

# HUMAN RIGHTS RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTRE

Annual Report 2012 – 2013



uOttawa



# FROM THE DIRECTOR

This annual report for 2012-2013 covers the leadership periods of the last year of Director Prof. Lucie Lamarche (July 2009 to June 2013) and most of the period of Interim Director Prof. Penelope Simons (July 2013 to January 2014). The story of the Centre over these years is one of sustained investment in people and partnerships, continuity and new influences and opportunities. It demonstrates the commitment, engagement and hard work of the management, staff and members of the Centre.

Under the direction of Prof. Lamarche, who also held the Gordon F. Henderson Chair in Human Rights, the Centre returned to a focus on research. Four main strategies were pursued to align activities with this focus: investment in graduate and post-graduate talent; the use of new technologies to support online training in human rights and research communications through webinars and a video-conference series; strengthening of visiting researcher programmes to promote the exchange of ideas from diverse sources and to create opportunities for international collaborations; and building partnerships for mutual benefit. These strategies were continued with a sense of optimism and enthusiasm by Interim Director Prof. Simons who also added a new project: the inaugural University of Ottawa Human Rights Film Festival in collaboration with the Canadian Film Institute.

The activities and achievements of the Centre during these two years build on the successes of the past and capitalize on new opportunities to demonstrate how academic institutions can make important contributions to the advancement of human rights in Canada and abroad.

Prof. John Packer

Director (February 2014 – present)



# ABOUT THE HRREC

The Human Rights Research and Education Centre (HRREC) is one of the oldest in Canada and North America. Created in 1981, it comprises researchers specialized in law and social sciences. The Centre strives to bring educators, researchers and students together with practitioners with a multi- and inter-disciplinary perspective, in order to promote the respect of human rights and explore the effective protection and enjoyment of such rights for everyone everywhere.

The Centre places a particular emphasis on issues of equality and non-discrimination, peace, migration and immigration, health, environment, international trade and investment, poverty and vulnerable groups. The HRREC benefits from a bilingual and bijuridical environment. Its strategic location in a G7 Capital supports the Centre at all levels of its initiatives, whether local, national or international. The Centre privileges research and education partnerships with academics and civil society organizations.









# WHO WE ARE

## FACULTY

**Jabeur Fathally**

Faculty of Law

**Lucie Lamarche**

Faculty of Law

**Pacifique Manirakiza**

Faculty of Law

**Delphine Nakache**

Faculty of Social Sciences (and  
Management Committee)

**Sylvie Paquerot**

Faculty of Social Sciences

**Mona Paré**

Faculty of Law (and  
Management Committee)

**David Robitaille**

Faculty of Law

**François Rocher**

Faculty of Social Sciences

**Peter Showler**

Faculty of Law

**Penelope Simons**

Faculty of Law (and  
Management Committee)

**Joanne St. Lewis**

Faculty of Law

**Marc Toufayan**

Faculty of Law

**Sophie Thériault**

Faculty of Law

## GRADUATE STUDENTS

**Olabisi Akinkugbe**

Faculty of Law (and  
Management Committee)

**Heather Curran**

Faculty of Law

**Benoît Frate**

Faculty of Law

**Evelyne Jean-Bouchard**

Faculty of Law

**Laura Porras Santanilla**

Faculty of Law

**Anne Dagenais Guertin**

Faculty of Law

**Alexandre D. Roussille**

Faculty of Law

**Siobhan Airey**

Faculty of Law

**Chaima Atafi**

Faculty of Law

**Antonin Lafrance-Carrier**

Faculty of Social Sciences

**Fedora Mathieu**

Faculty of Law  
Gordon F. Henderson Scholar  
(2012-2013)

**Joaquin Bardallo Bandera**

Faculty of Social Sciences  
Gordon F. Henderson Scholar  
(2013-2014)

