing Professional Education (the largest International Film Festival in North America) involving students as research fellows in the Legal Research & Production of CPD/CPE accredited Webinar Courses.
- **Lehman Brothers – Ethics Project** involved three students in the Fall term: **Beverly Cheung (JD/MBA'20)**, **Brian Haddock (JD/MBA'22)** and **Dana Levin (JD/MBA'22)**, who studied the documentary film & story Inside Lehman Brothers. The project allowed the students a unique opportunity to dive into visual accounts of those affected by the financial crises and conduct an on-screen interview with securities law expert **Dean Mary Condon**. The spotlight then turned on the students as they gave on-camera interviews and shared their opinions on the documentary, and their research on ethical leadership and the consequences that flowed from the financial crisis.
  - **Black Code – Cybersecurity Project** involved five students in May/June 2020: **Elif Babaoglu (JD'21)**, **Amanda LaBorde (JD'22)**, **Irene Lai (JD/MBA'22)**, **Karen Randhawa (JD/MBA'23)**, and **Junghi Woo (JD'22)** who studied the film Black Code by Toronto-based documentary filmmaker and cinematographer Nicholas De Pencier. The project introduced the law students to visual legal advocacy and the art of legal documentary filmmaking (i.e. production of short nonfiction advocacy films) and the discussion/ research of important social issues such as privacy and cybersecurity law in our current context with the rise of Big Data and AI.

For further information about the Centre, its executive body, special projects, activities, news and initiatives, please visit [hennickcentre.ca](http://hennickcentre.ca)

## INSTITUTE FOR FEMINIST LEGAL STUDIES (IFLS)

The Institute for Feminist Legal Studies was established at Osgoode in the early 1990s to foster scholarship in feminism and law at Osgoode. The Institute aims to create a “community of interest” for feminist faculty and students at the Law School. The work of the Institute is supported by an endowment fund at Osgoode.

The IFLS maintains a website and a twitter presence run by the Director. These are significant methods of connecting with the Osgoode and York communities, but also the broader Canadian and international feminist legal community.

Website: <https://ifls.osgoode.yorku.ca/> includes updates but also pages dedicated to particular projects, workshops, etc. run by the IFLS

Twitter account: @OsgoodeIFLS

**Director:** Professor Sonia Lawrence

**Administrator:** Lielle Gonsalves

## HIGHLIGHTS

### NEW PROJECTS

IFLS Director Professor Sonia Lawrence is a co-applicant on a successful application to the Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law - Instituto Internacional de Sociología Jurídica de Oñati for a workshop entitled **‘What Works in Feminist Law Reform? Lessons from the Local’**, which was to be held July 2-3, 2020. *This event has been pushed into an unspecified future date due to the COVID -19 pandemic.*

- This project was developed in collaboration with a team of organizers from the law schools at **Monash University, the University of Ottawa, and the University of British Columbia**. The Oñati International Institute provides the space and organizational support gratis, while the participants pay for travel and subsidized room/board.

The IFLS Director was an integral part of two successful SSHRC Connections Grants during the 2019-20 term. Both have been postponed (to unspecified future dates) due to COVID-19.

PI Professor Estair Van Wagner **“Canadian Feminist Judgements Project: Rethinking Feminist Judging and Reimagining Feminist Legal Futures”**

- Total Budget \$32,545 (SSHRC contribution \$12,237)
- This project included collaborations with Research centres at UBC and U Ottawa and had participation from every English language law school in the country. The project outputs include training for graduate students, capacity building for academics, a cross- country network and ultimately (although not an output for this grant) an open access book publication.

PI Professor Carys Craig **“Taking on TFV: Advancing and Sharing Knowledge on Technology Facilitated Violence”**

- Total Budget \$51,508 (SSHRC contribution \$25,000)
- This project was originally conceived (pre-pandemic) as a way to bring policy-makers, lawyers and legal scholars together to consider the multiplicity of ways that technology and gender-based violence intersect. Planned with emerging legal scholars and practitioners, the research output will include a set of papers for a special volume, creation of a research network, and opportunities to develop potential partnerships between front-line organizations and researchers.
- Financial Commitments to Funded Projects
- \$400 commitment to Professor Jamie Cameron’s SSHRC Connections grant application: Rethinking the Foundations of Defamation Law in the Internet Age (successful)
- \$500 commitment to Professor Philip Girard’s SSHRC Connections grant application: Beyond Harvard: Transplanting Legal Education (successful)

## OTHER

- The IFLS formalized a relationship with the York ORU Centre for Feminist Research by committing a modest amount towards events in the 2019-20 academic year, to be spent on events with relevance to legal scholars. This arrangement allows the Director of the CFR to make decisions about how to best use the financial support of the IFLS. The IFLS Director has been a member of the CFR for some years, sits on the Executive, and sat on the search committee for the new Director of the CFR. Promotion of joint events allows more interdisciplinary contact at York between feminist scholars in a variety of faculties, departments and programs.



## VISITOR (SUMMER 2019)

### PROFESSOR JHUMA SEN, JINDAL GLOBAL LAW SCHOOL

Our summer visitor (May, June 2019) was Prof. Jhuma Sen, Assistant Professor and Assistant Director, Centre for Human Rights Studies and Assistant Director, Mooting and Advocacy Programme, Jindal Global Law School. Professor Sen's interests lie at the intersection of courts and gender, citizenship and constitutionalism and transnational feminist movements and law reforms. Her work also embraces partition historiography, especially in mapping the multiple ways in which the 'process' of partition shaped and modified postcolonial India's legal (and constitutional) order. She is also the convener of the Indian Feminist Judgment Project, a project that situates writing alternative judgments to judgments that could have been written better or written differently by using a feminist lens.

## EVENTS

### IFLS / OSGOODE FEMINIST COLLECTIVE MEET AND GREET

In October, the IFLS, in collaboration with the Osgoode Feminist Collective, hosted our annual meet and greet, an opportunity for feminist faculty and students to meet in the opening weeks of the new school year.



#### SEPTEMBER:

##### Professor Davina Cooper, IFLS talk “THE FUTURE OF LEGAL GENDER”

Professor Davina Cooper is a Research Professor in Law & Political Theory at Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London. From 2004-09, she directed the AHRA Research Centre in Law, Gender & Sexuality. She has written about gender, the state, and the politics of concepts for over 25 years. Her books include: *Everyday Utopias: The Conceptual Life of Promising Spaces* (Duke, 2014) and *Felling like a State: Desire, Denial and the Recasting of Authority* (Duke, 2019). This talk is based on the ESRC funded project *The Future of Legal Gender*, led by researchers at King's College London, and the Universities of Kent and Loughborough, with the support of an international advisory board.



#### OCTOBER:

##### Professor Vasuki Nesiah, IFLS and Law.Arts.Culture talk “TELL ALL THE TRUTH BUT TELL IT SLANT”, Gallatin School NYC.

