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RÉFLEXIONS SUR LE RENOUVEAU

/ par ROBERT LECKEY /

Since taking over the helm of your law faculty on July 1st, I've thought a lot about past and future. With nearly two hundred years of history and a stellar reputation, we've much to celebrate. In today's global competition to educate lawyers, however, history is relevant where it helps us reach into the future and prepare our graduates for creativity and leadership on rapidly shifting terrain. We must be legal education's laboratory, not its museum.

My move into the dean's office exemplified that looking back and forwards. When you visit, you'll recognize the hardwood floor and panelling, as well as mementoes such as the original Elizabeth Torrance gold medal and Marion Scott's sketch of Frank. But to adapt the space for present use, I had the movers lug away the four filing cabinets—we've gone paperless—and mount my computer on a standing desk.

Continuity and renewal also marked the start for our incoming class. The traditional dean's welcome in the Maxwell Cohen Moot Court on Day 1 would have been familiar to you. By Day 2, however, we had departed from even the recent past. By then, my classmates and I would have been scribbling notes in Property or Constitutional Law. This year's arrivals participated in an inter-tribal welcome and Indigenous smudging ceremony. Next came Integration Week, an innovation of the curricular renewal discussed inside this magazine.

Au début de mon mandat, j'ai rencontré individuellement les membres du corps professoral et de l'équipe administrative. Pour moi, c'était crucial de mieux connaître leur travail et de

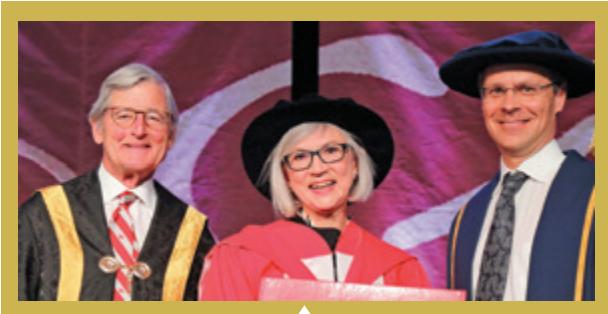


recueillir leurs conseils. Par ailleurs, j'ai rencontré des diplômées et diplômés de la Faculté à Montréal, à Londres, à Boston, à Paris et à Ottawa. New York et Toronto s'ajouteront à ma liste d'ici la fin de l'automne. C'est le gage d'une affection profonde envers la Faculté qu'autant de monde ait pris le temps de me recevoir. C'est inspirant d'apprendre comment la formation juridique qu'ils ont reçue à McGill a servi de tremplin à nos diplômées et diplômés, et de découvrir leurs réalisations. Je me sens privilégié d'entendre les histoires personnelles qui motivent leur générosité extraordinaire envers la Faculté. Certains donateurs veulent garantir à la génération étudiante d'aujourd'hui les expériences positives qu'ils ont vécues. D'autres visent à créer pour cette génération des opportunités dont ils auraient souhaité profiter à l'époque. J'ai hâte de découvrir l'histoire qui vous motive à appuyer la Faculté.

Ultimately, our exceptional students make it a joy for my colleagues and me to teach law at McGill. As I said to the incoming class: "Experience tells me that you'll likely do a breathtaking range of things, showcasing an amazing variety of passions, skills, and talents. You'll challenge us as professors to up our game—to be more sensitive to difference and to think about the words we use, to better contextualize historical materials, to rethink our sense of the boundaries of our political and legal communities. By the time you leave here, you will have had a huge, unforgettable impact on one another, and on us."

Your law faculty is pulsing with energy and renewal. Read about it—and come back and see us!

CONVOCATION NOTES



Supreme Court of Canada Chief Justice **Beverley McLachlin** was awarded a Doctor of Laws honoris causa this spring, and gave an inspiring Convocation address to the graduating class. She is shown here with Chancellor Michael A. Meighen, LLD'12, and Board of Governors member Bryan C. Haynes, LLB'93 (right).



Professor **Rosalie Jukier** was presented with her second John W. Durnford Award for Teaching Excellence by Principal Suzanne Fortier during the Spring Convocation.



Professor **Hoi Kong** received the Principal's Prize for Excellence in Teaching during Law's 2016 Fall Convocation ceremony.



AKHAVAN TO GIVE 2017 MASSEY LECTURES

Professor Payam Akhavan has been selected to deliver the renowned public lecture series.

Created in 1961 by the CBC in honour of Vincent Massey, former governor general of Canada, the Massey Lectures series is an annual highlight of Canadian cultural life. The lectures provide a forum for contemporary thinkers and scholars to explore political, cultural, or philosophical issues of the day.

Tentatively titled *In Search of Justice: A Human Rights Odyssey*, Akhavan's lectures will be a reflection on fighting for justice against overwhelming odds. Each of the five lectures will be delivered in a different Canadian city, broadcast in November on CBC's Ideas, and later published in book form by House of Anansi Press.

Past Massey Lecturers of note include Northrop Frye, John Kenneth Galbraith, Noam Chomsky, Margaret Atwood, Douglas Coupland, Adrienne Clarkson, and the Faculty's own Margaret Somerville.

In other news, Akhavan was appointed Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration this spring. He was in Iraq this summer at the invitation of the Kurdistan Regional Government to assist with accountability for the atrocities committed by ISIS against the Yazidi people.



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NOUVELLES DE LA FACULTÉ

Kirsten Anker was made Associate Professor, while **Robert Leckey** and **Rosalie Jukier** were promoted to Full Professor. Jukier was also presented with her second John W. Durnford Award for Teaching Excellence during Spring Convocation.

Paul Dempsey, who joined the Faculty of Law in 2002 as Director of the Institute of Air & Space Law (IASL), retired in May 2016. After 40 years of service at McGill, **Margaret Somerville** retired in August to join the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Notre Dame Australia. Before leaving, Somerville made a substantial art donation to the University; find out more on page 11.

(1) **Frédéric Bachand**, Ad. E., was mandated by McGill's Provost to chair an Open Forum to seek input from the McGill community on creating a comprehensive climate action plan to reduce McGill's carbon footprint, expanding initiatives in sustainability research and education, and developing concrete measures to ensure McGill's investments comply with recognized Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) principles.

This September, **Adelle Blackett**, Ad. E., was awarded a prestigious research fellowship from the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation (see page 18) for her research project on trans-national labour law.

Staff member **Thomas Chalmers** was elected President of the McGill University Non-Academic Certified Association (MUNACA), and has taken a three-year leave from the Faculty.

Allison Christians, who holds the H. Heward Stikeman Chair in Tax Law, was among those named by the *International Tax Reviews* to its Global Tax 50 2015 list for her impact on global tax law and research. She recently launched a YouTube channel for tax law events: bit.ly/youtube-taxlaw

(2) **Yaëll Emerich** a été nommée directrice du Centre Paul-André Crépeau de droit privé et comparé. Son mandat a débuté le 1^{er} juillet 2016.

En mai 2016, **Fabien Gélinas** a été nommé titulaire d'une Chaire Sir William C. Macdonald, tandis que **Geneviève Saumier** est devenue titulaire de la Chaire Peter M. Laing, QC. Par ailleurs, la Conférence de La Haye a nommé Geneviève Saumier co-rapporteuse de la Commission spéciale sur le projet sur les Jugements.

Evan Fox-Decent has co-authored a new book, *Fiduciaries of Humanity: How International Law Constitutes Authority*, published by Oxford University Press.

Ram Jakhu was appointed Director of the Institute of Air and Space Law following the retirement of Paul Dempsey. Jakhu was reappointed for a fourth consecutive term to the Global Agenda Council on Space of the World Economic Forum. Jakhu is also at the centre of the recently launched Manual on International Law Applicable to Military Uses of Outer Space (MILAMOS) project, which will seek to articulate and clarify existing law applicable to the space environment regarding armed conflict and indicate how international law limits the threat or use of force in outer space.

(3) **Daniel Jutras**, Ad. E., qui a terminé son mandat de doyen cet été, a reçu un Mérite 2016 du Barreau du Québec pour sa carrière exceptionnelle, son engagement dans la défense des intérêts de la justice et son dévouement à la communauté. En janvier, il a été nommé membre du Comité consultatif indépendant sur les nominations au Sénat par la ministre des Institutions démocratiques du Canada.



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Robert Leckey est entré en fonction comme doyen de la Faculté de droit de l'Université McGill le 1^{er} juillet 2016. Il est devenu titulaire de la Chaire Samuel Gale en septembre 2016. (Entrevue, p. 15)

(4) **Vrinda Narain** took over as Associate Dean (Academic) in September, as Hoi Kong finished his mandate. In other news, **Hoi Kong** was awarded the Principal's Prize for Excellence in Teaching (Associate Professor Category) at the Faculty's Fall Convocation ceremony in November.

Ronald Niezen received the 2016 Award for Distinction in Research in McGill's Faculty of Arts. The Committee underlined Niezen's work on Indigenous rights and identity, his prolific publication record, the breadth of his research agenda, and the impact of his research locally and internationally.

L'hon. **Louise Otis**, professeure auxiliaire à la Faculté, a été promue Grande officière de l'Ordre national du Québec. Par ailleurs, la ministre de la Justice du Québec lui a décerné le Prix de la justice, la plus haute distinction remise dans le domaine juridique au Québec.

En septembre 2015, (5) **René Provost** a reçu un prix de recherche de la Fondation Pierre Elliott Trudeau, qui a primé son projet explorant la possibilité d'approcher des groupes armés non étatiques, afin de les faire adhérer à un respect minimal des normes du droit international humanitaire en zone de conflit.

(6) **Nandini Ramanujam** was awarded the 2016 McGill Award for Equity and Community Building, recognizing her outstanding work over the years in advancing equity and diversity at McGill, her quiet leadership at the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, and her skill in mentoring students.

Stephen Smith's James McGill Professorship has been renewed for another seven-year term. On par with a Canada Research Chair, this award recognizes Smith as one of McGill's senior and most respected scholars, and underlines that he has maintained the highest level of scholarly excellence.