**Pierre-Gilles Bélanger**

Faculty of Law

**Sabrina Alzais**

Faculty of Social Sciences

**Amélie Laurin-Gravel**

Faculty of Social Sciences

**Farzana Jameel**

Faculty of Law

## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

**Charlotte Chicoine Wilson**  
Faculty of Law

**Gaston Segakiga**  
Faculty of Law

**Ryan Mayele**  
Faculty of Law

**Jael Duarte**  
Faculty of Law

**Jean François Landry**  
Faculty of Law

**Anaïs Tobalagba**  
Faculty of Law

**Audrey Corsi Caya**  
Faculty of Law

**Sarah Jiwan**  
Faculty of Law

**Miguel Sanchez Navarro**  
Faculty of Law

## VISITING RESEARCHERS

**Allan McChesney**  
Visiting Fellow (Disability  
Rights 2011-2012)

**Jeremy Levitt**  
Florida A&M University College  
of Law  
Fulbright Chair (2012)

**Richard Lubben**  
South Texas College  
Fulbright Chair (2013)

## POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS

**Christine Vézina**  
Post-Doctoral Fellow (2011-  
2013)

**Kirsten Fisher**  
Gordon F. Henderson Post-  
Doctoral Fellow (2012-2013)

**Areli Valencia**  
Gordon F. Henderson Post-  
Doctoral Fellow (2013-2014)

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

**Emily Bates**  
Director, University of Ottawa Refugee Assistance Project (UORAP)

## STAFF

**Lucie Lamarche**  
Director of Research & Gordon  
F. Henderson Chair (2007-  
2012)

**Penelope Simons**  
Director of Research (2013-  
2014)

**Sonya Nigam**  
Executive Director (2008-2013)

**Michèle Phillips**  
Communications and Events  
Management Officer

**Ginette Chatelain**  
Administrative Assistant

# SELECTED PROFILES

Our members are academics, students and actors in the wider community.



## **GORDON F. HENDERSON CHAIR**

### **Professor Lucie Lamarche**

Ph.D. (1994), Fellow post doctoral Jean Monnet 1998-1999; Mérite Tourigny du Barreau du Québec 2002. Professor Lamarche is a specialist of economic and social human rights, of social rights and international work. Her publications include: "Perspectives occidentales du droit international des droits économiques de la personne" (Bruylant, 1995); "Donner droit de cité aux droits économiques, sociaux et culturels: la Charte québécoise en chantier" (L. Lamarche et P. Boisset, eds, Les Éditions Yvon Blais, 2011).



## **GORDON F. HENDERSON POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW (2012-2013)**

### **Kirsten Fisher**

Kirsten writes on issues of transitional justice, child soldiers and post-atrocity accountability. She is the author of "Moral Accountability and International Criminal Law" (Routledge 2012) and "Transitional Justice for Child Soldiers: Accountability and Social Reconstruction in Post-Conflict Contexts" (Palgrave Macmillan 2013).



## **GORDON F. HENDERSON MASTER SCHOLAR (2012-2013)**

### **Fedora Mathieu**

Fedora's research topic was "The effectiveness of economic, social and cultural rights and the influence of the various actors (civil society, government, national and international courts) in their implementation."



## **FULBRIGHT CHAIR IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (2013)**

### **Professor Richard Lubben**

Richard is a visual artist and Associate Professor at South Texas College (STC). At STC, he has served as the Department Chairperson for Communications and Creative Arts, the President of the Council of Chairs, Faculty Senate Secretary and is a Board Member of the Texas Association of Schools of Art.



# WHAT WE DO

During 2012 and 2013, HRREC hosted 72 events organized with 45 institutional partners including government agencies, funding councils, foundations, national and international NGOs, law firms, student groups, etc. The Centre supported 6 lectures/webinar series, 7 academic conferences, 5 book launches, 2 art exhibits and the first edition of the University of Ottawa Human Rights Film Festival. For a complete overview of the Centre's events, visit our website.

## SELECTED EVENTS

### University of Ottawa Human Rights Film Festival



In collaboration with the Canadian Film Institute, the HRREC organized the first University of Ottawa Human Rights Film Festival. This inaugural edition

addressed, in both fiction and documentary films, compelling human rights issues touching on gender, globalization, political repression, and aboriginal rights.

October 24-26 2013

### Environmental Justice and Human Rights: Investigating the Tensions, Exploring the Possibilities



This Conference discussed the convergences and tensions between the discourse of human rights and environmental justice bringing together Canadian and international scholars (teachers, researchers and students) from various disciplines within the social sciences and law, lawyers, and activists. The project was supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).

November 08-10 2012

### The Arts and Human Rights



Under the leadership of Richard Lubben, the Centre organized a Human Rights Art Exhibit. The majority of the art in the exhibit was from a selection of the Human Rights Permanent Art

Collection from South Texas College, McAllen. In addition to the College's permanent collection, three invited human rights and social justice artists from India, Mexico and Guatemala were featured.

October 23 2013

### Videoconferences on Women's Rights and Political Changes in the Arab World: A Spring to Celebrate?



The HRREC, the World Legal Systems Research Group and the Centre for International

Policy Studies (CIPS) presented the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) Deputy Secretary General, Sophie Bessis, University of Tunis, Law Professor Jinan Limam and the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco, H.E. Amb. Nouzha Chekrouni during this three-part series on the impact of the Arab Spring on women's rights in the Arab World.