“From Rigoberta Menchu to Anne Frank, the testimonials of women and girls are often seen to have particular authority in ‘speaking truth to power’ and bearing witness to vulnerable communities’ experience of genocidal violence and their fortitude in resistance. Feminist celebration of ‘narrative truth’ has rendered truth commissions a particularly important site of feminist engagement.

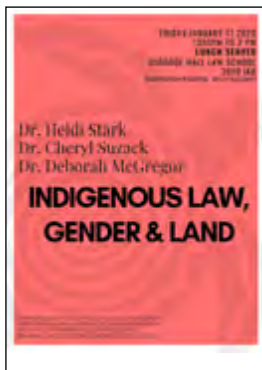
At the same time, feminist analysis of the politics of knowledge and their mobilization in the commission of truth has drawn attention to the fraught stakes of categories such as victimhood, voice and injury. This talk engaged in the debate by thinking with Paulina in Ariel Dorfman's play, *Death and the Maiden*.



**NOVEMBER:****Professor Aziza Ahmed, IFLS talk “FEMINISM’S MEDICINE, RISK, RACE, GENDER, AND LAW IN THE AIDS EPIDEMIC” Northeastern University**

How did the world come to see women as “at risk” for HIV? How did a disease of men come to kill women? Against a linear narrative of scientific discovery and progress, Feminism’s Medicine argues that it was women’s rights lawyers and activists that fundamentally altered the legal and scientific response to the epidemic by changing core conceptions of who was at risk of contracting HIV.

In other words, feminists not only changed the legal governance of AIDS, they altered the scientific trajectory of the epidemic. In doing so, they moved resources towards women in the epidemic. Feminists advocated for women to be seen as a risk group for HIV in multiple locations: in U.S. administrative agencies, courthouses across the country, as well as in global governance institutions. The book excavates the impact of a diverse range of feminisms for its impact on scientific ideas, legal reform agendas, and the distributional consequences of feminist engagement in the AIDS epidemic.

**JANUARY:****INDIGENOUS LAW, GENDER AND LAND with Dr. Heidi Stark, Dr. Cheryl Suzack and Dr. Deborah McGregor**

This packed event was co-hosted with the Osgoode Intensive Program in Indigenous Lands, Resources and Governments; Osgoode Environmental Justice Clinic and Osgoode Institute for Feminist Legal Studies. It was oversubscribed and had to be moved to a larger room.

**JANUARY: Professor Bethany Hastie, Allard School of Law (UBC) “WORKPLACE SEXUAL HARASSMENT”**

Professor Hastie’s recently published report analyzes substantive decisions on the merits concerning workplace sexual harassment at each of the BC and Ontario Human Rights Tribunals from 2000-2018, with a view to identifying how the law of sexual harassment is understood, interpreted and applied by the Tribunals’ adjudicators. In particular, this report examines whether, and to what extent, gender-based stereotypes and myths known to occur in criminal justice proceedings arise in the human rights context.

Professor Hastie’s talk was followed by brief commentary from Professor Janet Mosher and Osgoode McMurtry Fellow Fathima Cader.



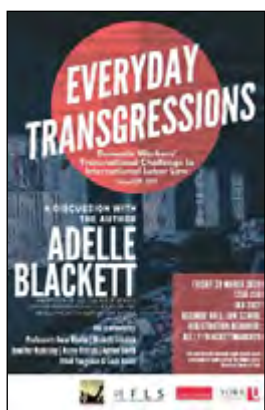
## FEBRUARY:

### Professor Abbye Atkinson, Berkeley Law, University of California. IFLS talk “DEBT BY ANOTHER NAME”

The US Congress’ reliance on “credit” as a tool of liberation and equality following the Civil Rights and Women’s Right Movements of the 1960’s and 1970’s suggests that Congress viewed credit as a reliable and viable social good.

This valorization of credit, however, explicitly excluded any meaningful consideration of the countervailing force of debt. Given that debt necessarily accompanies credit as extended and then used, in order for credit to be a social good, debt also has to be a reliable and viable social good.

Yet debt has itself functioned as a mechanism of the very subordination in marginalized communities that Congress’ invocation of “credit” hoped to address. Credit cannot, in fact, meaningfully function as a social good without due attention to and solution for the work of debt as a social ill.



## Scheduled for MARCH 20, 2020 BUT POSTPONED DUE TO COVID- 19

### Professor Adelle Blackett, Professor of Law, Canada Research Chair in Transnational Labour Law and Development, Faculty of Law, McGill University. IFLS talk “EVERYDAY TRANSGRESSIONS”

In this accessible and fascinating book, Professor Blackett “[a]s the principal legal architect... takes us behind the scene to show us how Convention No. 189 transgresses the everyday law of the household workplace to embrace domestic worker’s human rights claim to be workers like any other – and like no other. ” Other academic guest commentators including Professors Amar Bhatia, Michele Johnson, Jennifer Nedelsky, Kerry Rittich, Adrian Smith, Ethel Tungohan and Leah Vosko. This event was co-sponsored by the Global Labour Research Centre at York.

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW & TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM (IP OSGOODE)

IP Osgoode is an independent and authoritative voice that fills the voids in public policy debates on IP and related technology law issues. We aim to provide balanced and objective research, offer new and unexplored viewpoints to public policy discussions which are inclusive of the opinions and interests of a broad range of IP stakeholders, and ultimately act as a facilitator for the flourishing of a knowledge-based society in Canada. In the context of a globalizing legally pluralistic landscape, IP Osgoode cultivates interdisciplinary, comparative and transnational research, collaboration, policy-thinking and practice.

**Director:** Professor Pina D'Agostino

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Innovation Clinic was piloted in the Osgoode curriculum for credit for upper-year students. The course had 13 students enrolled for the 2019-20 academic year who successfully completed the course and 14 first-year and upper-year students who continued to volunteer their time. The Clinic continues to collaborate successfully with Norton Rose Fulbright LLP alongside Bereskin & Parr LLP to supervise its students.
- The Innovation Clinic received funding from Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) to develop a chatbot to automate the IP Commercialization process and has worked closely with Norton Rose Fulbright LLP and the Canadian Intellectual Property Office on the project. The development stage has been completed and IP Osgoode is preparing to virtually launch the chatbot to the audience.
- The Innovation Clinic and the City of Barrie's Sandbox Centre entered into a second year of collaboration.
- IP Osgoode secured sponsorship from Microsoft Canada, to organize and host our third Bracing for Impact Conference on emerging technologies. The conference was initially scheduled to take place in Toronto and Israel on March 16-17, 2020. Due to COVID-19, the event was postponed.
- IP Osgoode with Osgoode IT's assistance refreshed its website, [iposgoode.ca](http://iposgoode.ca).
- IP Osgoode welcomed Olha Senyshyn as its new Assistant Director.
- Congratulations to Osgoode's Oxford IP moot team who were invited to Oxford to participate in the oral rounds.
- IP Osgoode continued to promote and enhance intellectual property public policy research and discussion through two of its annual writing competitions: Canada's IP Writing Challenge and The Gowling WLG Best Blog in IP Law and Technology Prize.