Colleen Sheppard was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada's Academy of Social Sciences.

VISITORS AND FELLOWS

The Faculty welcomed Li Ka Shing Professor of Practice **Manjiao Chi** of Xiamen University, and Li Ka Shing Junior Fellow Dr. **Hongqin Mu** of Shantou University, who are at the Faculty for the fall semester. Professor Chi is teaching a course on China's investment and trade regime. In the winter term, Professor **Tianlong Lawrence Hu** from Renmin University in China will visit the Faculty as Li Ka Shing Professor of Practice. He will teach a course on modern Chinese law reform and the rule of law.

Finally, **Cassandra Steer**, who was Erin CJ Arsenault Postdoctoral Fellow at the Institute of Air and Space Law last year, was appointed Wainwright Junior Fellow, while **Peter Szigeti** has been appointed Boulton Junior Fellow.

NEW FACES AT THE FACULTY

KUN FAN AND MARK WALTERS, MCGILL'S NEWEST LAW PROFESSORS, JOINED THE FACULTY IN AUGUST. PROF. FAN IS AN ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION EXPERT WHO WAS TEACHING AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG BEFORE MOVING TO MONTREAL WITH HER FAMILY. PROF. WALTERS CAME TO MCGILL FROM QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY TO TAKE UP THE F.R. SCOTT CHAIR IN PUBLIC AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW. WE ASKED THEM HOW THEY ARE NAVIGATING THEIR TRANSITION TO MCGILL.



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FAN



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WALTERS

Any favourite spots in Montreal already?

So far, I have really enjoyed the Old Montreal neighbourhood and the Old Port, which remind me of the historical charm of Paris and Saint-Malo.

How do you find teaching at McGill Law?

I am impressed by McGill's transsystemic curriculum and pluralistic approach, which makes the students more open to cultural differences. In Hong Kong, where the UK common law tradition meets Mainland China's civil law tradition, common law and civil law courses are offered in different programs, while these are taught together here. I find McGill's unique integrative approach really innovative and appealing.

I also find that the flipped classroom pedagogy and comparative approach work well with McGill law students. I'm teaching Advanced Civil Law Obligations this term, and the students' engagement and creativity makes teaching so much fun and rewarding.

How did you become interested in alternative dispute resolution (ADR)?

While I was a third-year law student at the China Foreign Affairs University, I participated in the first Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (East) in Hong Kong.

I then participated in the Vis Moot in Vienna on behalf of NYU while doing my LLM, which gave me more exposure to the exciting world of ADR.

I could have continued on the "platform track" to become a corporate lawyer, but meeting my PhD supervisor (Prof. Gabrielle Kaufmann-Kohler) gave me the chance to pursue my "passion track." This is how I ended up both having a career in ADR and becoming a law professor.

Any favourite spots in Montreal already?

I run, so naturally I am drawn to the trails of Mont Royal Park. I'm also fascinated by history, and there are gems hidden all over, like the Fort de la Montagne or Hurtubise House.

How do you find teaching at McGill Law?

The students here are marvelous: they are curious, engaged, articulate and passionate about the law and its role within society.

We can learn so much more about the law of one people or place once we compare it to the laws of other peoples and places. I am thus excited to be teaching in a law faculty in which transsystemic approaches to legal education are integral to the very mission of the community.

What does holding the F.R. Scott Chair in Public and Constitutional Law mean to you?

It is hard to express fully what an honour and a privilege it is to take over the F.R. Scott Chair.

Frank Scott was a legendary lawyer, professor, politician, and poet. But the Chair will forever be associated with its first holder, my predecessor Rod Macdonald. Rod was beloved for his generous and original spirit, for infusing his students and colleagues with a sense of wonder and optimism about law's potential for good, and for his refusal to accept orthodoxy as authority.

It is exciting—and a bit daunting—to be given the opportunity to help shape the next phase in the study and research of public law at McGill. It is pressing, now more than ever, to develop critical but not cynical ways of understanding the relationship between the ideal of legality and the promise of justice for people and their communities.

VIE ÉTUDIANTE EN 5 TEMPS

LA VIE ÉTUDIANTE À LA FACULTÉ DE DROIT OFFRE UNE FOULE D'EXPÉRIENCES TRÈS VARIÉES. NOTRE JOURNALISTE AURÉLIE LANCTÔT S'EST ENTRETENUE AVEC CINQ ÉTUDIANTES ET NOUVELLES DIPLÔMÉES, QUI NOUS OFFRENT DES PERSPECTIVES S'INSCRIVANT SOUS LE SIGNE DE LA DIVERSITÉ.



BRITANNY WILLIAMS

DE L.E.X. AUX SALLES DE COURS DU PAVILLON CHANCELLOR-DAY

Focus s'est entretenu récemment avec Britanny Williams, la première étudiante admise à la Faculté de droit ayant aussi participé au programme L.E.X. lors de ses études secondaires. Ce programme permet à des étudiants en droit de la Faculté de rendre visite à des élèves d'écoles secondaires à Montréal et dans ses environs, pour leur parler de droit et de justice sociale. « Pour moi, l'expérience L.E.X. a été déterminante, explique Williams. Non seulement c'est grâce à L.E.X. que je me suis sentie interpellée par l'étude du droit, mais une des intervenantes que j'ai rencontrées lorsque j'étais en 11^e année était une femme noire, et alors j'ai senti que je pourrais avoir ma place, moi aussi, au sein d'une institution comme McGill. » Selon elle, le programme L.E.X. est un excellent outil pour encourager la diversité au sein de la Faculté de droit. « Lorsque les jeunes rencontrent des étudiants qui leur ressemblent, comme ça a été le cas pour moi durant le programme L.E.X., ils se sentent soudain plus autorisés à envisager une carrière juridique, »

explique Williams, insistant sur le fait que plus tôt les jeunes sont sensibilisés aux possibilités qui s'offrent à eux, mieux cela vaut. « C'est comme ça qu'on peut espérer lever certaines barrières systémiques! »

Malgré son expérience inspirante avec L.E.X., l'étudiante n'a toutefois pas tenté d'entrer à la Faculté de droit tout de suite après la fin de ses études collégiales. Elle a d'abord complété un baccalauréat en ressources humaines à l'Université Concordia.

Le Programme L.E.X. vise à contribuer à la lutte contre le décrochage scolaire, ainsi qu'à encourager les jeunes issus de milieux défavorisés, de communautés immigrantes, de minorités visibles, ou de communautés autochtones à envisager des études de droit. L.E.X. se fonde sur la conviction que les priviléges dont jouissent les étudiants de la Faculté de droit engendrent aussi des responsabilités, notamment celle de faire de l'institution un endroit plus inclusif. Le programme L.E.X. est rendu possible grâce à un partenariat avec la Fondation Beaverbrook du Canada.

ALICE MIRLESSE

COLLECTIF LEGALEASE : TROQUER LE CODE CIVIL POUR UN MICRO

Pour quelques étudiants de la Faculté de droit, la rentrée des classes se combine avec une rentrée radiophonique, alors que l'émission *Legalease* est de retour sur les ondes de CKUT, la radio universitaire de McGill.

Legalease est une émission produite depuis 1989 par des étudiants en droit et divers collaborateurs issus de la communauté juridique montréalaise. En plus d'offrir aux juristes en herbe une occasion de développer leurs aptitudes journalistiques, l'émission vise à vulgariser et démocratiser des enjeux en lien avec le droit et la justice.

« L'objectif, c'est de présenter des sujets qui ont un impact dans la vie des gens ordinaires, » explique Alice Mirlesse, coordonnatrice du collectif *Legalease* et étudiante à la Faculté de droit de McGill (ici entourée d'Emma Noradounkian et de Gwendolyn Muir). « On parle par exemple de droit du logement, ou des questions juridiques auxquelles peuvent être confrontés les étudiants. »

Legalease vise également à mettre de l'avant des analyses radicales et progressistes du droit. « L'émission a toujours eu une approche très communautaire, soucieuse de présenter des points de vue alternatifs sur divers enjeux juridiques, » explique Mirlesse. Elle ajoute que cette année, le collectif espère produire davantage de reportages sur le terrain. « On ne veut plus se limiter à la captation de conférences, ou à des entrevues avec des professeurs de droit. Nous allons essayer de produire davantage de reportages à part entière, d'aller à la rencontre des acteurs impliqués à l'égard de divers enjeux. Comme ça, on arrive à montrer qu'il y a parfois un écart entre les principes énoncés dans la loi et leur application. »

L'émission *Legalease* est diffusée en direct sur CKUT 90.3 FM tous les deuxièmes vendredis du mois dès 11 h 00, et les émissions sont disponibles en baladodiffusion. Pour plus d'information, visitez legaleaseckut.wordpress.com.



CEE STRAUSS

PREMIÈRE DE CLASSE ET MILITANTE

La médaille d'or Elizabeth Torrance, décernée chaque année à l'étudiant ou à l'étudiante qui complète le programme BCL/LLB avec les meilleurs résultats, a été remise en mai dernier à Cee Strauss, dont le parcours à la Faculté aura été marqué par un engagement social constant.

Tout au long de son baccalauréat en droit, Cee Strauss s'est notamment impliquée auprès du collectif RadLaw, un regroupement d'étudiants en droit qui mène à bien divers projets en lien avec le droit et la justice sociale. « En 2014, j'ai réussi à mettre sur pied une conférence intitulée *Drug Policy Harm Reduction and the Law* et c'est à partir de là que mon engagement auprès du RadLaw s'est intensifié, » indique la lauréate. Elle souligne avoir d'abord été attirée au RadLaw à cause de son mode

de fonctionnement non-hiéarchique : « Pour moi, c'est la meilleure et même la seule façon d'accomplir de grandes choses. Travailler ensemble, sans rapports de subordination. »

Cee Strauss a également été membre de l'équipe éditoriale de la *Revue de droit de McGill*, où elle a participé à la production de plusieurs balados. Elle a contribué à la création de la *Clinique juridique trans* de McGill. « Je suis très heureuse de la création de cette clinique. Cela permettra de sensibiliser les gens de McGill aux enjeux trans, » affirme Strauss, qui entend continuer de s'impliquer auprès de la clinique. Après avoir réussi l'examen du Barreau ontarien, Strauss complète actuellement un stage à l'Association canadienne des libertés civiles, à Toronto.