February 14-23 2012

# OUR PARTNERS



Social Sciences and Humanities  
Research Council of Canada

Conseil de recherches en  
sciences humaines du Canada

Canada





# TEACHING

The Centre annually offers four online courses, a summer course on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and a directed reading course on International Criminal Law. During 2012-2013, 112 students registered and participated in our online courses and 25 took part in our IHL Summer School. For more information on our courses, please visit our website.



## COURSES

### **DCC 2703 Dimensions juridiques des droits de la personne (offered in French)**

### **DCC 2303 Legal Aspects of Human Rights (offered in English)**

These courses explore the origins and foundations of International Human Rights Law.

### **DCC 3110 Inter-American System of Human Rights (offered in English)**

This course presents an introduction to the Inter-American system of human rights protection by subject areas including women's rights, the rights of indigenous peoples, democratic rights and social rights while focusing on the institutions of the Organization of American States.

### **DCC 4522 Thème choisis: Environnement et droits humains (offered in French)**

This course explores the links between human rights and the environment and analyzes environmental issues from a human rights perspective. It provides students with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the historical integration of the link between the environment and human rights, both in domestic and international legal instruments.

### **CML 3351 International Criminal Court Legal Tools Project**

The HRREC offers a practical course to develop legal tools which intend to equip users with legal information, digests and softwares required to contribute effectively to the work of the International Criminal Court (ICC). This project was funded by a Partnership Development Grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council awarded to the Canadian Centre for International Justice (CCIJ), the Office of the Prosecutor of the ICC, the HRREC and the Faculty of Law at Laval University.

## IHL SUMMER SCHOOL

### **DRC 4521 Summer School on International Humanitarian Law (offered in French and in English)**

This course is organized in collaboration with the Canadian Red Cross and aims to offer students and professionals the fundamentals of IHL and opportunities to apply this knowledge through realistic case studies.



# EXPANDING OUR REACH

The Centre supported and funded a number of student initiatives in 8 countries ranging from participation at conferences to support for their field research. During 2012-2013, 13 students were financed totalling \$17,400. The Centre also supported book launches of its members and awarded prizes for excellence in research. Many members have been able to undertake new projects and careers through their engagement with the HRREC.





# PUBLICATIONS

Selected publications by our members in 2012-2013

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**Mark Toufayan**, academic member of the HRREC, published in December 2013 the co-edited compilation "Droit international et nouvelles approches sur le tiers-monde: Entre répétition et renouveau" (Paris: Société de législation comparée, 2013. 452 p.). The purpose of this edited collection of essays is to critically question the present existence and effects of the rules of international law relating to the Third World in our globalized context, exposing for the first time the predominantly anglophone critical current Third World Approaches to International Law (TWAIL) to a francophone readership.

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**Olabisi Delebayo Akinkugbe**, Ph.D. member of the HRREC, published the article "The Dilemma of Public-Private Partnerships as a Vehicle for the Provision of Regional Transport Infrastructure in Africa" in December 2013 in *The Law and Development Review*, 6(2):S3-27.

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**Lucie Lamarche**, HRREC Director published the book chapters "The Canadian Experience with the CEDAW: All womens' rights are human rights – A case of treaties synergy", in *Women's Human Rights – CEDAW in International, Regional and National Law*, Anne Hellum and Henriette Sinding Aasen (eds). (Cambridge University Press, 2013, 358-385), and "Le droit social et les droits sociaux : des outils dissonants pour la régulation sociale dans le contexte du néolibéralisme", in *La justiciabilité des droits sociaux, vecteurs et résistances*, Diane Roman (ed.), (Pedone, 2012, 119-137).

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**Sylvie Paquerot**, academic member of the HRREC, published "L'eau en commun : De ressource naturelle à chose cosmopolitique" with co-authors, Frédéric Julien and Gabriel Blouin Genest (Presses de l'Université du Québec, 2011).

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**Sonya Nigam** frequently published articles in the online journal *Canadian Lawyer* on a variety of current issues.

# AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

## **Jacques Gaudreau Memorial Prize**

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The Centre awards every year the Jacques Gaudreau Memorial Prize to the most outstanding grade or essay in the area of international human rights law from the University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law. In 2012-2013, the prize was awarded to Catherine Rozon.

## **Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)**

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Prof. Peter Showler is the former Gordon F. Henderson Chair in Human Rights and also the Director of the Refugee Forum at the University of Ottawa. He was hired as a Border management consultant to the UNHCR Mission in Lebanon in 2013 to help mitigate the Syrian refugee crisis in that country.