## EVENTS

- **IP Osgoode Speaks Series featuring Professor Ryan Abbott** on “The Reasonable Robot: Artificial Intelligence and the Law” (February 3, 2020) – Professor Abbott discussed recent advancements in technology and how the law should rethink human and robot relationships as AI becomes more useful.
- **IP Innovation Clinic Presentation** on “Protecting your Innovation and Ideas” (February 14, 2020) - IP Innovation Clinic continued collaboration with the City of Barrie’s Sandbox Centre by delivering a series of presentations by Innovation Clinic fellows.
- **IP Osgoode Speaks Series featuring Dr. Luke McDonagh** on “Copyright & Collaboration in Works of Theatre” (March 2, 2020) – Dr. McDonagh examined how Copyright Law and authorship works in the context of theatre, including questions of joint-authorship, infringement and moral rights evaluated empirical interview data and considered recommendations for legal reform.
- **IP Innovation Clinic Presentation** on “Empowering Entrepreneurs: Effective Strategies for IP Commercialization and Success” (March 6, 2020) – second presentation by Innovation Clinic fellows at the City of Barrie’s Sandbox Centre.
- **Bracing for Impact III – Zooming out: Emerging Technologies** (March 16-17, 2020) - IP Osgoode teamed up with IDC Herzliya to host a multi-day conference bringing together legal scholars, computer scientists, government policymakers and industry leaders from Canada, the US, Israel and other countries for an insightful, collaborative and enriching event. The event was scheduled for two full days, March 16 and 17, 2020, in Herzliya, Israel with sessions also to be held simultaneously in Canada. Due to COVID-19 the event was postponed.
- **IP Osgoode Speaks Series** featuring Dr. Aviv Gaon on ““IP at a Crossroad: Awarding Protection for Algorithm” (March 25, 2020) – Dr. Gaon’s research explores the legal protection awarded to algorithms. Due to COVID-19, the event was postponed.

## IP INTENSIVE PROGRAM

- The IP Intensive program provides students with an academic base through lectures on a broad range of topics as well as practical experience gained in a 10-week externship in a workplace setting.
- The opening two weeks of classes are dedicated to lectures from prominent members of the IP community. These lectures cover a range of topics aimed at teaching students fundamental aspects of substantive and procedural law applied in the day-to-day practice of IP law. IP Osgoode hosted the following guest lecturers for the fall 2019 term:

Andrea E. Kokonis - Associate General Counsel, SOCAN  
 Anthony de Fazekas – Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright LLP  
 Antonio Turco – Partner, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP  
 Aviv Gaon - Lecturer, IDC Herzliya  
 Casey Chisick – Partner, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP  
 Dan Ciraco - Senior Legal Counsel, CBC  
 David Lepofsky - Visiting Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School  
 Denise Lacombe - Director, Legal, AstraZeneca Canada Inc.  
 Dumitru Olariu - Intellectual Property Advisor, CIPO

James Green - Partner, Gowling WLG

James Isbester - Partner, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP

Leonard Glickman – Partner, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP

Mark Kohras - Policy Advisor, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada

Mark LeBlanc - General Counsel, TVO

May Cheng – Partner, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP

Melanie Crestol - Legal Counsel, TFO

Pietro Cimino - Copyright Policy Analyst Canadian Heritage - Copyright & International Trade Policy Branch

Reshika Dhir - Associate, Bereskin & Parr LLP

Hon. Roger T. Hughes - Former Judge, Federal Court of Canada

Sheldon Burshtein – Partner, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP

Steven Kennedy – Counsel, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP

Terry Sachlos - Associate Director, CSO & Co-Founder, BEST Program – Lassonde School of Engineering; Bikanta

- The participating placement organizations for the fall 2019 term were: AstraZeneca Canada Inc., CBC/Radio-Canada, Canadian Heritage, Canadian Intellectual Property Office, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada, SOCAN, TEVA Canada Limited, The Globe and Mail, TVO and the Canadian Musical Reproduction Rights Agency Ltd.

## INNOVATION CLINIC

- The Innovation Clinic is a needs-based innovation-to-market legal clinic operated in collaboration with Innovation York and Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP. The clinic is staffed by Osgoode students who are supervised by lawyers from Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP and Bereskin & Parr LLP.
- Under the guidance and mentorship of the supervising lawyers, Innovation Clinic Fellows provide one-to-one legal information services to inventors, entrepreneurs, and start-up companies to assist with the innovation and commercialization processes. Through this hands-on practical experience, Innovation Clinic Fellows learn about common early-stage IP and business issues facing actors in the innovation ecosystem.
- 27 Osgoode students were recruited as Innovation Clinic Fellows for the 2019-20 academic year.

## IPILOGUE

- The IPilogue is IP Osgoode's Online Journal of IP Law and Technology and publishes analyses and commentary on emerging issues in intellectual property, technology, privacy and related legal issues.
- The IPilogue's daily blog posts are written by an editorial team consisting of students from Osgoode and other Canadian and international law schools.
- In addition to articles written by law students, the blog also features articles by IP experts, scholars and practitioners.
- To date, the IPilogue has posted over 2,500 blogs and 1,400 comments.
- The IPilogue editorial team consisted of nine JD candidates as contributing editors for the 2019-20 academic year.

## JACK & MAE NATHANSON CENTRE ON TRANSNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS, CRIME AND SECURITY

The Jack & Mae Nathanson Centre on Transnational Human Rights, Crime and Security seeks to make a leading, cross-disciplinary contribution to the study of the relationships amongst crime, human rights, and security in the context of transnational phenomena and as informed by normative and theoretical perspectives. The Centre focuses on research and knowledge-generation activities that contribute to fundamental scholarship and/or public policy debates. It draws on the expertise of a variety of law researchers from Osgoode Hall Law School, where it is based, as well as of researchers in cognate areas such as Philosophy, Sociology, Criminology, Political Science, and Law and Society. The Centre further seeks to broaden the impact of its work by engaging researchers at other universities, in government, and in various other professional and nongovernmental sectors, in Canada and internationally.

**Co-directors:** Professor François Tanguay-Renaud and Professor Heidi Matthews

### POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW, 2019-20

Dr. Gregory Brown, with the support of a two-year SSHRC post-doctoral award, is visiting the Centre to work on a project on de-policing throughout today's front-line police work under the supervision of Professor James Sheptycki, Criminology, LA&PS.