LAURA CÁRDENAS

RENTRÉE HISTORIQUE POUR LA REVUE DE DROIT DE MCGILL



Pour la première fois depuis sa création en 1955, le conseil d'administration de la *Revue de droit de McGill* est composé cette année entièrement de femmes. Ce jalon historique est posé au moment même où la Revue entend porter une attention particulière à la diversité, au sein de ses publications.

« Nous n'avons pas adopté de politique éditoriale particulière pour promouvoir la diversité des contenus, explique Laura Cárdenas, la rédactrice en chef de la Revue, mais nous avons décidé d'avoir une attitude différente par rapport aux sollicitations et aux décisions de publication. Nous croyons par exemple qu'il faut faire un effort pour solliciter des auteurs plus diversifiés, autant au niveau de la diversité linguistique que de genre. »

À noter qu'au mois d'octobre, à l'occasion de sa conférence annuelle, la Revue a accueilli Mari J. Mastuda, professeure à la Faculté de droit de l'Université d'Hawaii. La professeure Matsuda se spécialise notamment dans les critiques antiracistes du droit. La Revue prévoit également la publication, à l'hiver 2017, d'un numéro spécial autour de la thématique « environnement, personnes et droit. » Il s'agira d'un numéro avec des contributions interdisciplinaires.

Pour plus d'information sur les publications et les événements organisés par la *Revue de droit de McGill*, visitez lawjournal.mcgill.ca.



SIMONE CAVANAUGH

DES NOUVELLES DE DUBLIN

Simone Cavanaugh, qui entreprend cet automne sa quatrième année à la Faculté, a passé un été à Dublin où elle a complété un stage de recherche au *Centre for Disability Law and Policy* de la *National University of Ireland*, dans le cadre de son programme de majeure en droit de la personne et en développement international. Ce stage a été en partie financé par le *David W. Binet Student International Fund in Law*.

« C'était une expérience formidable ! » lance-t-elle. « Je cherchais un stage en lien avec les droits des personnes en situation de handicap à l'étranger, car nous avons très peu d'occasions de recherche dans ce domaine au Québec. Par chance, j'ai trouvé ce centre, qui œuvre en partenariat avec la *Disability Federation of Ireland*, qui fait du travail de terrain. » L'étudiante confie même que son stage lui a donné l'envie d'aller compléter une maîtrise dans ce même centre de recherche.

L'engagement de l'étudiante pour le droit des personnes en situation de handicap n'est pas nouveau. Durant sa première année à la Faculté de droit de McGill, elle a créé la Fondation

Pivot, qui mène des projets de coopération internationale en lien avec le droit des personnes en situation de handicap. « Nous allons au Nicaragua chaque année avec l'équipe de la Fondation. Nous identifions des enfants avec besoins spéciaux et des besoins d'équipement adaptés. Puis, nous faisons ici des levées de fond pour apporter l'équipement aux enfants. Nous faisons ensuite un suivi auprès des familles afin que le matériel adapté fasse vraiment une différence dans la vie des enfants qui le reçoivent. »

La Fondation compte pour l'instant sur le travail de quelques bénévoles passionnés, mais Simone Cavanaugh espère que l'organisme prendra de l'expansion. « J'aimerais notamment qu'on puisse engager une éducatrice spécialisée, car ce n'est pas toujours évident de nous assurer nous-mêmes que l'équipement que nous livrons au Nicaragua est utilisé à son plein potentiel. Bref, nous sommes une petite équipe et nous sommes confrontés à d'énormes défis, mais nous voyons grand ! »

Pour de plus d'information sur la Fondation Pivot, visitez son site web : www.pivotfoundation.org/



UNE RENTRÉE SOUS LE SIGNE DE LA RÉCONCILIATION

/ par VÉRONIQUE BÉLANGER /

Après six ans de travaux, au cours desquels elle a entendu les témoignages des anciens élèves des pensionnats autochtones, la Commission de vérité et réconciliation du Canada (CVR) a remis son rapport final en juin 2015. Pendant près d'un siècle et demi, environ 150 000 jeunes Autochtones, Métis et Inuits ont été enlevés de leur famille et envoyés dans des pensionnats où plusieurs ont été victimes de violence sexuelle et d'autres sévices.

Plusieurs des 94 appels à l'action lancés par la CVR pour remédier aux séquelles laissées par les pensionnats s'adressent directement aux juristes et au système judiciaire. L'appel à l'action n° 28 interpelle plus particulièrement les facultés de droit du Canada, leur demandant « d'exiger que tous leurs étudiants suivent un cours sur les peuples autochtones et le droit, y compris en ce qui a trait à l'histoire et aux séquelles des pensionnats, à la Déclaration des Nations Unies sur les droits des peuples

autochtones, aux traités et aux droits des Autochtones, au droit autochtone de même qu'aux relations entre l'État et les Autochtones. À cet égard, il faudra, plus particulièrement, offrir une formation axée sur les compétences pour ce qui est de l'aptitude interculturelle, du règlement de différends, des droits de la personne et de la lutte contre le racisme. »

Depuis un an, la Faculté de droit travaille à répondre à cet appel, consciente du rôle central que l'éducation postsecondaire doit jouer dans le processus de réconciliation. Après la préparation à l'hiver 2016 d'un rapport faisant l'inventaire des ressources existantes à la Faculté, le doyen a mis sur pied un groupe de travail pour identifier les mesures additionnelles à mettre en place pour répondre à l'appel de la CVR. Le groupe de travail est composé de quatre membres de la Faculté, deux étudiants, dont un étudiant autochtone, une diplômée autochtone et un représentant de la Maison des Premières nations de McGill.

À gauche : Le 21 septembre, une émouvante cérémonie de réconciliation s'est tenue sur la pelouse avant de la Faculté dans le cadre des activités de la semaine annuelle de sensibilisation aux cultures autochtones à McGill. La cérémonie a été animée par le chef héréditaire algonquin et aîné Dominique (Kapiteotak) Rankin, C.Q., Marie-Josée Tardif et John Borrows.

En bas : Parmi les activités de bienvenue pour la nouvelle cohorte d'étudiants, l'accueil intertribal est une occasion de prendre contact avec les traditions autochtones, telle que la cérémonie de purification par la fumée, menée ici par le Chef Mohawk John Cree.



Pitseolak Ashoona, *Spirit of Summer Caribou*, 1983.
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UN DON DE LA PROFESSEURE SOMERVILLE

Après une longue et fructueuse carrière à McGill, Margaret Somerville, Margo pour ses collègues et amis, est rentrée dans son Australie natale en juillet dernier, pour se joindre à la Faculté de médecine de la University of Notre Dame Australia à Sydney, à titre de professeure de bioéthique. Avant de quitter Montréal, où elle a passé quatre décennies, Margo a fait un dernier cadeau à la Faculté : elle lui a légué sa collection d'œuvres inuites. Cette collection, composée de 11 lithographies et 22 sculptures, a été donnée à l'Université McGill pour être exposée à la Faculté de droit. Les œuvres, qui contribueront à reconnaître la contribution unique des peuples autochtones et inuits au Canada, occuperont bientôt une place de choix à la Faculté.

Tytoosie Tunnilie, *Sedna*.
Pierre noire. Collection d'arts visuels de l'Université McGill.
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Le groupe de travail a pour mandat de faire des recommandations concernant tous les volets abordés dans le rapport d'inventaire : le recrutement et l'admission des étudiants autochtones, le soutien des étudiants autochtones pendant leurs études, l'embauche de professeurs autochtones, la reconnaissance de la présence autochtone dans l'espace physique et intellectuel de la Faculté, l'enseignement de la matière et des compétences mentionnées dans l'appel n° 28, et la recherche. Le rapport final de ce groupe de travail sera déposé au Conseil de Faculté en avril 2017.

Les diplômés qui aimeraient contribuer aux travaux du groupe de travail sont invités à communiquer avec sa présidente, la doyenne adjointe Véronique Bélanger (veronique.belanger@mcgill.ca).

INTEGRATING *the many* FACETS OF LAW

/ by DANIEL MCCABE /

THIS YEAR, THE INITIAL WEEK OF CLASSES FOR FIRST-YEAR LAW STUDENTS AT MCGILL WAS DECIDEDLY DIFFERENT. FOR ONE THING, THERE WEREN'T ANY REGULAR CLASSES. THAT ISN'T TO SAY THAT STUDENTS WEREN'T BUSY LEARNING.





“Within their very first hour of law school, new students took part in a conversation about a really complicated societal issue that's associated with all sorts of legal questions,” says Hoi Kong, BA’95, MA’98, BCL’02, LLB’02, an associate professor of law and the Faculty’s past associate dean (academic).

Instead of the usual 13-week schedule of courses in a semester, first-year law students will now take their classes over 12 weeks. The first week was reserved for something new, an Integration Week that is the first piece of the Faculty’s curricular renewal to roll out. It offers students a chance to delve deeply into the different facets of a pressing social issue, sometimes in a plenary setting, sometimes through small group discussions. This semester’s Integration Week focused on safe injection sites for intravenous drug users.

The new students met on their first day with Me Louis Letellier de Saint-Just, the board president for Cactus-Montréal, a community centre that works with drug users and sex workers to prevent the spread of blood-borne and sexually transmitted infections. Letellier de Saint-Just is a strong proponent of safe injection sites, believing that they protect some of society’s most vulnerable people, while helping to prevent the spread of disease.

It’s a controversial subject, though, and one that was the focus of a landmark Supreme Court case in 2011. Later in the Integration Week, the first-year students got to hear from former Supreme Court justice Marie Deschamps, LLM’83, as she walked them through a scenario to which the Civil Code of Québec applied.