## **Nicole Senécal Graduate Scholarship in International Law**

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Awarded annually to an LL.M. or Ph.D. student who plans to conduct field research in a developing country, or an international student who comes from a developing country. In 2012, the scholarship was awarded to Évelyne Jean Bouchard (from Canada) and in 2013 it was awarded to Olabisi Delebayo Akinkugbe (from Nigeria).





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## Événements | Events 2012

### FÉVRIER | FEBRUARY

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**Libya: The Difficult Transition to Democracy**

*Azza Kamel Maghur, Member of Libyan Council for Human Rights*

**Partners:**

World Legal Systems Research Group  
Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS)

(Public Lecture | 32 participants)

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Printemps Arabe Series - **Women's Rights & Political Changes in the Arab World: A Spring to Celebrate?**

*Sophie Bessis, Deputy Secretary General of International Federation of Human Rights*

**Partner:**

Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS)

(Public Lecture | 31 participants)

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**Refugee Night « The Good, the Bad and the Outrageous »**

*Peter Showler, Professor & Director Refugee Forum, University of Ottawa*

**Partner:**

Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers (CARL)

(Roundtable | 36 participants)

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Printemps Arabe Series - **Women's rights & Political Changes in the Arab World: A spring to Celebrate?**

*Jinan Liman, Professor, University of Tunis*

**Partner:**

Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS)

(Public Lecture | 30 participants)

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Printemps Arabe Series - **Reducing Genocide to Law: Definition, Meaning and the Ultimate Crime**

*Payam Akhavan, Professor, McGill University*

**Partner:**

Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS)

(Public Lecture | 30 participants)

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**International Criminal Law: Only for the Winners?**

*William Schabas, Professor, Middlesex University, London*

(Public Lecture | 42 participants)



## MARS | MARCH

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### **International Criminal Law**

*William Schabas*, Professor, Middlesex University, London

(Public Lecture | 30 participants)

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### **Le rapport des Congolaises au droit et à leurs droits : Participer à la reconstruction des espaces normatifs**

*Évelyne Jean-Bouchard*, Ph.D. Candidate

#### **Partners:**

Law Foundation of Ontario

The Shirley E. Greenberg Chair for Women and the Legal Profession

(Public Lecture | 30 participants)

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### **Table ronde avec les femmes congolaises d'Ottawa**

*Évelyne Jean-Bouchard*, Ph.D. Candidate

(Roundtable | 26 participants)

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### **CARL 2012 National Conference: Keeping Up with Changes to Canadian Refugee Law**

*François Crépeau*, Professor and UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants

#### **Partner:**

Student Chapter of the Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers (CARL)

(Conference | 80 participants)

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### **Printemps Arabe Series - Women's Rights & Political Changes in the Arab World: A Spring to Celebrate?**

*Hyam Yard*, Novelist

#### **Partner:**

Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS)

(Public Lecture | 32 participants)

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### **Printemps Arabe Series - Women's Rights & Political Changes in the Arab World: A Spring to Celebrate?**

*Nouzha Chekrouni*, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco

#### **Partner:**

Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS)

(Public Lecture | 33 participants)

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### **The Politics of Representing African International Lawyer's Contribution to the Trade/ Development Nexus in Africa**

*Mark Toufayan*, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa & *Olabisi Akinkugbe*, Ph.D. Candidate in Law, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa

(Public Lecture | 30 participants)

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### **L'eau en commun : De ressource naturelle à chose cosmopolitique**

*Sylvie Paquerot*, Professor, uOttawa, *Gabriel Blouin*, Ph.D. Candidate, uOttawa & *Frédéric Julien*, Project Manager, Consultant and Freelance Writer

**Partner:** School of Political Studies, University of Ottawa

(Book Launch | 60 participants)

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**The World Water Forum 2012: What Challenges for Rio + 20?**

*Sylvie Paquerot, Professor & Raphaël Canet, University of Ottawa*

**Partner:**

School of Political Studies, University of Ottawa

(Conference | 60 participants)

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**HRIA Series - Introduction to the Rights-Based Approches to Development**

*Maria Green, Visiting Scholar, Northeastern University*

**Partner:**

Human Rights Impact Assessment (HRIA)

(Public Lecture | 24 participants)

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**Droit à l'alimentation et accès à la justice**

*Christophe Golay, Coordinator of the Project on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights at the Geneva Academy*

(Public Lecture | 32 participants)