### NATHANSON GRADUATE FELLOWS, 2019-20

Aedan Alderson, PhD Candidate, Environmental Studies

Brenda Polar, PhD Candidate, School of Social Work

Rawan Abdelbaki, PhD Candidate, Sociology

Joshua Shaw, PhD Candidate, Osgoode Hall

Steven Rita-Procter, PhD Candidate, Osgoode Hall

Devin Holterman, PhD Candidate, Geography

Hiba Sha'ath, PhD Candidate, Geography

Andray Domise, MA Candidate, History

Caroline Hill, MA Candidate, Geography

Kenneth Williams, MA Candidate, Social Work

### VISITING FELLOW, 2019-20

Emilio Dabed, lawyer and political scientist, is visiting the Centre through August 2020 to conduct research for a book project Titled "BEING AND LAW: A Palestinian Critique of Legal Reason."

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, 2019-20

**Heidi Matthews**, Assistant Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School

**François Tanguay-Renaud**, Associate Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School

**Ruth Buchanan**, Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School

**Cynthia Williams**, Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School

**Mary Condon**, Dean, Osgoode Hall Law School

## HIGHLIGHTS

### SEMINARS/LECTURES/SPECIAL EVENTS

As it was last year, a major highlight of the Centre's activities this year was the *Emerging Trends in Criminal Justice: Local, Comparative, Transnational, and International Perspectives* series, now in its third year. The goal of the series, which is co-organized by Centre Co-Directors, Professors Tanguay-Renaud and Matthews, along with Professor Palma Paciocco, is to create a new collaborative space for more sustained and interactive comparative, transnational, and international scholarship on criminal justice. These thinkers represent a true cross-section of methodologies (theorists; empiricists; doctrinalists; critical legal scholars; journalists, activists, etc.), and the series has become one of the core research and community-building activities of the Nathanson Centre – and, indeed, Osgoode as a whole. This year six seminars were scheduled in total; two were cancelled due to family emergencies, and two were cancelled due to COVID-19.

The two speakers hosted this year were: Prof. Paul Butler (Georgetown University, “Prison Abolition, and a Mule”) and Prof. Guy Ben-Porat (Ben-Gurion University, “Civic Lessons: Police, Minorities and citizenship”). Both events were well attended, with audiences ranging from 15 to 30 people.

The Centre also hosted and sponsored a range of guest seminars, delivered by Sadeq Bigdeli (SBU (National) University, “Trade War and Peace: View from the Middle East”), Kevin Gray (JD Osgoode, “Taming States: Democratic Norms and Constituent Power in the East African Court of Justice”), and Sarah Biddulph (University of Melbourne, “Repression and Accommodation in Popular Claims for Social and Economic Rights”).

The 2019-20 ‘Or ‘Emet Lecture was to be delivered by Professor Philip Alston (New York University Law School) on “The Poverty of the Sustainable Development Goals,” however this talk was cancelled due to COVID-19. At the time of cancellation, over 50 people had RSVPed. We are working to deliver this event in a virtual format in September 2020.

The Centre also co-sponsored a talk with the Centre for Refugee Studies by Tendayi Achiume, titled “Migration as Decolonization.” The Centre had also committed to co-sponsoring a “Detained” symposium panel on *R v Morris* organized by Professors Janet Mosher and Amar Bhatia and featuring McMurtry Fellow Fathima Cader, which was cancelled due to COVID-19. We were in the process of planning an event with a visiting delegation of lawyers from Hong Kong to coincide with Sarah Biddulph's talk, but it was cancelled due to the COVID crisis in China at that time.



## CONFERENCES

In 2019-20, the Centre organized one major international workshop: Serious International Crimes, Human Rights, and Forced Migration (May 30-31, 2019).

This workshop was co-sponsored by the Centre in collaboration with McLaughlin College, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, and the Vice President of Research and Innovation. The lead organizer was Professor James Simeon.

Over the two days of the Symposium there were two keynote speakers, six plenary panel sessions, five judicial plenary panel chairs, eight original plenary panel papers, and some 30 participants in total. The Symposium began with a keynote address each morning and then was followed by three plenary panel sessions, one in the morning and two in the afternoon. The keynotes and the plenary panel sessions were organized on the three interrelated Symposium themes of serious international crimes, human rights, and forced migration.

The first day of the Symposium was focused principally on national and transnational law and the second day of the Symposium was focused primarily on international law. Hence, each of the three interrelated Symposium themes were thoroughly addressed, as much as reasonably possible, at the national, transnational and international levels, that is, with a multi-level legal analysis. Day one of the Symposium provided the foundation for considering the international law dimensions of these three inherently interrelated Symposium thematic areas of focus: the pivotal four serious international crimes; the severest breaches to our core human rights; and, ultimately, their direct consequences of, most typically, mass forced displacement or migration. Day two of the Symposium focused on the international law issues and concerns related to these three overlapping and synchronous thematic areas. This innovative Symposium structure and format worked well and offered the Symposium participants an interesting and engaging program with which to address the most important legal issues within each of the Symposium's three thematic areas and the present state of the law, in its totality.

### **Other Events to which the Centre contributed**

For the third year running, the Centre co-sponsored the International Law in the Global South (ILIGS) Seminar Series organized by research associate Professor Obiora Okafor. The Centre co-sponsored an event organized by research associate Professor Faisal Bhabha, titled "Justice for Soli: Mental Health, Solitary Confinement and the Use of Force in Prison." In 2016, Soleiman Faqiri, a 30-year-old schizophrenic man, died in custody under suspicious circumstances. His family pushed for answers and after a Fifth Estate investigative journalism piece aired in January 2019, a fresh investigation into the death was announced. The case raises issues about mental health, prison justice and solitary confinement. This event featured a talk by Yusuf Faqiri about his brother Soleiman's case, and his family's attempt to get answers and find justice. It was very well attended, with over 50 people present.



## THE WINKLER INSTITUTE FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Based at Osgoode, the Winkler Institute for Dispute Resolution is a vibrant centre for research on innovation in dispute resolution, access to justice and the future of the legal profession and justice system. Its projects are wide-ranging but always rooted in this mandate.

Whether it is exploring the potential for human-centred design and legal technology to transform justice services, innovating in dispute resolution and prevention, or discovering new ways of thinking about the profession, legal education and empowerment, the Institute is consistently striving to find out how to do things better and more inclusively.

Additionally, it is closely tied in both mission and operation with the Osgoode Mediation Clinic, supporting the work of its three primary divisions (and their community partners) and facilitating its Small Claims Court Mediation Program.

Since opening its doors in 2014, the Winkler Institute has become a leading voice in Canadian justice innovation and reform and a partner on many research projects and initiatives with similarly minded organizations and institutions across the world.