Integration Weeks provide students with an opportunity to consider the complex real-world ramifications of the law from day one. “The legal system doesn’t exist in isolation from the issues that make the headlines,” says Dean of Law Robert Leckey, BCL’02, LLB’02. “With something like {safe injection sites}, you need to consider a range of different legal perspectives. It touches on criminal law, on liability issues, on constitutional law.” During the fall Integration Week, students tackled this complexity by applying the following legal sources to different aspects of safe injection sites: the constitution, a civil code, a common law judgment, and a statute.



At left: Professor Hoi Kong leading a discussion on curriculum renewal with faculty members.

Below: First-years students kicked off the semester with small group workshops during Integration Week.

A second Integration Week will kick off the winter term for the first-year cohort. It will revolve around Indigenous law. Starting next year, upper-year students will begin to take part in Focus Weeks—regular courses will be paused “to allow students to pursue learning opportunities that may not fit easily within the standard classroom format,” says Kong.

The Faculty is also introducing a first-year course of Integration Workshops. The workshops serve two primary purposes. Students will now get to interact more closely with a professor in a small-group setting early on in the program. “Some students can feel a little anonymous in some of the bigger classes,” observes Leckey. “This was introduced in response to something that students have wanted—and it’s something that professors have wanted too,” adds Kong.

The workshops will also focus on introducing students to basic capacities that are important for jurists to develop—how to plead and negotiate, for instance. “We can look at more hands-on, problem-solving experiences,” says Leckey. The Integration Workshops continue the initiation to crucial skills familiar to many cohorts of law students from Me Helena Lamed’s Introduction to Legal Research and Writing.

Some cornerstone courses have been revamped. A full-year course on criminal justice will examine its subject matter in a broader, more interdisciplinary context than the criminal law course it replaces—incorporating an Indigenous law perspective, for instance. Courses on property law and legal ethics have undergone a similar rethink and will be different when the current first-year group reaches its second year. Property law will now integrate the civil law, common law, and Indigenous legal traditions. The legal ethics course will be closely linked to a Focus Week that starts next year.

Kong says that response from students to the changes has been “overwhelmingly positive so far.” Anne-Sophie Ouellet, the Law Student Association’s vice-president for academic affairs, agrees that students are pleased with the changes. She singles out the Integration Workshops as a new element “that is very much welcomed by the student body. It’s a different mode of learning.”

“Students don’t want to just be passive learners, scribbling down notes,” says Leckey. He believes the changes to the program will give students an opportunity to play a more active role in deciding what they want to learn and how they want to learn it.

Leckey says the changes resulted “from quite a lengthy process” that involved widespread consultation and the participation of many, including Teaching and Learning Services. He credits Kong and Nancy Czemann, CertMgmt’97, the director of student life and learning within the Faculty of Law, with playing key roles. In particular, he singles out his predecessor, former dean Daniel Jutras, as the driving force behind the changes. “He is a great teacher and this curricular renewal bears the stamp of his vision,” says Leckey.

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ENTRE CONTINUITÉ ET PROGRÈS,
LE JUSTE MILIEU

LE 1^{ER} JUILLET, LE PROFESSEUR ROBERT LECKEY EST DEVENU DOYEN DE LA FACULTÉ DE DROIT. FOCUS S'EST ENTRETENU AVEC LUI À L'OCCASION DU DÉBUT DE LA SESSION D'AUTOMNE 2016. LE NOUVEAU DOYEN AMORCE SON MANDAT SOUS LE SIGNE DU PROGRÈS, TOUT EN MISANT SUR LA FORCE DE LA CONTINUITÉ.

/ par AURÉLIE LANCTÔT /



Depuis son entrée en poste, Robert Leckey a multiplié les rencontres avec les diplômés, les professeurs ainsi que l'ensemble du personnel administratif de la Faculté, pour prendre le pouls de l'institution avant d'entreprendre les actions qui marqueront son décanat. De toute évidence, le doyen est mû par un souci de collaborer rigoureusement avec tous ceux qui l'entourent à la Faculté.

« J'ai voulu devenir doyen, car je crois pouvoir aider nos étudiants et mes collègues à faire avancer la Faculté, explique-t-il. Je suis très conscient que nous avons une institution très particulière, qui est redevable à beaucoup de choses. Nous voulons former des juristes pour le Québec, pour le reste du Canada, pour l'international, en droit privé et public... » Pour être aussi versatile, estime-t-il, il faut absolument tendre l'oreille à l'ensemble des acteurs qui gravitent autour de la Faculté : étudiants, diplômés, professeurs, etc.

Le doyen entend par ailleurs accorder l'importance qui lui revient au « travail invisible » dont dépend le bon fonctionnement de la Faculté de droit. « Il y a tellement de choses auxquelles on ne pense pas comme professeur ou comme étudiant, constate-t-il. Il y a une grande partie du travail accompli à l'intérieur de nos murs qu'on ne peut pas valoriser si on n'en prend pas conscience. C'est pour cette raison qu'en plus des professeurs, j'ai rencontré tout le personnel administratif cet été. Je voulais comprendre les façons de faire qui prévalent et qui permettent à la Faculté de fonctionner. » Pour le professeur Leckey, il est impératif de « faire le pont » entre les grandes orientations, les grandes valeurs véhiculées par l'institution et le travail administratif. Impossible, selon lui, de favoriser le progrès sans respecter aussi la continuité. Il faut bien sûr être prêt à transformer les façons de faire pour atteindre de nouveaux objectifs, mais cela doit se faire par l'écoute et la collaboration avec ceux qui incarnent et font fonctionner la Faculté de droit, au quotidien.

Évidemment, cette attention toute particulière portée au travail interne ne fait pas obstacle aux ambitions du doyen au chapitre du rayonnement extérieur de la Faculté. « Je veux que la Faculté demeure une des meilleures ! » lance-t-il. « Je veux que l'on continue de trouver cet équilibre délicat entre les réflexions théoriques profondes sur le droit et l'arrimage des savoirs juridiques à la pratique. Je crois fermement qu'on peut à la fois préparer les étudiants au monde du travail tout en valorisant la préparation théorique. »

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LA FACULTÉ RECÈLE ÉNORMÉMENT D'EXPERTISE. IL NOUS FAUT MAINTENANT APPRENDRE À MIEUX LA METTRE EN VALEUR. »

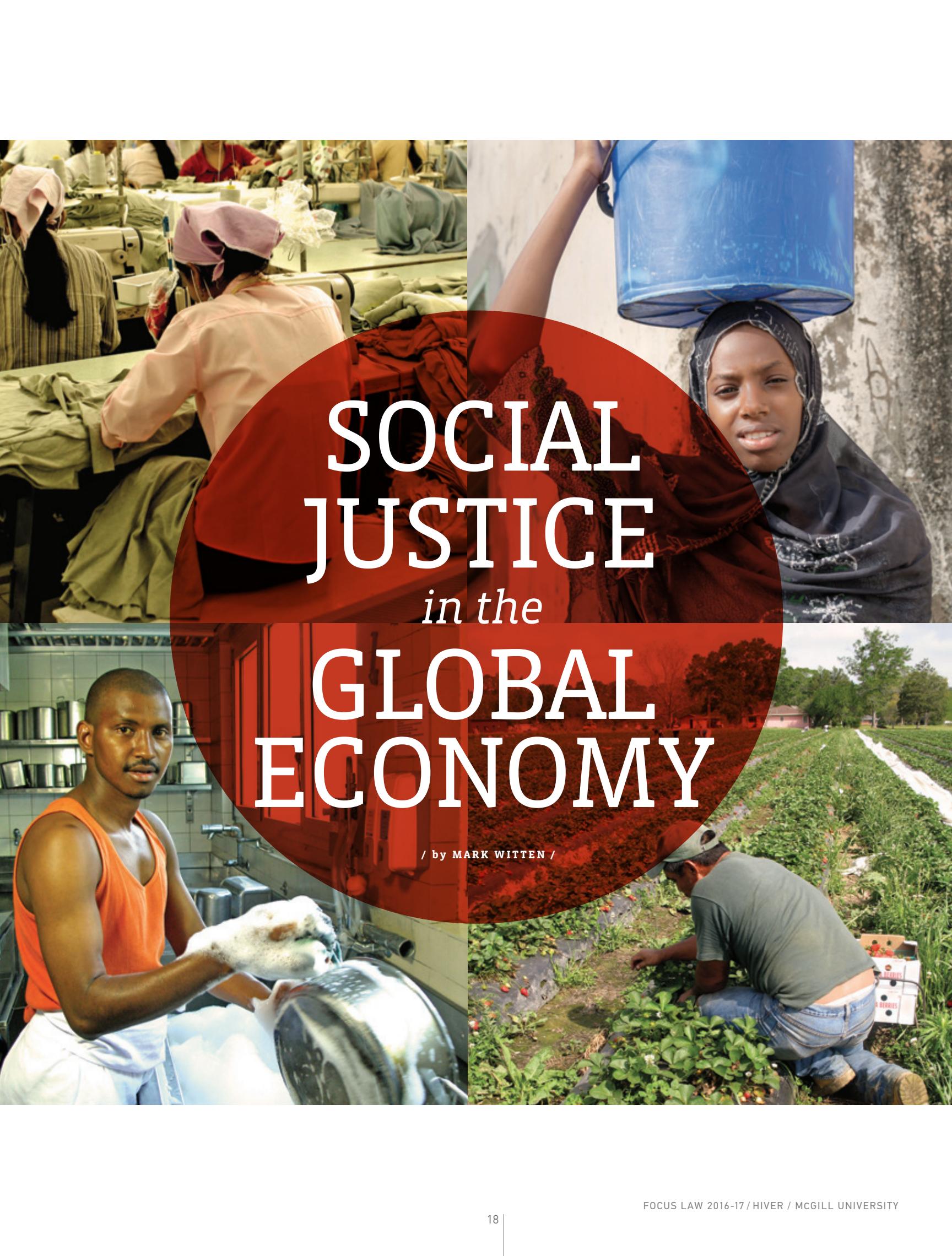
En ce qui touche la recherche, le professeur Leckey veut avant tout en soutenir la promotion. « Nous devons mettre davantage de l'avant nos forces en recherche, qui sont considérables ! Je souhaite travailler activement à synthétiser et à mieux communiquer nos orientations de recherche. La Faculté recèle énormément d'expertise. Il nous faut maintenant apprendre à mieux la mettre en valeur. » Selon le doyen, une meilleure promotion de la recherche permettra aussi d'attirer plus d'étudiants aux cycles supérieurs à la Faculté : « Nous avons beaucoup à offrir aux étudiants de deuxième et troisième cycles. Je tiens à ce que cela soit mieux transmis », conclut-il.

