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Dean's Message

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SUSAN BREAU Dean of Law

As the new Dean of the Faculty of Law I want to express my gratitude for the wonderful welcome and support I have already received from UVic Law alumni. For those I have not met I want to extend an invitation to contact me with any ideas you might have on how we might improve on our excellent education for the 21st century lawyer. We already offer a wide variety of experiential learning opportunities for our students but this can be enhanced. I also am very interested in global perspectives on law practice as I believe today's lawyer should have international law knowledge and experience enabling practice in the global market.

In this issue you will read about some of our alumni who are practicing abroad, in the global market, and beyond! Sean McGinty ('08) has been teaching law in Japan for ten years, and shares the stories of other UVic Law grads who went on to take Kyushu University's LLM program in International Economic and Business Law, many of whom are still practicing in Japan. Indra Heed Hornsby ('97) is an expert on aerospace law and policy and has worked for both government and private aerospace companies, working towards a new "orbital economy." You will also find an article about me which will shed light on my passion for international law and how that came about.

This fall we are very excited about the launch of our JD/JID program, which is oversubscribed in its first year. This has enhanced our existing reputation as a law school with cutting edge programs and a commitment to social justice. We now have a diverse faculty with a strong representation in Indigenous law scholarship with Professors John Borrows and Val Napoleon being joined by David Milward and Sarah Morales. We are in a period of expansion and are recruiting four new faculty members; the Dorothy and David Lam Chair in Law and Public Policy (a joint appointment with the Faculty of Human and Social Development) and three faculty members at the Assistant/Associate Professor level to teach in our JD and our joint JD/JID program.

As alumni, I encourage you to become involved in the future of UVic Law, and I am truly grateful for many of you participating in our vibrant co-op, mooting and career programs. A vital part of today's law program is students learning from those who came before them. Both the students and I depend upon your advice and support. 🇨🇦

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Testify Exhibition

TESTIFY: INDIGENOUS LAWS + THE ARTS, on now at UVic's Legacy Art Gallery, is a celebration of Indigenous laws as expressed through art. This ongoing project is a curated pairing of artists and legal thinkers working in conversation with each other to create art and written work about Indigenous laws and opportunities for their dynamic expression as part of Canadian society. The dialogue invited by the Testify project puts the idea of reconciliation into practice by creating a space for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians to dream a way forward which respects and reflects the diversity, strength and hope embodied within Indigenous traditions. The goal of Testify is to change the way society thinks about law and to challenge the absence of Indigenous laws in the landscape. The show runs at Legacy Downtown, 630 Yates Street, September 29 to December 22, 2018. Check the Legacy Downtown website for film screenings, performances, dates and details: legacy.uvic.ca



TESTIFY

a Project of the **INDIGENOUS LAWS + the ARTS** Collective

@ LEGACY ART GALLERY DOWNTOWN

EXHIBITION // 2018 SEPT 29-DEC 22

EVENTS // UVic Legacy Gallery Downtown // UVic Campus – Fraser Building (Law)

SAT SEPT 29

1-2:30 PM // Kitchen Table Talk // (Re)turning Home Installation Viewing // Indigenous Laws to Protect Children (Nadya Kwandibens, Halie Bruce) UVic Legacy Gallery Downtown

7-9 PM // Gala Opening // Not a Juridical Terra Nullius Performance (Testify Collective) // (W)legal: Let Us Live Performance (Mariel Belanger) UVic Legacy Gallery Downtown

SUN SEPT 30

10 AM-NOON // Bannock Brunch // Meet and Greet: Walk Through Description of Project With Artists/Authors // When a Heart Falls into the River Screening (Jade Baxter) UVic Legacy Gallery Downtown

FRI OCT 26

7-9 PM // Script reading: LNG/Boundary Bay Screenplay (Justin Neal) // Land Based Law/Learning (Sarah Morales, Justin Neal, Maxine Matilpi) UVic Legacy Gallery Downtown

SAT OCT 27

1 PM // An Indigenous Laws Response to the Boushie/Fontaine Verdicts (Andrea Hilland, Ardith Walkem, Gwaai Edenshaw, Robyn Gervais) UVic Legacy Gallery Downtown

6-7 PM // Decolonizing Laws About Indigenous Women (Nadya Kwandibens, Halie Bruce, Joanna Recalma, Kali Spitzer) UVic Campus – Fraser Building (Law)

8:30-10:30 PM // Virago Nation @Testify: Indigenous Burlesque in conjunction with images from Testify // Celebrating the power of Indigenous Women/Law \$20 UVic Campus – Fraser Building (Law) // Room 159

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Big in Japan

BY SEAN MCGINTY ('08)





I sat down in the large conference room in Kyushu University's old law building on a brisk October evening and looked around the massive table at the people who I would share almost every day of the next year with. There was a judge from Thailand, a prosecutor from Singapore, a civil servant from Indonesia and lawyers and legal scholars from Myanmar, Finland, Ethiopia, Malaysia, the Philippines, the United States, Ukraine, China and just about every other corner of the world. Amongst them sat I, just a few months after completing my LLB at Uvic and about to embark on a career path that has now kept me in Japan for ten years and counting.

The occasion was the welcoming ceremony for students entering Kyushu University's LLM program in International Economic and Business Law (IEBL). Kyushu University, one of Japan's top national universities, has invited similarly diverse groups of law students every year since the founding of the IEBL program in 1994. They spend a year studying law in the southwestern city of Fukuoka, a historic metropolis that sits on Hakata Bay, famous as the site of

unsuccessful Mongol invasions of Japan in the 13th century. And in almost every one of those years at least one Uvic Law graduate has taken a seat at the same conference table on a similar October evening.