**Academic Director:** Martha Simmons

**Assistant Director:** Jean-Paul Bevilacqua

### HIGHLIGHTS

- St. Stephen's Research Report on Community Mediation.** The Winkler Institute and St. Stephen's House have a long partnership in advancing community mediation through the Osgoode Mediation Clinic. Community mediation holds lots of promise, but little has been done to date to study its effectiveness. In 2019, the Winkler Institute and St. Stephen's partnered to evaluate the effectiveness of community mediation and coaching, as practised in the 12 services of the Ontario Community Mediation Coalition (OCMC). This research was generously funded and supported by the Law Foundation of Ontario. The grant money was used to hire a research firm to evaluate the community mediation model and prepare a report that can be used by practitioners and researchers to inform their practice.
- Indigenous Youth: Designing a Better Justice System, Phase Two.** Through another Law Foundation of Ontario grant, the Winkler Institute and its project partners Justice for Children and the Ontario Justice Education Network continued to facilitate the Indigenous Youth: Designing a Better Justice System project into the second phase of development. The purpose of the project is to create technological solutions that would improve interactions and the relationship between police and Indigenous communities and accelerate the implementation of the recommendations found in the Justice & Juries - A First Nations Youth Action Plan for Justice Report.



*Osgoode took first place as client-advocate (out of 53 teams) at the International Academy of Dispute Resolution's International Law School Mediation Tournament, which was held in Athens, Greece in March 2019. A victory banner was unfurled on October 30, 2019 in Osgoode's Gowlings Hall. From left, Aaron Pearce, Adam Voorberg, Karen Mann, Jean-Paul Bevilacqua.*

In the first phase of the project, an idea for a mobile-based educational game, called “*Shield Your Rights*” was created and this application has now advanced to the second phase of development. “Shield Your Rights” aims to empower youth by incorporating the traditional Seven Grandfather Teachings in a quest to teach users about youth legal rights. The Youth Leadership Team, composed of Indigenous youth from throughout the province, have gathered with project partners at regular intervals throughout the year to further develop, refine, and concept-test Shield Your Rights. The Winkler Institute, along with its project partners will continue to support the youth and the project into its final stages of development, and, hopefully, the ultimate release of the game.

- **Autonomy through Cyberjustice Technologies (ACT) Partnership.** As a part of the *Autonomy through Cyberjustice Technologies (ACT)* partnership with the Cyberjustice Laboratory at the University of Montreal, the Winkler Institute continues to explore online dispute as a means to achieve access to justice. On May 15, our Assistant Director, Jean-Paul Bevilacqua was a panelist at an ACT webinar on the impact that the pandemic has had on access to justice and the establishment of new technological tools and services seeking to inform the public of their rights during a pandemic. Additionally, as part of the ACT partnership, the Winkler Institute and its founding Academic Director, Trevor Farrow, will continue collaborating as an academic partner in one of the 16 subprojects titled “Subproject 1: Pre-Conflict Decision Tools: Orienting Litigants and Defendants”. This subproject aims to develop tools to assist in pre-conflict decision making.
- **Annual Joint Winkler Institute/IAM/OsgoodePD Conference on Mediation.** The annual legal education conference on mediation is a partnership between the Winkler Institute for Dispute Resolution, the International Academy of Mediators and Osgoode Professional Development. The topic of this year’s conference was to be “Closing the Deal: Effective Strategies for Advocates and Mediators” with programs discussing effective strategies in successfully closing deals, navigating impasse and resolving ethical dilemmas. The conference was set to be held on May 14, 2020. Due to COVID-19, the conference was postponed to May 13, 2021.
- **Community ADR Resource Database.** In association with the *Conciliation and Arbitration Board for Canada*, the Winkler Institute conducted three community roundtables on dispute resolution in the fall of 2018: one in Toronto, the other Calgary and the final as a part of the ADR Institute of Canada’s National Conference in Montreal. Roundtable participants identified the need for a centralized repository for ADR related resources that community organizations can access. In 2019–20, the Winkler institute partnered with Pro Bono Students Canada (PBSC) to research and build a database of recent Canadian resources on ADR. The resource database will be launched and be publicly available by the fall of 2020.
- **Small Claims Court Program and Research.** The Winkler institute continued its Small Claims Court Mediation Program with the Brampton and Toronto (Sheppard) courthouses. The data we garnered from the Small Claims Court program, available to view through our *year-end report*, provides important insights on the impacts and effectiveness of mediation in a Small Claims Court context.

For a full listing of the Winkler Institute team, activities and initiatives, please visit <https://winklerinstitute.ca/> and visit us on Twitter [@winklerinst](https://twitter.com/winklerinst).

## YORK CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY AND LAW

YCPPL was established in 2008 to foster and facilitate collaborative interdisciplinary research in the field of public policy and law among York University's faculty and students. Its goal is to assist with the research needs of the broader community, including government and public policy-makers, non-governmental organizations, and others. It provides accurate and reliable research on important legal and public policy issues and makes it available to federal, provincial and municipal policy-makers. Since 2014 it has been housed at Osgoode Hall Law School and is funded solely by Osgoode.

**Director:** Richard Haigh

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### EVENTS

##### The YCPPL hosted one event in 2019-20:

- “Book Talk: Courts Without Cases” on Mar 4, 2020. The book is University of Ottawa Professor Carissima Mathen's magisterial work on the Canadian Reference case jurisdiction. Mathen discussed the book, which was followed by comments and discussion from a distinguished panel of experts that included York and Osgoode Professors: Bruce Ryder, Soren Frederiksen, Faisal Bhabha and Dagmar Soennecken.

A second planned event was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic: the 3rd annual Laskin Lecture, planned for April 3, 2020 at Osgoode's annual Constitutional Cases Conference was to be delivered by Supreme Court of Canada judge Sheilah Martin.

A number of events were co-sponsored by the YCPPL, including the series of UN International Days at McLaughlin College, which included lunchtime speaking engagements:

**September 21, 2019 -- World Day of Peace**

**December 10, 2019 -- International Day of Human Rights**

**January 24, 2020 -- International Day of Education**

**February 20, 2020 -- World Day of Social Justice**

**March 21 -- International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (cancelled)**

## RESEARCH

The YCPPL continued its large research project (which will likely continue beyond the 2019-20 year) collaborating with the Rights Advocacy Coalition for Equality (RACE) on judicial bias. This year, the project became part of the Pro Bono Students Canada law school programs, which meant that both Osgoode and U of T law schools contributed student volunteers. The project analyzes Ontario Court of Justice and Superior Court judgments by individual judges, with a view to mapping and assessing potential biases. As the intention is to review all of the judges at both levels of court (in criminal cases), it will take some time, as there are over 8,000 judgments.

The YCPPL also continued its large research project (which will hopefully continue further, but much will depend on the handover to the new Director) on interveners at the SCC. This is a multi-year project that includes mapping all the interveners that have appeared at the Supreme Court of Canada since 2014 (a five-year study). The focus for 2019-21 is on generating statistical data to develop a quantitative model and analysis of interventions. The project is a collaboration with Professor Thaddeus Hwong of York University.