La diversification du corps étudiant à la Faculté fait également partie des grandes priorités du doyen. D'ailleurs, dans son allocution de la rentrée, il a constaté l' « écart évident entre ceux qui se retrouvent à la Faculté et les besoins de la société en terme d'accès à la justice. » Selon lui, le souci particulier accordé à la diversification du corps étudiant et professoral n'est pas accessoire. La diversité – qu'elle soit culturelle, ethnique, géographique ou socioéconomique – permet d'approfondir nos réflexions sur le droit et de remettre en question les postulats établis.

C'est précisément dans cet esprit que le doyen entend être attentif aux préoccupations des associations et des regroupements étudiants qui portent certains enjeux en lien avec la diversité. « Je pense que les groupes qui attirent notre attention sur les questions d'inclusion des minorités nous rappellent qu'il faut toujours remettre en question nos présupposés sur le droit. Ils nous incitent aussi à nous assurer que nos principes d'inclusion et de promotion de la diversité se concrétisent dans le droit. » Le doyen entend collaborer avec les groupes étudiants en ce sens. « Mon parcours personnel m'a amené à avoir des sensibilités particulières pour les revendications des groupes minoritaires. Je comprends le travail acharné de ceux qui travaillent pour obtenir une juste reconnaissance de leurs revendications. » Il en appelle toutefois à faire preuve de patience : « Les groupes étudiants sous-estiment parfois la lenteur des processus institutionnels, mais je souhaite sincèrement travailler avec eux pour faire avancer les dossiers. »

Finalement, se pose bien sûr la question de l'héritage, de la transmission : comment occuper ce poste occupé jadis par d'illustres juristes ? Le doyen reconnaît que c'est un grand honneur de s'installer dans le bureau occupé autrefois, entre autres, par les Frank Scott et Rod Macdonald. Il se méfie toutefois des visions trop figées de l'héritage, si imposant soit-il. « Chacun en son temps a fait son travail, remarque-t-il. Je prends pleinement la mesure du poids de l'institution, et j'entends agir avec humilité, mais je crois qu'il s'agit maintenant de faire vivre cet héritage à notre manière. »





SOCIAL JUSTICE

in the

GLOBAL ECONOMY

/ by MARK WITTEN /

IN SEPTEMBER, PROFESSOR ADELLE BLACKETT BECAME THE FIFTH MCGILL LAW PROFESSOR TO RECEIVE A PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP, JOINING THE LATE ROD MACDONALD, DANIEL WEINSTOCK, FRANÇOIS CRÉPEAU AND RENÉ PROVOST. FOCUS MET WITH BLACKETT AND HER PAST DOCTORAL AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDENTS TO TALK ABOUT HER SCHOLARSHIP ON AND ADVOCACY FOR DOMESTIC AND MIGRANT WORKERS' RIGHTS.

Social justice for all in the new global economy of the future. That's the driving goal and purpose of Professor Adelle Blackett's wide-ranging labour law research and advocacy.

Consider the precarious situation of millions of migrant domestic workers filling labour market shortages in many global regions, who may slide from legal to "illegal" status simply by leaving an abusive employer.

What about the young women factory workers in sub-contracted firms in Cambodia and Haiti, who produce for Canadian consumers fashionable garments and brand-name running shoes that they can't afford to buy?

The challenges of making decent work for all a reality are immense. Blackett, BCL'94, LLB'94, cites these examples to illustrate not only the enormity of the challenge, but also how potential solutions must be transnational, including and extending beyond individual states. We are increasingly interdependent as producers and consumers in the new global economy. We need to know and care about how trade agreements, for example, affect the world of work in Canada and abroad, including in the global South.

Can the growth and broader economic benefits promised by globalization be shared in an equitable, sustainable way? Or, will the zero-sum game of trade winners and losers result in fewer people having decent work?

TRANSNATIONAL LABOUR RIGHTS: FOSTERING SOCIAL JUSTICE AT WORK

A professor at McGill since 2000, Blackett is leading a call to action on these urgent global work issues. She has a bold, ambitious vision of how international labour law can be used as a tool to help make globalization fair, and to promote social, distributive justice in the changing world of work for ordinary Canadians and working people worldwide.

Blackett's vision is grounded in her innovative contributions as an expert to new international labour standards, adopted by the UN's International Labour Organization (ILO), which give substantive meaning to the concept of "decent work" for domestic workers. "Domestic workers have historically been largely excluded from most of what we think of as basic standard decent work conditions. The ILO's Decent Work for Domestic Workers Convention and Recommendation that Blackett helped to draft offers a look at what it means to regulate for decent work it provides a blueprint for how to regulate decent work for other marginalized workers," says Blackett, a full professor and William Dawson Scholar in the Faculty of Law, who also served as a Quebec Human Rights and Youth Rights Commissioner for seven years.

Blackett's approach is also guided by research and policy formulations for experimental, transnational Better Work programs in places like Cambodia and Haiti that use incentives as levers to link preferential trade access to the continuous improvements in working conditions for factory workers in developing countries. "These countries were seeking to enter the global economy in a planned way after significant upheaval and trauma. It's important to think about creative ways to link preferential trade to improved work conditions, or decent work in developing countries," she says.

The scope of the Better Work Haiti program included an ongoing labour law reform process to strengthen the rights and protections for all workers. From 2011 to 2014, Blackett led a law reform process for the ILO, working intensively with workers, employers, and government representatives in Haiti to draft a new Haitian Labour Code that addresses informal forms of work and development policy.



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FUTURE DIRECTIONS OF TRANSNATIONAL LABOUR LAW AND DEVELOPMENT: THE LLDRL AS RESEARCH AND GRADUATE TRAINING HUB

Blackett is seeking to shape and influence the future direction of transnational labour law. "The majority of workers in developing countries fall outside traditional labour law," says Blackett, who believes that a key role for transnational labour law is to find creative means to address the needs of these marginalized workers rather than exclude them. In 2007, she founded the Labour Law and Development Research Laboratory (LLDRL) at McGill, with support from the Canadian Foundation for Innovation. Blackett emphasizes the collective nature of the work of the LLDRL, which started with a team of leading researchers from the University of Ghana, the University of the West Indies, Cornell University, and SOAS, University of London. The team produced a special issue in the Comparative Labour Law and Policy Journal on Labour Law and Development: Perspectives on Labour Regulation in Africa and the African Diaspora, guest edited by Blackett. The LLDRL also hosts a working paper series, a database on pluralist labour law, and guest lectures.

The LLDRL has in particular been a hub of activity for graduate students and post-doctoral candidates in labour law and law and development. Five of Blackett's former doctoral or postdoctoral trainees teach full-time in Canadian universities. Two of Blackett's doctoral graduates teach law in the civil law section of the Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa. **Julie Paquin**, LLM'97, DCL'10, who wrote her dissertation on business law reform and economic development in Dakar, Senegal, is now an associate professor. In 2013, Paquin published a book—*Legal Reform and Business Contracts in Developing Economies: Trust, Culture, and Law in Dakar*—that expanded on her doctoral research at McGill. **Maude Choko**, LLM'08, DCL'15, who wrote her doctoral thesis on precarious work in the film industry, teaches civil law courses and volunteers at a Montreal-based legal advocacy organization that supports low-wage workers, Au Bas de l'Échelle.

When **Martin Gallié** came from France to the LLDRL on a post-doctoral fellowship co-sponsored by the Inter-University Research Centre on Globalization and Work (CRIMT), Blackett suggested he investigate the impact of Canada's Live-in Caregiver Program (LCP) on the human rights and labour rights of migrant domestic workers in Quebec.

ILO

Blackett's Pierre Elliot Trudeau Foundation fellowship supports a three-year project that will offer case studies of how international labour law is and can be marshalled transnationally to foster social justice at work in Canada and worldwide. This ambitious project will celebrate the role of the ILO in its first century, while also formulating recommendations to help guide the ILO in using transnational labour law to meet the challenges of the changing paradigm of work in the future. It will culminate in a two-day Trudeau Symposium, to be held in Montreal in 2019, on the eve of the ILO's 100th birthday.

As part of the LCP, care workers were required to live with their Canadian employers for at least two years to become eligible for permanent residency. "Thanks to Adelle, I sensed that the live-in requirement was a huge issue for migrant domestic workers that had to be challenged and contested. With these kinds of legal measures, the employers are not just buying the labour force but buying their bodies, which is a form of exploitation and unfree labour," says Gallié. Now a professor in the Département des sciences juridiques at Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), Gallié has conducted research in partnership with PINAY (the Filipina Women's Organization of Quebec) and published journal articles and an influential LLDRL report on these issues.

Adrian Smith, DCL'11, an associate professor in the department of law and legal studies at Carleton University, examined the role of the law and the state in making unfree labour an enduring feature of capitalism in the sugar industry in Trinidad for his doctoral dissertation at McGill, written under Blackett and the late Rod Macdonald. "Adelle has always been committed to reform within the system and from the position we are in, which helped me to think like that," says Smith, who is cross-appointed to the Institute of Political Economy and the Institute of African Studies and is widely published on unfree migrant agricultural labour in Canada.