**AVRIL | APRIL**

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**HRIA Series - Existe-t-il un régime mondialisé des migrations? Towards a Global Migration Management Regime?**

*François Crépeau, UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants*

**Partners:**

Human Rights Impact Assessment (HRIA)  
Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS)

(Public Lecture | 33 participants)

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**HRIA Series - Community Based HRIA? What Did We Learn?**

*Gabriel Watson, Oxfam America*

**Partner:**

Human Rights Impact Assessment (HRIA)

(Public Lecture | 27 participants)

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**International Initiative to Promote Women's Rights to Social Security & Protection. Thinking Outside the Box from a Feminist Perspective: A New Right to Social Security?**

*Emmanuelle St-Pierre Gulibaut & Christina Behrendt, Legal Specialists, Social Security Department, ILO; Frances Raday, Hebrew University; Maria Virginia Bras Gomez, Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Portugal; Magdalena Sepulveda Carmona, Expert on the Question of Human Rights and Extreme Poverty, UN; Shahra Razavi, UNRISD; Judy Fudge & Hester Lessard, Professors at the University of Victoria; Mary Murphy, Professor at the National Univeristy of Ireland.*

**Partner:**

University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia

(Webinar | 10 participants)

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### **International and Regional Experiences: Gender and Social Security: Looking for Feminist Principles in Framing Women's Rights to Social Security: Different World, Different Perspectives**

*Karin Lukas*, Austrian Member of the European Committee of Social Rights; *Maxime Molyneux*, Professor, University of London; *Francie Lund*, Professor, University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa; *Dianne Otto*, University of Melbourne, Australia; *Mankui Li*, Southwest University of Political Science and Law, India.

#### **Partner:**

University of New South Wales, Sidney, Australia

(Webinar | 12 participants)

## **MAI | MAY**

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### **Trade and Its Impact on Human Rights: Spotlight on the Canada-Colombia Free Trade Agreement**

*Olivier de Schutter*, Human Rights Expert and UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food and Security

#### **Partner:**

Canada's Coalition to End Global Poverty (CCIC)

(Public Lecture | 52 participants)

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### **HRIA Series - Analyse d'impacts sur les droits humains | Mainstreaming Human Rights into Impact Assessment**

*Gillian MacNaughton*, Professor, Northeastern University

#### **Partner:**

Human Rights Impact Assessment (HRIA)

(Public Lecture | 26 participants)

## **JUIN | JUNE**

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### **Un droit dans la guerre?**

*Marco Sassoli*, Author & Member of the Board of Directors at the Geneva Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action

#### **Partners:**

Canadian Red Cross

Comité International de la Croix-Rouge - Genève

(Book Launch | 40 participants)

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### **Syrian Lawyers: The Revolution in Syria**

*Catherine Al-Talli*, Syrian Human Rights Activist

(Public Lecture | 28 participants)

## **SEPTEMBRE | SEPTEMBER**

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### **Refugee Lawyers Forum - Update on Bill C-31**

*Peter Showler*, Director, Refugee Forum, University of Ottawa

#### **Partner:**

Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers (CARL)

(Conference | 42 participants)



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**Transitional Justice and Child Soldiers/Perpetrators of Atrocity**

*Kirsten Fisher, Gordon F. Henderson Post-Doctoral Fellow 2012-2013*

(Public Lecture | 28 participants)

**OCTOBRE | OCTOBER**

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**HRIA Series - Anti-Poverty Legislation in Canada and the Use of Indicators**

*Vincent Greason, Guest Researcher at HRREC, and Holder of the Law Foundation of Ontario's "Community Leadership in Justice" Fellowship*

**Partner:**

Human Rights Impacts Assessment (HRIA)

(Public Lecture | 26 participants)

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**Ottawa Release of Mental Health Consultation Report "Minds That Matter" - Report on the Consultation on Human Rights, Mental Health and Addictions**

*Barbara Hall, Chief Commissioner, Ontario Human Rights Commission*

**Partner:**

Ontario Human Rights Commission

(Book Launch/Report | 41 participants)

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**Transitional Justice and the Arab Spring**

*Kirsten Fisher, Gordon F. Henderson Post-Doctoral Fellow 2012-2013*

(Webinar | 10 participants)

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**HRIA Series - Measuring Rights, Claiming Rights: Reconciling Two Paradigms**

*Bruce Porter, Executive Director, Social Rights Advocacy Centre*

**Partner:**

Human Rights Impact Assessment (HRIA)

(Public Lecture | 28 participants)

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**They Raped my Mother, Killed my Father and Abducted Me**

*Jeremy Levitt, Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Human Rights and Social Justice at uOttawa, and Professor at the Florida A&M University College of Law*