Dan Kuzmyk, counsel at York Region, approached Richard Haigh in February 2019 about a research project related to constitutional aspects of roads and railways. The project began in May 2019. A report was tendered to York Region in December 2019.

## PUBLICATIONS AND TALKS

Richard Haigh had one publication related to work done at the Centre, “Does it Need an Intervention? An Examination of Intervenors in Business Cases at the Supreme Court of Canada” in Justice Todd Archibald, ed., *Annual Review of Civil Litigation, 2019* (Toronto: Thomson Reuters, 2019) 241- 285

Richard Haigh gave a talk at the Christ’s College, Cambridge on “Does a Change of Words Mean Something or Nothing? Interpreting Substance or Style in Legislative Amendments” with Parliamentary Counsel of Victoria, Paul O’Brien.

Richard Haigh, Jennah Khaled and Patrick McCaugherty presented the “Roads and Railways: A Fresh Constitutional Analysis” to the York Region Transportation Group and Legal & Court Services on November 20, 2019.

## STUDENT HIRING

As a result of the grants and ongoing funding that YCPPL receives, the Centre was able to hire a number of JD students and one Osgoode PhD student as research assistants throughout the 2019-20 year. The JD students include: Victoria Peters, Matti Thurlin, Felicity Radan, Jennah Khaled, Patrick McCaugherty and Sydney McIvor; Summaiya Zaidi was the PhD student. Students worked mainly on the intervenors project and the York Region roads and railways project.

## PARTNERSHIPS

The YCPPL’s partnership with the International Justice Partnership continued in 2019-20. A number of meetings were held, and visits from judges from Mexico. The IJP works to promote access to justice, the rule of law, judicial independence, and democratic governance in developing countries by serving as a Canadian resource to the judicial and legal professions, court administration, government officials and others involved in and working at strengthening their justice systems. The IJP has an international board of directors and advisors including Pamela Ryder-Lahey, Ian Greene, Diane Elkas, Barb Hookenson, Diana Lowe, Bruce Preston, Michel Bastarache, Catherine Anne Fraser, Carl Baar, Judge Frank Rockson, His Honour Michael Hopmeier, Iryna Voytyuk and Steven Richman. Carolyn Carter, a PhD student at Osgoode, is the current Executive Director for 2019-20 and likely to continue to 2021. A few podcasts on the IJP have been prepared dealing with judicial administration and training, and there are plans for a number of additional podcasts for 2020-21.

# LAW LIBRARY

## COLLECTIONS

A new library management system was launched with a multifunctional discovery layer on December 18, 2019. OMNI, the library catalogue, is shared by 14 Ontario university libraries. <https://www.library.yorku.ca/web/>  
A total of 32,708 materials were added to the library's collection from May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020. Of that number, 31,852 were E-books while 1,057 were monographs.

## LIBRARY ACCESS

The gate count for this period is **119,778**. This excludes entries for April 2020 as the library closed from March 13, 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Services and resources continue to be provided remotely.

## DIGITAL INITIATIVES

### Osgoode Digital Commons

The Osgoode Digital Commons continues to grow, showcasing faculty scholarship and other scholarly work globally. On November 4, 2019, it reached the 2.5m download landmark. To date, there are over 2.9 million downloads.



*Yemisi Dina was appointed Osgoode's Chief Law Librarian effective July 1, 2019. Dina, who served as Interim Chief Law Librarian from November 2017 to July 1, has a Master of Public Policy, Administration & Law degree from York University, as well as a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria.*



Figure 1 Historic Timeline





Figure 2 All Time Statistics May 2020

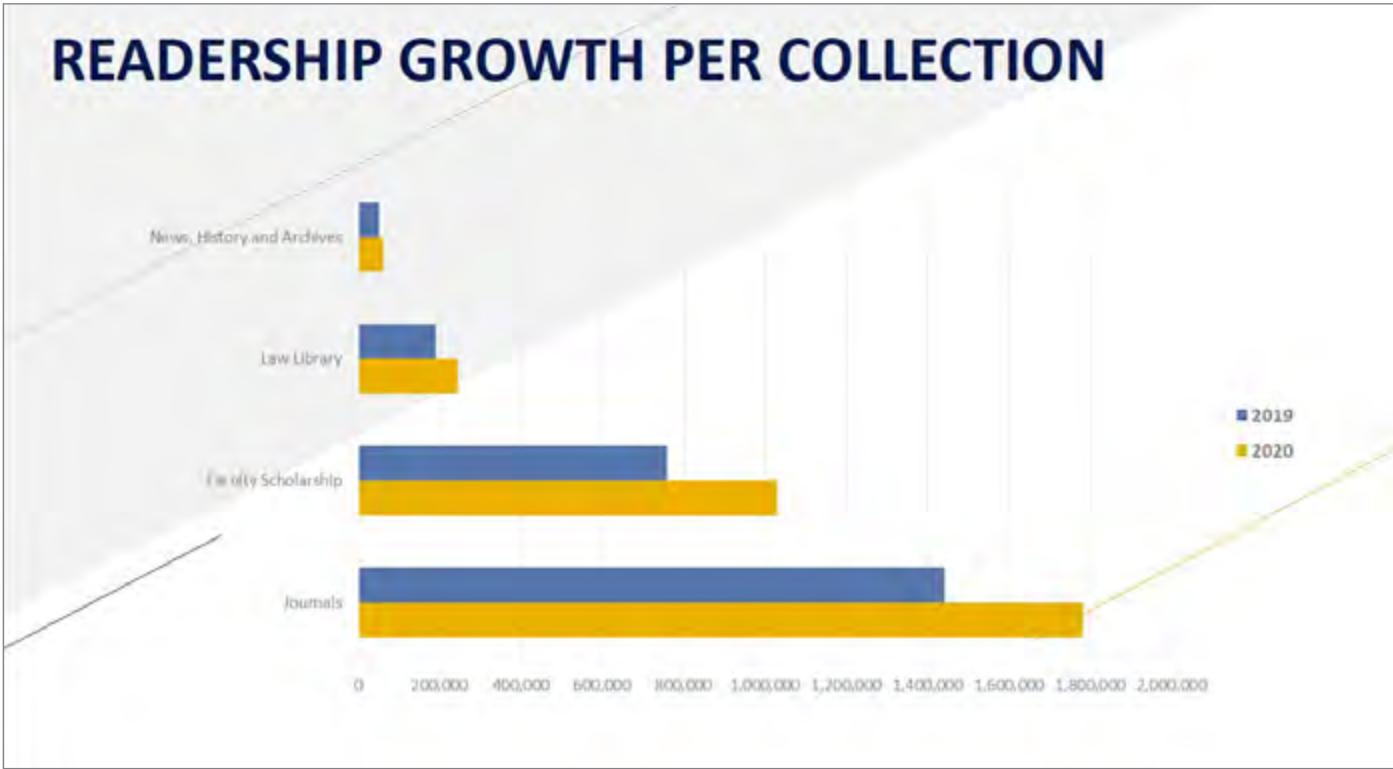


Figure 3 Faculty Scholarship: Readership Growth

## Social Science Research Network (SSRN)

In April 2020, the Osgoode Research Paper Series ranked number 20 out of Top 500 International Schools with over 20,000 downloads of faculty papers in the eLibrary.