Armel Brice Adanhounme spent two years at the LLDRL as a prestigious Banting post-doctoral fellow. He is now a professor of industrial relations at the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières. He adopts an institutional approach to corporate citizenship and global human resources management, mainly in the mining and agricultural sectors in West African postcolonial societies, focusing on Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, and Benin. In particular, he investigates the relationship between culture, law, and norms in workplace relations. Adanhounme, who studied to become a Jesuit priest before changing vocations, emphasizes his shared ethical concern with Blackett: "Just a quote from Bryan Stephenson I often hear from her, and that summarizes her interest in fellow human beings, and pedagogy: 'Our brokenness may help us to cultivate mercy and compassion'."

The LLDRL also recently celebrated two successful doctoral defences. Me **Sabaa Khan** defended her thesis in May 2016 on informal work within e-waste recycling chains. She had been a scientific coordinator of the LLDRL before beginning the doctoral program. "I was always encouraged by Adelle to probe deeper into the relationship between law and informality, to be creative, and to challenge disciplinary borders," says Khan, who is now a post-doctoral fellow at the Centre for Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Law at the University of Eastern Finland. Khan adds: "My current research on the social and environmental transformation of the Arctic region under climate change is deeply influenced by the time I spent at McGill with Adelle and LLDRL colleagues engaging on labour law, informality, and development issues. This is where I nurtured my interest in questions regarding the empowering potential of international law and its particular relevance for human communities who have been historically marginalized from lawmaking processes."

The LLDRL's most recent graduate, **Zobaida Khan**, successfully defended her DCL in September on sustainable development and its linkage with labour rights, focusing on ILO and transnational corporations' responses to the Rana Plaza factory disaster in Bangladesh. Said Khan, "Professor Blackett has taught me to understand law from a broader perspective, to prioritize small but potential governance sites, and to focus on marginalized but emerging actors."

Blackett presently supervises one post-doctoral fellow, two doctoral candidates, and an LLM student. Dr. **Thierry Galani Tiemeni** is the current LLDRL post-doctoral fellow working on rural-urban labour market informality in the cotton industry of Cameroon. Me **Isabelle Deschamps**, who completed her LLM with Rod Macdonald, is an expert in international commercial law who is studying the disconnect between commercial harmonization initiatives under the Organization for the Harmonization of Business Law in Africa (known by its French acronym, OHADA) and the lived reality of female micro-entrepreneurs in Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, and Cameroon. Me **Myriam Dumont Robillard**, a former president of the Quebec Household Workers' Association, is completing her DCL, which explores philosophical justifications for "temporariness" in contemporary labour migration schemes, while LLM candidate Me **Daniel Crespo** is assessing the ILO role in Cuban labour law reform.

ALUMNI RECOGNITION

GREGORY DAVID

presented with the Roddick Gates Award



L to R: (back row) Nicholas Synnott, Robert Leckey, Daniel Jutras, Jill Greaves, Samuel Benaroya, Marc Weinstein, Norman Steinberg; (seated) Robert David, Greg David, Carol David.

On June 22nd, 2016, McGill's Faculty of Law was pleased to honour a distinguished graduate and friend—Mr. Gregory John David, BCL'93, LLB'93, with the prestigious Roddick Gates Award in recognition of his incredible commitment to the University. Presented by Marc Weinstein, Vice-Principal University Advancement, the celebration was attended by a diverse group of accomplished academics and professionals, a true testament to the breadth of Greg's impact on McGill.

Alongside his parents—Dr. Robert J. David, DDS'62, and Mrs. Carol A. David, BA'62—Greg was joined by Ms. Jill Greaves; Mr. Norman Steinberg, Faculty Advisory Board Chair; Dr. Samuel Benaroya, Associate Vice-Principal and Vice-Dean of Health Affairs; Daniel Jutras, then Dean of the Faculty of Law; Robert Leckey, Dean Designate of the Faculty of Law; and Mr. Nicholas Synnott, Associate Director, University Advancement (Faculty of Law).

As an alumnus, advisor, friend, and donor, Greg has played an exemplary role in the long-term success of McGill University. He has helped to shape the paths of the Faculties of Law and

Medicine, as well as McGill-affiliated hospitals and partners. Hailing from a family of McGill graduates, Greg's commitment to philanthropic leadership is most recently exemplified by his superb service as Chair of the Faculty of Law's \$5.8 million Campaign for Innovation in Teaching and Learning.

Introduced in 2014, and generously supported by private donors, the Fund for Innovation in Teaching and Learning is helping to transform the Faculty by allowing it to offer its students state-of-the-art teaching techniques, learning environments, and opportunities consistent with the practice of law in the 21st century. It will ensure that McGill continues to serve as one of the trendsetting leaders in legal education around the globe. As chair, Greg has played a fundamental role in its ongoing success,



Robert David (third from left), Greg's father, fondly recounted a few amusing anecdotes about his son during the reception.

and has been a leader both as a donor—having made major financial commitments to the campaign—and as a volunteer.

Greg's leadership is not only limited to the Faculty of Law, however. As director of the Larry and Cookie Rossy Family Foundation, he has played an instrumental role in the creation of the Rossy Cancer Network (made possible by the landmark donation of \$30 million from the Foundation to McGill University in 2013—a gift that Greg was involved in every step of the way, and that has since allowed the University and its medical partners to pool their strengths and improve the experience of cancer patients across Quebec). Greg has also had an important impact on the Faculty of Dentistry, having established the Robert J. David Bursary, named in honour of his father (himself a significant member of both McGill's academic and greater communities for many years).

We are pleased to honour Greg with one of McGill University's most prestigious awards and look forward to many more years of partnership with him.

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Share your advice on academic success, careers, work/life balance, and diversity issues with a second-year student for the upcoming academic year.



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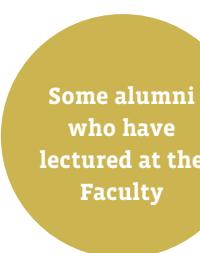
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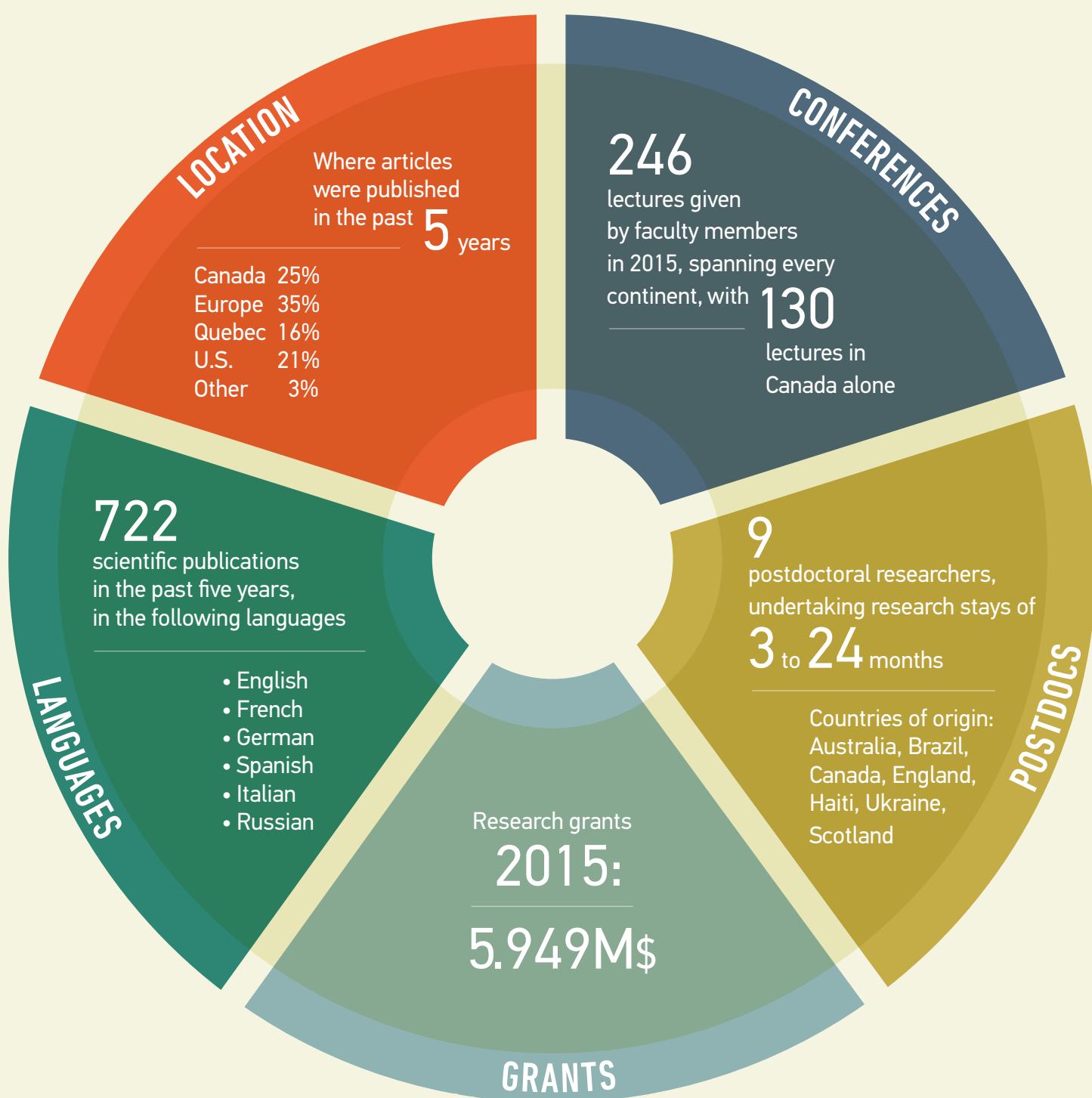
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Les travaux de nos chercheurs s'illustrent par leur vigueur, que ce soit à l'échelle locale, nationale ou internationale. La qualité et l'impact de leurs recherches, publiées en plusieurs langues et diffusées dans le monde entier, sont reconnus par de nombreuses distinctions et prix nationaux et internationaux, dont la prestigieuse bourse de recherche de la Fondation Trudeau octroyée à la professeure Adelle Blackett (voir p.18) en septembre 2016.