**Partner:**

International Law Group, University of Ottawa

(Public Lecture | 35 participants)

**NOVEMBRE | NOVEMBER**

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**Publish What You Pay**

*Kathy Seguin, Program Analyst, Publish What You Pay, Canada*

**Partner:**

Publish What You Pay

(Public Lecture | 32 participants)

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### **The Environmental Rights Revolution: A Global Study of Constitutions, Human Rights, and the Environment**

*David Boyd*, Professor, University of Ottawa

#### **Partners:**

Ecojustice, Ottawa Law Review, Centre for Environmental Law and Global Sustainability  
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada  
UBC Press

(Book Launch | 67 participants)

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### **Environmental Rights Revolution - The Living Tree: Canada's Constitution and the Right to a Healthy Environment**

*David Boyd*, Professor, University of Ottawa, and 29 other speakers

#### **Partners:**

Ecojustice, Ottawa Law Review, Centre for Environmental Law and Global Sustainability  
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada  
UBC Press

(Conference)

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### **Obama: Race and Democracy in America**

*Jeremy Levitt*, Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Human Rights and Social Justice, and Professor at the Florida A&M University College of Law; *Matthew Whittaker*, Director of the Centre for the Study of Race & Democracy, Arizona State University

#### **Partner:**

Centre of Governance, University of Ottawa

(Public Lecture | 40 participants)

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### **HRIA Series - Child Rights Impact Assessment: A Tool for Implementing Children's Rights in Canada**

*Kathy Vandergrift*, Chair, Canadian Coalition for the Rights of Children

#### **Partner:**

Human Rights Impact Assessment (HRIA)

(Public Lecture | 33 participants)

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### **Human Rights in Africa: Market Place or Basket Case?**

*Jeremy Levitt*, Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Human Rights and Social Justice, and Professor at the Florida A&M University College of Law; *Terry Beithier*, Director and General Counsel, Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes Section, Justice Canada; *Pacifique Manirakiza*, University of Ottawa and Commissioner, African Commission on Human and People's Rights

#### **Partners:**

University of Ottawa  
Fulbright Canada

(Public Lecture | 45 participants)

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### **HRIA Series - The Need for Human Rights Accountability in Asymmetrical Free Deals: The Case of the Canada-Colombia Free Trade Agreement**

*Guillermo Correa Montoyo*, Deputy Director, National Labour School, Colombia

#### **Partner:**

Human Rights Impact Assessment (HRIA)

(Public Lecture | 28 participants)



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Greenberg Lecture - **Race, Representation and Black Women in Public Life: Imagining Michelle Obama**

*Joanne St. Lewis*, Professor, University of Ottawa

**Partner:**

Shirley E. Greenberg Chair for Women in the Legal Profession

(Public Lecture | 43 participants)

## DÉCEMBRE | DECEMBER

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**Making Rights Real: The Implementation of International Human Rights in Canada**

*Bruce Porter*, Social Rights Advocacy Centre (Ontario); *Steve Estey*, Council of Canadians with Disabilities, Chair of the International Committee (Nova Scotia)

**Partner:**

Canada Without Poverty

(Webinar | 10 participants)

## Événements | Events 2013

### JANVIER | JANUARY

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Latin America Webinar Series - Justice, the Rule of Law and Human Rights in Latin America: Internal and External Perspectives

**Variables in the Transformation of the Criminal Justice System in Latin America**

*Nataly Ponce*, Director, Centro para el Desarrollo de la Justicia y Seguridad Ciudadana, Peru; *María Elena Santibáñez Torrez*, Universidad Pontificia de Chile; *Bertrand Woldson*, Centre d'éducation, de recherches et d'actions en sciences sociales et pénales en Haïti; *Gonzalo Rúa*, Director, Penal Reform Program for INECIP, Argentina; *Carolina Bernal Uribe*, Director, The Center for the Study of Law, Justice and Society, Colombia; *Verónica Martínez-Solares*, Project Director for the Safety, Security & Development Initiative in Mexico

(Webinar | 20 participants)

### FÉVRIER | FEBRUARY

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**Social & Economic Rights, the South African Experience**

*Justice Zak Yacoub*, Constitutional Court of South Africa Judge

**Partner:**

Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, University of Ottawa

(Public Lecture | 62 participants)

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**What Happens to Rights during Times of War?**

*Catherine Gribbin*, Senior Legal Advisor, International Humanitarian Law, Canadian Red Cross

**Partner:**

International Commission of Jurists (ICJ)