Figure 4 SSRN Osgoode Ranks # 20

## Professional Activities

Professor Shelley Kierstead, Director, Legal Research and Writing Program, the Osgoode Law Library and the Bora Laskin Law Library, University of Toronto co-hosted the Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop on December 6, 2019. This was the first time the workshop was hosted at Osgoode Hall Law School.

The theme of the workshop was – “Research and Writing in the Experiential Learning Context.” Speakers and participants were drawn from law schools and libraries in Canada and the United States.

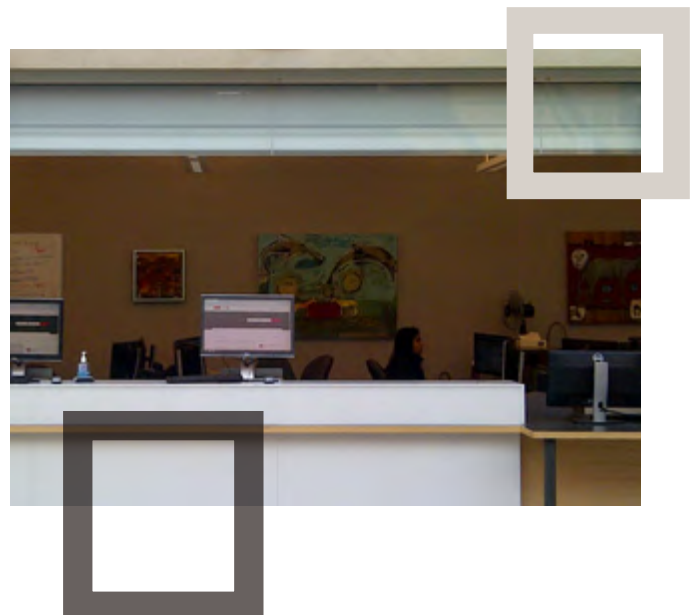
## Staffing

Gabrielle Martin joined the Law Library as the Digital Services and Material Processing Assistant on March 2, 2020.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

- The Helpdesk **resolved approximately 6,475 service tickets** within the last year. The efficiencies previously implemented from the Business Process Improvement Initiative had helped to stabilize the number of service requests, which allowed for **enhanced service planning and an increase in the quality of service provided to the community**.
- Osgoode ITS continued to operate at a **Level 5** status within the **Capability Maturity Model Integration [CMMI]** classification system. This classifies the ITS department as being highly optimized in all business practices, including following Standard Operating Procedures, a Service Catalogue, a project intake funnel and being quantitatively managed. Continuing to work within this level of CMMI allows us to provide excellent service delivery through training and self-service options.
- Continued to support electronic voting and remote participation through technologies such as Zoom and Moodle for governance processes. This **increased efficiency and accessibility** for digital electronic voting.
- Following the completed e-mail migration from IBM Notes to Office 365, Osgoode ITS **completed the transition of other services** to the Microsoft 365 platform, including productivity software, mailing lists and collaboration tools.
- **Enhanced community user experience by increasing usage of Microsoft 365 tools.** SharePoint has more widespread usage for administrative and research functions. It has been approved by York for securely storing confidential information and can be rolled out further. In conjunction with Teams and OneDrive, SharePoint provides enhanced document sharing and collaboration options for the Osgoode community as an integrated technology platform.
- The **streamlined video conferencing system**, Zoom, continues to be widely used by faculty and staff for administrative purposes (meetings), and by students for academic purposes (classes). It is also used for research collaboration, PhD Defenses and conferences. Osgoode has utilized Zoom extensively during the COVID pandemic to support the need for **remote administrative work, teaching activities and learning activities**.
- Osgoode **hosts 50 websites in its online portfolio**, providing support for a variety of websites to support academic, administrative and research activities. The portfolio includes 13 Blogs, 12 Conferences, 13 Administrative, and 12 Teaching & Research sites.
- **Support teaching, learning and collaboration** with over 360 course websites and 50 special or non-credit sites for hosting content, discussions, videos, polls and quizzes to supplement learning tools with a rich online experience.
- Continued to **evaluate and strengthen security protocols** and standards for servers and workstations. Anti-virus and anti-hacking software were upgraded; strict data segregation standards were maintained and firewalls were further strengthened. Remote access to computing resources on campus are limited to secure VPN connections in addition to implementing segregated user-based roles. **Osgoode continues to position itself as a leader in data security standards.**

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# OFFICE OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Launched Osgoode Podcast Series: **4 Questions for...**
  - Patricia Olasker '77 asks Dean Mary Condon about the **Challenges Facing Legal Education**
  - Nye Thomas, Law Commission of Ontario & Carole Piovesan '09, INQ Data Law on **AI and the Law**
  - Professor Emeritus Harry Arthurs' memoir, **Connecting the Dots – The Life of an Academic Lawyer**
  - Professors Benjamin Berger and Joan Gilmour on our **Medical Assistance in Dying Laws**
  - Anil Kapoor '86 interviews Jamie Cameron on **Not Criminally Responsible (NCR) Offenders**
  - **Climate Change Crisis** with Professor Cynthia Williams and Dianne Saxe '74, '91 (PhD)
- Hosted Canadian National Division Qualify Tournament for the **Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition**
- Redesigned **Osgoode Admissions Handbook**
- Hosted a **Business Networking and Etiquette Session** for students
- Opening of renovated **The John R. Cartwright Rare Book Room** donor event
- **Dean for a Day:** First-year JD student **Sebastian di Domenico** was the winner of the contest, but the day was postponed due to the pandemic.
- Increased Osgoode **social media activity** by:
 

• Facebook Likes	9%
• Twitter Followers	23%
• YouTube (views)	27%
• Instagram Followers	44%
• LinkedIn York University	8%
- Osgoode Hall Law School	



*Professor Benjamin Berger and Professor Emerita Joan Gilmour discussed our medical assistance in dying laws during a "4 Questions For" podcast.*

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## ALUMNI REUNIONS AND EVENTS

### CLASS REUNIONS

1959 – 60-year reunion  
 1964 – 55-year reunion  
 1969 – 50-year reunion  
 1994 – 25-year reunion  
 2009 – 10-year reunion