Le succès des chercheurs de la Faculté attire à son tour de nombreux visiteurs. Chaque année, la Faculté accueille de nombreux stagiaires postdoctoraux et autres chercheurs invités. Provenant de plusieurs pays, ils participent à la vitalité de notre communauté de recherche.



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WIDOW OF PROFESSOR WILLIAM TETLEY,
ALSO PASSED AWAY IN 2016



NICOLAS MATEESCO MATTE

(1913-2016)

Nicolas Mateesco Matte, OC, QC, FRSC, CR, SRC, s'est éteint le 13 avril à l'âge de 102 ans. Tout au long de sa carrière universitaire distinguée, Nicolas Mateesco Matte a contribué à faire avancer le droit aérien et spatial international et à le faire mieux connaître.

Né en Roumanie en 1913, Dr Nicolas Mateesco Matte obtient son premier doctorat en droit de l'Université de Bucarest en 1939. Après la Seconde Guerre mondiale, il s'installe à Paris, où il complète un doctorat en droit international de l'Université de Paris. Il émigre au Canada en 1950, à un moment où ses écrits sur le droit aérien l'avaient déjà largement fait connaître comme partisan d'un nouvel ordre juridique international, proposant une vision de la coopération transcendant les frontières géopolitiques.

De 1951 à 1968, il est professeur et titulaire inaugural de la Chaire de droit aérien de l'Université de Montréal, qui deviendra ensuite la Chaire de droit aérien et spatial. Il fonde aussi le Club des relations internationales, auquel de nombreux dirigeants canadiens ont appartenu.

En 1961, il est nommé professeur invité à l'Institut de droit aérien et spatial (IDAS) de l'Université McGill où il devient directeur de la recherche, puis directeur en 1976. C'est à ce moment qu'il fonde les Annales de droit aérien et spatial, la publication phare de l'Institut. Après une carrière distinguée à McGill, le Dr Matte a pris sa retraite de l'Institut le 31 mars 1991 et a été nommé directeur émérite au même moment.

Le professeur Matte était aussi un citoyen engagé. Il a contribué au développement de la ville de Brossard, comme en fait foi un boulevard portant son nom. Il a été commissaire pour les groupes ethniques de la Commission d'enquête sur la situation de la langue française et des droits linguistiques au Québec en 1968. Il est également l'un des fondateurs du Cosmodôme, un musée des sciences à Laval inauguré en 1994.

Les nombreux honneurs qui ont été conférés au professeur Matte incluent le Prix Edward Warner de l'OACI (le « Nobel » de l'aviation) et l'Ordre du Canada. Il était également Chevalier de l'Ordre du Québec, membre de la Société royale du Canada, Commandant de l'Ordre national « Pour le mérite » de Roumanie et Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur de France.

1960s

→ Professor Emeritus the Honourable **IRWIN COTLER**, OC, BCL'64, was honoured at a gala dinner held by the Lord Reading Law Society in May 2016, where Justice Rosalie Abella, LLD'99, Justice Nicholas Kasirer, BCL'85, LLB'85, and Professor Alan Dershowitz paid tribute to the former MP and law expert for his impressive work in human rights.

→ **NORTON SEGAL**, QC, BCL'67, is the recipient of the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers, which was awarded to him by the Governor General of Canada on April 2016, at Rideau Hall, as well as the recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, which was awarded to him in 2012. Segal practices in the areas of civil and matrimonial litigation, immigration, and corporate law at Phillips Friedman Kotler.



**NORTON
SEGAL**

→ **JOSEPH SILVER**, BCL'65, recently returned from the World Bridge Championship, which was held in Wrocław, Poland, with the Senior Pairs Tournament Silver Medal. Silver is a member of the Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame. He was Canadian Bridge Champion 10 times. In 2002, while on the Canadian bridge team, Silver won the gold medal in the Salt Lake City Olympics.

1970s

→ **IAN M. SOLLOWAY**, BCL'73, one of Montreal's most prominent family lawyers and Chair of the English-speaking section of the Bar of Montreal, was honoured on June 20, 2016 with the 2016 D'Arcy McGee National Assembly Citizenship Medal in recognition of "his outstanding achievement in community involvement."

1980s



**SOPHIE
DAGENAIS**

→ **SOPHIE DAGENAIS**, BCL'88, LLB'88, became Assistant Dean for Advancement and External Affairs for the College of Law of Syracuse University in August 2016. Dagenais will be responsible for the development of the strategic plan, overseeing the School's fundraising efforts, and alumni relations. Previously, she was a Director at the Annie E. Casey Foundation, overseeing the Foundation's portfolio of financial investments and grant-making strategies in Baltimore and Maryland.

→ The Hon. **PATRICK HEALY**, BCL'81, who continued to teach criminal law at the Faculty while sitting as a justice of the Court of Québec, Criminal and Penal Division, in Montreal, was appointed puisne judge of the Court of Appeal of Quebec on October 20, 2016.

→ **JENNIFER STODDART**, OC, BCL'80, LLD'15, was appointed Officer of the Order of Canada in December 2015, "for her international leadership in privacy rights and for her exemplary public service as the privacy commissioner of Canada." She was also awarded a Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, at McGill's Fall 2015 Convocation ceremonies.



**JENNIFER
STODDART**

→ **PIERRE TAPP**, BCL'87, LLB'87, est le greffier et le directeur des services juridiques de la Ville de Hampstead depuis novembre 2014. En mai 2016, il a par ailleurs reçu le titre d'officier municipal agréé (OMA) de la Corporation des officiers agrés du Québec (COMAQ). Ce titre reconnaît la compétence ainsi que l'expérience d'individus à des fonctions supérieures au service de municipalités au Québec.

→ In September 2016, **STEPHEN S. TOOPE**, OC, BCL'82, LLB'82, was nominated as the 346th Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge. He will start in October 2017. In his extraordinary career, Toope has served as Director of the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs (2014-2017), President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of British Columbia (2006-2014), founding President and CEO of the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation (2002-2006), and Dean of Law of McGill University (1994-1999).



**MARTINE
TURCOTTE**

→ **MARTINE TURCOTTE**, BCL'82, LLB'82, qui est V.-P. exécutive chez Bell, a été élue à la présidence du conseil d'administration de la Chambre de commerce du Montréal métropolitain pour l'année 2015-2016. Mme Turcotte avait occupé le poste de première vice-présidente du conseil au cours de l'année précédente. Mme Turcotte est membre des conseils des gouverneurs de l'Université McGill et de Montréal en lumière et elle est membre des conseils d'administration d'Empire/Sobeys et de la Banque CIBC. Elle est également présidente du conseil du Théâtre Espace Go.

1990s

→ **ISABELLE DAOUST**, BCL'96, LLB'96, and **PAUL MOEN**, LLB'93, are celebrating their 15th wedding anniversary this year, having met on the steps of Old Chancellor Day Hall. After over 15 years with the Red Cross, Daoust is now senior policy advisor to the Hon. Harjit Sajjan, Minister of National Defence. Moen is a partner at Earnscliffe Strategy Group, one of Canada's leading public affairs firms, where he advises a wide range of clients on government affairs and public policy. They live in Ottawa with their two children.

→ In November 2015, **KRISTINE M. DI BACCO**, BCL'98, LLB'98, was made partner at Fenwick & West LLP, and relocated to their New York office in May 2016. Di Bacco represents emerging technology companies primarily in the consumer Internet, e-commerce, FinTech, digital health, consumer hardware, and software sectors. Her practice includes a broad range of corporate transactional matters, including the formation of new startup companies, venture capital financings, mergers & acquisitions, and public offerings. She frequently lectures on startup issues and venture capital investments at Stanford University and the University of Southern California.



KRISTINE M.
DI BACCO

- **TIMOTHY EGAN**, BCL'91, LLB'91, has been the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Gas Association since September 2010. Prior to his appointment he was President of High Park Group (HPG), a public affairs consulting firm. He serves as Canada's representative at the International Gas Union, sitting on the Executive Committee and as the Regional Coordinator for North America, and he is a member of Sustainable Development Technology Canada. Furthermore, Egan is publisher of the *Energy Regulation Quarterly* and editor of the magazine *Energy*.
- In May 2016, **LARRY MARKOWITZ**, BCL'95, LLB'95, was inaugurated as President of the Lord Reading Law Society. Founded in 1948 as the collective voice of Jewish jurists in Quebec, the LRLS is dedicated to the promotion of human rights and is known for its dinners, which have become an integral part of the calendar of Montreal's legal community and feature distinguished guest speakers from the bench, the bar, and the worlds of business and politics.
- Since 2008, **DON MCGOWAN**, BCL'97, LLB'97, has been the General Counsel of The Pokémon Company International, Inc., with responsibilities for all business and operational areas for all aspects of the Pokémon brand outside of Japan, as well

as all other activities of the company. He worked on the deal that made Pokémon GO happen and he negotiated a feature film deal with Legendary Pictures, among others. Besides Pokémon, McGowan is an adjunct professor of Entertainment Law at the University of Washington. He previously worked for Microsoft as lead attorney and was a litigator at the Montreal offices of Osler and of Stikeman Elliott.



CHRISTOPHER
WATERS

- **CHRISTOPHER WATERS**, LLM'98, DCL'02, has been named Dean of Law at the University of Windsor. Professor Waters joined Windsor Law in 2007—where he served as Associate Dean from 2009 to 2012—and has earned a reputation as an outstanding teacher and an effective administrator. His research interests deal with international human rights law, the law of armed conflict, the law and politics of Eastern Europe, and bicycling law.

BRAVO!

- **DANNY J. KAUFER**, BCL'77, LLB'78, et **JAMES R.K. DUGGAN**, BCL'82, ont reçu la distinction Avocat émérite du Barreau du Québec en juillet 2016.
- *Canadian Lawyer Magazine* named several Law alums to their Top 25 Most Influential list in August 2016:
 - *Government/Non-profit category:*
Justice **ROSALIE ABELLA**, LLD'99
Justice **SHEILA MARTIN**, BCL'81, LLB'81
The Hon. **CATHERINE MCKENNA**, LLB'99
The Hon. **IAN BINNIE**, LLD'01
 - *Corporate-Commercial category:*
NEIL FINKELSTEIN, LLB'79

2000s

→ **AMÉLIE DIONNE-CHAREST**, BCL/LLB'05, received the *Catherine Nance Common President of the Year Award* during the McGill Alumni Association gala in May 2016 for her engagement with Hong Kong alumni. Currently serving her second term as President of the McGill Society of Hong Kong, and President of the Martlet Foundation of Hong Kong, Dionne-Charest has worked tirelessly with McGill's Asia Office—as well as successive alumni and foundation leaders—on a wide range of initiatives and activities.