(ICJ Dialogues on Human Rights Series | 34 participants)

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**The Supreme Court & the Right of Inclusion after Moore: Is Canadian Human Rights Law as Inclusive as It Should Be?**

*Yvonne Peters*, Legal Advisor, Council of Canadians with Disabilities, Human Rights Committee; *Gwen Brodsky*, Professor and Director of Poverty and Human Rights Centre; *Shelagh Day*, Senior Editor and President of the Canadian Human Rights Reporter; *Ravi Malhotra*, Professor, University of Ottawa

**Partners:**

Professor Ravi Malhotra, University of Ottawa  
Disability Law Association  
Canadian Human Rights Commission

(Public Lecture | 63 participants)

## MARS | MARCH

**Refugee Night: A Tale of Two Refugee Systems: What the Dickens Have We Done?**  
*Chantal Tie & Doug Grunner, Professors, University of Ottawa*

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**Partners:**

Refugee Forum  
Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers (CARL)  
Faculty of Medicine Concerned Students for Refugee Care

(Public Event | 63 participants)

**The Right to Food in Canada: A Community Conversation**

*Olivier De Schutter, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food from Geneva*

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(Webinar | 14 participants)

**Criminalization of Dissent: Impacts on Human Rights and Environmental Defenders**

*Roch Tassé, National Coordinator, International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group; Antonio Katalan, Investigator with Guatemalan Human Rights Defenders Unit; Chritine Johns, Director, Peace Brigades International; Jen Moore, Mining Watch Canada*

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(Public Lecture | 27 participants)

**The Malian Crisis: Causes and Consequences for the West African Sub Region**

*Pius Adesanmi, Professor, Carleton University, Winner of the Inaugural Penguin Prize for African Writing 2010; Nduka Otiono, Professor, Banting Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute of African Studies, Carleton University*

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(Public Lecture | 20 participants)

ICJ Dialogues on Human Rights Series - **The Legal Obligation to Accommodate Family-Related Needs**

*Karen Jensen, Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright*

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**Partner:**

International Commission of Jurists

(Public Lecture | 36 participants)

**Disability Rights: The Conversation between International Law and Domestic Law**

*Harvey Goldberg, Canadian Human Rights Commission; Vangelis Nikias, Council of Canadians with Disabilities; Allan McChesney, Barrister and Solicitor Consultant on Human Rights, Kingston*

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**Partners:**

Council of Canadians with Disabilities  
A Voice of Our Own

(Public Lecture | 32 participants)

**Le Droit positif tunisien entre la tendance « passéiste » et la dynamique « moderniste »**

*Leila Dacharoui, Institut des Hautes Études Commerciales de Carthage, Tunisia*

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(Public Lecture | 24 participants)

**Power, Politics and Muted Voices: Psychosocial Interventions in Disaster Settings**

*Grace Akello, Ph.D. Candidate, Gulu University, Uganda*

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(Public Lecture | 31 participants)



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Latin American Webinar Series - **Reform of the Criminal Justice System in Latin America: The Impact on Rights and Vulnerable Populations**

*Luis Eduardo Zavala-De Alba*, Visiting Fellow, Yale University; *Daniel Dos Santos*, Professor, University of Ottawa

(Webinar | 14 participants)

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**Forum Social de Tunis : Vers une déclaration universelle du bien commun de l'humanité**

*Diane Lamoureux*, Professeure, Science Politique, Université Laval; *Étienne Tassin*, Professeur, Centre de Sociologie, Université Paris Diderot

(Webinar | 15 participants)

## AVRIL | APRIL

26

**Working Group on Business and Human Rights**

*Alexandra Guaqueta*, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Working Group on the issues of human rights and transnational corporations

**Partner:**

Department of Foreign Affairs Trade and Development (DFATD)

(Public Lecture | 31 participants)

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The Right to the City Series - **More than a Slogan: From the International Movement to the Mexico City Charter**

*Lorena Zárate*, President, Habitat International Coalition; *John Bousfield*, Professor, Distinguished Visitor, Spring 2013, University of Toronto

(Public Lecture | 27 participants)

## SEPTEMBRE | SEPTEMBER

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**Puerto Rico, the Status Question: Sovereignty or Submission?**

*Neysa Rodríguez*, Professor, Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico; *Richard Lubben*, Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Human Rights and Social Justice, University of Ottawa, Artist and Professor at the South Texas College

**Partner:**

Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS)

(Public Lecture | 35 participants)

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**Art and Activism: Human Trafficking**