### OTHER ALUMNI EVENTS

All-Canadian Law School event in New York City  
 Alumni & Prospective Student Events: Vancouver and Goodmans LLP  
 Alumni Mock Interviews  
 Dean's Alumni Reception  
 First Day of Law School Tours of Osgoode Hall  
 JD/MBA Alumni Mixer  
 Harry Arthurs' book launch  
 Osgoode Hall Law Journal 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

Achievement: Abdurahman Hosh Jibril '93 (*posthumously*), Paul Pape '69  
 Public Sector: Todd Archibald '86 (LLM)  
 Service: Tanya Walker '05  
 One-to-Watch: Alyssa Brierley '09, Chantelle (Spagnola) Cseh '10  
 Dianne Martin Medal for Social Justice through Law: Lorne Waldman '77  
 Mentor of the Year: Nicolas Francis '15, Alexei Kovalev '16

### NEW STUDENT AWARDS

Abdurahman 'Hosh' Jibril '93 Memorial Bursary  
 Forum Equity Partners ICLP Bursary  
 Forum Equity Partners ICLP Summer Internship  
 James C. MacDonald Memorial Award  
 Marie Henein Prize in Access to Justice  
 Marvin Kin Tung Cheung, OBE, Memorial Prize in Commercial Law  
 Robert Marvin Masters Bursary  
 Ron Ellis '09 (PhD) Prize in Administrative Law  
 The Right Honourable John R. Cartwright Prize  
 vs. All-Odds Bursary

**Media Releases:** [https://digitalcommons.osgoode.yorku.ca/media\\_releases/](https://digitalcommons.osgoode.yorku.ca/media_releases/)

**Ovations:** <https://digitalcommons.osgoode.yorku.ca/ovations/>

## BUDGET

	2018-19 ACTUAL	2019-20 ACTUAL	2020-21 <sup>1</sup> BUDGET
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Central Allocation	\$38,156,184	\$36,509,174	\$38,299,201
External Cost Recoveries	\$7,904,396	\$7,394,000	\$8,049,665
Internal Cost Recoveries	\$297,521	\$231,799	\$128,958
Other Revenues	\$502,005	\$551,123	\$454,745
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$46,860,107</b>	<b>\$44,686,096</b>	<b>\$46,932,569</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Faculty Administration	\$117,912	\$107,879	\$104,415
Faculty	\$12,385,248	\$13,656,937	\$14,026,028
Contract Faculty	\$1,450,302	\$1,823,747	\$2,017,028
Teaching Assistants	\$240,808	\$248,837	\$250,739
Research Staff <sup>2</sup>	\$2,478,561	\$1,498,258	\$1,568,715
Support Staff	\$11,432,210	\$12,077,357	\$13,471,378
Other Salaries	\$1,679,481	\$1,421,332	\$1,745,900
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>	<b>\$29,784,523</b>	<b>\$30,834,347</b>	<b>\$33,184,203</b>
Operating Costs	\$8,290,600	\$5,327,876	\$7,174,408
Utilities & Others	\$1,033,273	\$849,173	\$1,064,554
Student Support <sup>3</sup>	\$1,686,769	\$1,744,025	\$2,132,803
<b>Total Operating Costs</b>	<b>\$11,010,641</b>	<b>\$7,921,074</b>	<b>\$10,371,765</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$40,795,164</b>	<b>\$38,755,421</b>	<b>\$43,555,968</b>
<b>Revenue - Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,064,943</b>	<b>\$5,930,675</b>	<b>\$3,376,601</b>
<b>Previous Year Carry Forward</b>	<b>\$16,511,450</b>	<b>\$22,576,393</b>	<b>\$28,507,069</b>
<b>Carry Forward to Next Year<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>\$22,576,393</b>	<b>\$28,507,069</b>	<b>\$31,883,670</b>

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> The 2020-21 budget was finalized in February 2020. Actuals will be reported following the close of the fiscal year.

<sup>2</sup> Salaries & benefits of faculty on sabbatical are recorded on this line.

<sup>3</sup> This report includes student support from operating funds only and does not reflect the majority of Osgoode student support that is funded from endowments and trusts.

<sup>4</sup> The carry forward line includes funding for the Income Contingent Loan Program, the contingency fund for the Law School, funding commitments for strategic initiatives and carry forward funds for library acquisitions.

# BUDGET

The 2020 fiscal year operating budget for the Law School supported the School's core teaching, learning and research activities over the 2019-20 academic year. Although our fiscal year ended approximately a month and a half into the COVID-19 pandemic (the pandemic) emergency, we completed the year with a \$5.9M in-year surplus, due in large part to the Osgoode Professional Development (OPD) contribution of approximately \$5.2M.

The 2020 surplus has been committed to both advance the long-term strategic objectives of the Law School and address more immediate needs brought about by both the pandemic and emerging social justice issues. Among the funds committed are \$1M towards student financial aid to be distributed during the 2020-21 academic year; \$0.25M to support remote teaching during the pandemic; \$0.2M to target immediate Library improvements; and two funds to be disbursed over the next three years - one to fund anti-racism initiatives (\$0.1M) and the other to support initiatives to be identified in the School's new strategic plan (\$0.3M). To help ensure that Osgoode remains a leader in continuing legal education, \$1.7M of the surplus will be invested in OPD programs.

The pandemic has introduced unprecedented risk to the 2021 budget, a budget that was developed in advance of the emergency shutdown of the country. As we move through 2021 year, it will be important that we carefully monitor our revenues and expenditures for significant variances from our original budget, while at the same time develop mitigation strategies to allow us to quickly pivot our finances to address any impacts on the School brought about by the pandemic.

In these uncertain times, the School's carryforward balance provides a budgetary safety net should we see dramatic fluctuations in enrolments and/or encounter significant unexpected costs. In fiscal 2021, the School will have a \$31.9M carry forward from the 2020 fiscal year. This carry forward consists of funding for the School's contingency fund, OPD's reinvestment funds, the Income Contingent Loan Program, library acquisition funds and commitments for initiatives set out in the School's strategic plan. The contingency fund has been built up over several years to provide stability to our operating budget in times when the School faces fiscal pressures due to sudden changes in revenue or unplanned major expenses. This fund affords the School the resources to address significant, unexpected budget events such as the pandemic, so that the School can continue to remain focused on its core mission.

Beside the current budgetary pressures presented by the pandemic, some other pressures on the horizon should not be overlooked. A new two-year government tuition framework was announced in the winter of 2019 which mandated postsecondary institutions to reduce domestic tuition rates by 10 percent in the 2019-20 academic year and freeze tuition rates at the 2019-20 rate for the 2020-21 academic year. From a budget perspective, this new framework is a significant departure from previous recent frameworks that allowed for incremental tuition increases. The new framework presents a downward pressure on a significant revenue stream for the School at a time when fixed expenses continue to rise. Impending revisions to the University's SHARP budget model could present an additional pressure on the School's budget. The revised budget model is currently slated for release in fiscal 2022.

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