**ALISON
HOWELL**

→ **ALISON HOWELL**, BCL/LLB'06

I have now left private practice and am currently Associate General Counsel—Risk at a global telecommunications company based in Amsterdam, focusing on the areas of FCPA, sanctions, and investigations. However, the work I am most excited about is my continued partnership with NGO Lawyers Without Borders, which began while I was working at Shearman & Sterling in London and then in Paris and has continued in my current in-house role. I am a trainer for their wildlife crime project, which focuses on training on the prosecution of wildlife trafficking, in particular, the poaching of elephants and rhinos. I designed the training materials and went twice to Kenya as part of a team to train judges, prosecutors, and rangers. In July 2016, I returned to Kenya to train rangers in field trainings on crime scene management and courtroom procedures that took place in two of Kenya's national parks. It is incredibly rewarding work as we focus on those on the front lines of the poaching wars. We hope to expand to other countries in the future.

→ **CHARMAINE LYN**, BCL/LLB'03, has taken up a new role as Senior Director of Concordia University's Office of Community Engagement, which supports and promotes community-engaged scholarship, community-based research, and community-engaged learning at Concordia. Lyn is an experienced university administrator, having led admissions and recruitment for the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Medicine at McGill University.

→ **EWA KRAJEWSKA**, BCL/LLB'08, recently made partner at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP's Toronto offices. Krajewska maintains a broad and diverse practice including commercial litigation, estates law, mental health law, and public and administrative law. She has conducted plans of arrangement, acted in complex estates disputes, and arbitrations involving real estate holdings. Krajewska maintains an appeal practice, having argued at the Ontario Court of Appeal and appeared for an intervener before the Supreme Court of Canada. She is a frequent writer and speaker on administrative tribunals' jurisdiction to grant Charter remedies.

→ **ERIN ASHLEY SINGER**, BCL/LLB'05, has produced a documentary titled *In VITRO A New Fertility Frontier*, in which she follows the stories of four people at various stages of IVF. It aired in September on CBC television's *Absolutely Quebec*. See the trailer at vimeo.com/180186268



**GRÉGOIRE
WEBBER**

→ **GRÉGOIRE WEBBER**, BCL/LLB'03, who holds the Canada Research Chair in Public Law and Philosophy of Law at Queen's University, entered the Department of Justice this fall to begin a placement as the Legal Affairs Advisor to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada. This will be a return to the work of government for Webber, who began his career with the Privy Council Office.

2010s

→ **SANDRA AIGBINODE**, BCL/LLB'15, completed her articling at the Crown Attorney's Office of Ontario and moved to Alberta this summer to take up a position of Crown Prosecutor with the government of Alberta.

→ **WILL COLISH**, BCL/LLB'13, recently completed a clerkship at the Supreme Court of Canada with Justices Brown and Rothstein. After taking some time to travel in New Zealand, Colish returned to Montreal this fall to join Kugler Kandestin LLP.

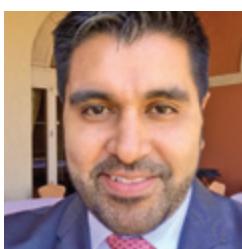


**LAWRENCE
DAVID**

→ After graduation, **LAWRENCE DAVID**, BCL/LLB'14, completed his articling requirements with Justice Canada, with rotations at the Privy Council Office, the Attorney General of Canada, and the Department of Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness. He contributed to the design of policies of national importance and to legal strategy in successful litigation at several levels of court. In 2015-16, he clerked for Justice Abella at the Supreme Court of Canada. He serves as Research and Policy Analyst at Canada's Privy Council Office. He is also co-authoring Volume II of *The Law of Democratic Governing* (Thomson Reuters) with Dr. **GREGORY TARDI**, BCL'74.

→ **KARINE EIGENMANN**, BCL/LLB'14, qui détient une maîtrise en droit notarial de l'Université de Montréal (2015), s'est mérité le Prix d'excellence de la Chambre des notaires pour ses résultats obtenus au BCL/LLB. Elle pratique le notariat à Montréal.

→ **CARLOS IVÁN FUENTES**, LLM'07, DCL'14, who works as a Legal Officer at the United Nations in NYC, has just published a book based on his doctoral dissertation, titled *Normative Plurality in International Law—A Theory* (Springer).



MARCELO
GARCIA-
ROSALES

- **MARCELO GARCIA-ROSALES**, BCL/LLB'07, LLM'11, has been living in Qatar with his wife Marwa since January 2015. He is a manager in the corporate planning department of Qatar Airways, where he is responsible for building the lobbying/negotiation agenda to advance and defend the airline's commercial interests in global markets, with a focus on Asia and the U.S. He also advises on corporate policy and regulatory matters and the acquisition of traffic rights in politically-challenging countries. He is an avid CrossFit aficionado.
- **AMANDA GHAHREMANI**, BCL/LLB'15, was named Director of the Philippe Kirsch Institute after completing her articling at the Canadian Centre for International Justice. Ghahremani also spearheaded a campaign to free her aunt, Professor Homa Hoodfar, who was incarcerated in Iran's notorious Evin Prison and finally freed in October.
- **JIHYUN ROSEL KIM**, BCL/LLB'15, who is currently articling at Goodmans LLP in Toronto was recently elected to the Executive Board of the Korean Canadian Lawyers Association for 2016-2017.
- **AMAR KHODAY**, LLM'08, DCL'14, has completed four years as an Assistant Professor at the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Law at Robson Hall. In addition to other publications and blog posts, he recently published an article, "Resisting Criminal Organizations: Reconceptualizing the 'Political' in International Refugee Law" in the *McGill Law Journal*. In Fall 2015, he taught a unique seminar course entitled Law and Resistance.

→ **ADAM LA FRANCE**, BCL/LLB'12, McGill Dobson Cup alumnus and founder and CEO of Vancouver-based tech startup Knomos—which has designed an interactive app that aims to bridge the legal knowledge gap—was excited to learn his company was among the 10 startups from across North America invited to participate in the Microsoft Ventures Accelerator Program in Seattle.

→ **MALCOLM LAVOIE**, BCL/LLB'12, is currently an SJD candidate at Harvard Law School, where he is a Frank Knox fellow, as well as a fellow with the Project on the Foundations of Private Law. He recently accepted an appointment as a tenure-track Assistant Professor at the University of Alberta's Faculty of Law, starting in July 2017.

→ University Chancellor **MICHAEL A. MEIGHEN**, QC, LLD'12, is one of the distinguished contributors to *Canada Always: The Defining Speeches of Sir Wilfrid Laurier*, a new collection of essays paying tribute to Sir Wilfrid Laurier (BCL 1864). Meighen's grandfather, Conservative Prime Minister Arthur Meighen, was a firm admirer of his Liberal opponent, and Chancellor Meighen writes about their positive relationship. Edited by Arthur Milnes, the book, which includes Laurier's McGill University Law Valedictory address in full, will be released in November.

→ En novembre 2015, **LESLIE NING**, BCL/LLB'13, est entrée en fonction comme directrice de la Clinique juridique du Mile-End pour un mandat d'un an. Ayant effectué un stage chez BLG, Leslie Ning a aussi été coordonnatrice nationale pour Pro Bono Students Canada et a occupé diverses fonctions dans le milieu communautaire comme bénévole ou stagiaire. La nouvelle directrice souhaite agrandir le service, augmenter les heures d'ouverture, assurer le financement et ouvrir un autre point d'accueil.

→ After clerking at the Supreme Court of Canada, **ALLISON RENDER**, BCL/LLB'15, began working as an associate in the litigation group at Farris, Vaughan, Wills & Murphy LLP in Vancouver in October.

→ **OLGA REDKO**, BCL/LLB'15, recently finished a year in Ottawa clerking for Justice Gascon at the Supreme Court of Canada. She is spending the fall travelling through East Asia, after which she will return to Montreal to join litigation boutique Irving Mitchell Kalichman as an associate.



MARION
SANDILANDS

→ **MARION SANDILANDS**, BCL/LLB'14, recently completed her clerkship with Justice Karakatsanis at the Supreme Court of Canada. She has now joined Juristes Power Law in Ottawa as an associate and is looking forward to the new challenge. She is also looking forward to another kind of challenge—her first child is due in December.

→ **SHOBHITA SOOR**, BCL/LLB'15, MBA'15, was recognized by *Forbes* magazine as a breakout talent of 2016 in their 30 Under 30 list. Soor is presently Chief Information Officer at Aspire Food Group—a disrupt-technology company that won the 2013 US\$1-million Hult Prize.



ALEXANDER
YIU

→ **ALEXANDER YIU**, LLM'10. After working at Field Law as a civil litigator from 2010 to 2014, he joined the Alberta Court of Appeal in Edmonton as legal counsel, where he gained a unique perspective into the judicial decision-making process at the appellate level. In August 2016, Yiu returned to private practice and joined Hajduk Gibbs LLP, a boutique litigation firm in Edmonton. He currently runs a general litigation practice with a focus on civil/commercial, Charter and constitutional, human rights, and insurance matters.

HOMECOMING TOOK PLACE OCTOBER 27-30, 2016. HERE IN CHANCELLOR DAY HALL, WE KICKED OFF THE CELEBRATIONS WITH OUR POPULAR ALUMNI COFFEEHOUSE, WHICH WAS FOLLOWED THE NEXT MORNING BY A WELL-ATTENDED DEAN'S BREAKFAST. WE SHARE SOME PHOTOS OF THE FESTIVITIES.



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