*Richard Lubben*, Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Human Rights and Social Justice, University of Ottawa, Artist and Professor at the South Texas College; *Jennifer Clark*, South Texas College; *Jaime Koebel*, Sakahàn Educator, National Gallery of Canada

(Public Lecture | 39 participants)

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**The Plight of the Girl Child in India**

*Jennifer Clark*, South Texas College; *Richard Lubben*, Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Human Rights and Social Justice, University of Ottawa, Artist and Professor at the South Texas College

**Partners:**

Interdisciplinary Research Laboratory on the rights of the Child (LRIDE)  
Law Foundation of Ontario

(Art Exhibit & Conference | 33 participants)

Sept  
20  
to  
Nov  
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**Exhibit Featuring Various Artists**

*Richard Lubben*, Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Human Rights and Social Justice, University of Ottawa, Artist and Professor at the South Texas College

**Partner:**

South Texas College

(Art Exhibition)

## OCTOBRE | OCTOBER

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**RED: Respect, Equality and Dignity - Human Rights Art Exhibit and Conference**

*Richard Lubben*, Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Human Rights and Social Justice, University of Ottawa, Artist and Professor at the South Texas College & 6 other Art and Law Experts

**Partners:**

Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, University of Ottawa  
South Texas College

(Conference | 40 participants)

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**Fine Art Hierarchy and Transitions in the 21st Century: A Cross-Discipline Discussion**

*Richard Lubben*, Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Human Rights and Social Justice, University of Ottawa, Artist and Professor at the South Texas College

**Partners:**

Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, University of Ottawa  
South Texas College

(Public Lecture | 25 participants)

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**2nd University of Ottawa Human Rights Film Festival**

Several speakers after every screenings

**Partners:**

Canadian Film Institute  
Shirley E. Greenberg Chair for Women and the Legal Profession  
University of Ottawa  
Canada Council for the Arts  
Ontario Arts Council

(Film Festival | 250 participants)

## NOVEMBRE | NOVEMBER

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**Land and Livelihood: The Tsilhqot in People's Fight for Aboriginal Rights and Title**

*Kelly Campagnola*, President of the Aboriginal Law Students' Association and Representative for Mining Watch Canada

**Partners:**

Mining Watch Canada  
Aboriginal Law Students' Association

(Public Lecture | 31 participants)

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**Devonshire Initiative: Mining Company - NGO Partnerships: Development or Distraction?**

*Ted Thomas*, Executive Director, Devonshire Initiative; *Ben Chalmers*, Mining Association of Canada; *Stephen Brown*, Professor, University of Ottawa; *Ian Thompson*, Resources and Rights Partnerships Coordinator, Kairos, Canada

**Partner:**

Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, University of Ottawa

(Public Lecture | 57 participants)

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**Award Presented to Paul Champ for “Challenges for Access to Justice and Human Rights: A Practitioner’s Perspective”**

Annual Walter S. Tarnopolsky Award Committee Representatives

**Partner:**

International Commission of Jurists (ICJ)

(Ceremony | 50 participants)

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**Drone Strikes: Are They President Obama’s Guantanamo?**

*David Cole*, Professor, Georgetown University Law Centre, Attorney for the Center for Constitutional Rights

**Partners:**

International Law Group  
Vanessa MacDonnell, Professor, Faculty of Law

(Public Lecture | 30 participants)

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**The Human Cost of Killer Drones**

*Faria Al-Muslimi*, the man who made Obama admit the use of drones; *Alex Neve*, Secretary General of Amnesty International Canada; *John Packer*, Department of Political Affairs, United Nations

**Partners:**

International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group  
Ottawa Peace Assembly  
Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies (Human Rights), Carleton University

(Public Lecture | 67 participants)

26

**Criminalisation du VIH : Dialogues pour une nouvelle pensée théorique et critique**

*Marie-Ève Sylvestre*, Professor, University of Ottawa; *Michael Orsini*, Director of the Institute of Women's Studies, University of Ottawa; *Christine Vézina*, Post-doctoral Researcher, HRREC

**Partner:**

Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network

(Webinar | 12 participants)

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**ICJ Dialogues on Human Rights Series - From the Medial Model to the Model of Rights: The Impact of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on Canadian Law**

*Philippe Dufresne*, Acting Director General and Senior General Counsel, Canadian Human Rights Commission

**Partner:**

International Commission of Jurists (ICJ)

(Public Lecture | 35 participants)



**Exploring Disability Identity and Disability Rights through Narratives: Finding a Voice of Their Own**

*Ravi Malhotra, Professor, University of Ottawa*

**Partners:**

Routledge

Taylor & Francis Group

Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, University of Ottawa

(Book Launch | 40 participants)