My rough math suggests there are about twenty Uvic Law graduates who have also completed the IEBL at Kyushu University over the years. This large number of Uvic/Kyushu alumni is not an accident, but rather a result of the close, cooperative relationship between faculty at the two schools. This has resulted in so many Uvic graduates taking advantage of the opportunity to further their legal education in a country with a completely different legal tradition from Canada's. In order to find out a bit more about this sub-demographic of the Uvic Law alumni population, I reached out to as many as I could track down and asked them about what they are doing today, what brought them to Kyushu and how they enjoyed their experience studying law there.

Based on the responses I received, it seems that the Kyushu/Uvic alumni circle today is quite dispersed, both

geographically and in terms of the career paths they have followed. Some, like myself, stayed in Asia after their studies in Kyushu. Dan Puchniak (Uvic '00, Kyushu LLM '01, LLD '08) serves as the Director of the Centre for Asian Legal Studies at the National University of Singapore and credits his time at Kyushu with starting him down the road to becoming a prominent scholar in corporate law and governance in Asia. "The experience I had at Kyushu was transformative. It opened my eyes to the fascinating world of Asian law, which laid the foundation for the work I do today... I feel truly blessed to have a job which I love—researching and teaching about the fascinating world of corporate law and governance in Asia."

Others find themselves back in Canada working in a variety of fields. Tharani Balachandran (Uvic '12, Kyushu '16) is an in-house counsel for a renewable energy developer in Hamilton, Ontario, whose studies at Kyushu unexpectedly helped lead her there. "I completed my LLM as a personal goal but I wasn't sure how relevant it would seem to Canadian employers. However, it helped me to transition to an in-house role as my LLM topic demonstrated my interest in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and slowing climate change."

As to the question of why they ended up in Kyushu, most cite a pre-existing interest or experience in Japan. Eric Blouw (Uvic '12, Kyushu '13), an Associate at Pitblado LLP in Winnipeg, had spent three years working as a teacher in Japan as part of the Jet Programme prior to law school. Andrew Tomilson (Uvic '09, Kyushu '10), a practitioner in Victoria, was also among those who had previously lived in Japan and wanted to go back.



"I had lived in Japan prior to studying at UVic" he recalls "and I couldn't pass up the opportunity to reconnect with the culture while pursuing my interest in international law." Likewise Yuji Matson (UVic '11, Kyushu '12), who had focused on Japan in his university studies before law school, was eager to resume his connection after graduating. "I was very excited about the possibility of participating in the program since it would allow me to spend time in Japan while furthering my legal education." Yuji now works as a lawyer in Vancouver where he serves a large number of Japanese clients, making his experience studying at one of Japan's leading universities quite useful.

Most alumni I contacted mentioned the unique educational experiences they benefitted from. Yuji, who did his thesis research on Japan's ratification of the Hague Convention on International Child Abduction, was able to do an internship at the Hague Conference on Private International Law which was arranged by the faculty at Kyushu. Jason, Andrew and myself also had the opportunity to participate in international moot competitions during our individual stays at Kyushu. Perhaps most impressively Anita Kataoka (UVic '09, Kyushu '10) was one of the first students in Kyushu

history to complete the bilingual LLM program, taking courses in both Japanese and English. Two UVic/ Kyushu alumni, Dan and myself, stayed at Kyushu beyond the LLM to complete a three year LLD program as well.

Another thing which everyone had in common was a sense that they had experienced something quite unique in their time at Kyushu. In addition to studying together, classmates in the program also live together in a common dorm, which creates endless opportunities for social interaction with colleagues from diverse backgrounds. Common activities include bicycle trips to explore the mountains and seaside around Fukuoka, parties in the communal kitchen where students cook their national dishes for each other (sadly not something the Canadian contingent generally excels at), karaoke competitions (a better event for Canadians) and attending Fukuoka's many famous festivals like the Dontaku (in May) and Yamakasa (in July) that attract millions from around the country. Chances to learn about Japanese culture were also

abundant. Tharani recalls becoming ensconced in the Japanese tea ceremony during her stay. "There were weekly tea ceremony classes available at the dorm. I ended up attending every week for my entire year in Fukuoka. It was such a unique privilege to learn the tea ceremony from my teacher. After months of training she invited me to perform the tea ceremony at a festival at the Dazaifu shrine while my parents were visiting."

Jason Roth (UVic '99, Kyushu '00), a partner at Bennett Jones in Calgary, also recalls his experiences in the dorm as among his best memories; "living in the kaikan (dorm) and meeting some lifelong friends from around the world was great." All alumni I contacted have maintained friendships with their classmates from Kyushu, which serves as the basis for a very broad network of Kyushu-UVic relationships across the world. A common saying among Kyushu LLM alumni in general is that for the rest of our lives wherever we go in the world we will never be far from a friend, since no matter where you are, a former classmate probably lives close by.

My personal experience at Kyushu lasted four unforgettable years, after which I joined the faculty at Nagoya University's Graduate School of Law in central Japan,





where I am today. Staying in Japan has allowed me to keep in close contact with Kyushu and make regular visits in the years since I left. In July of 2018, I made what would be my final visit to the campus where so many Uvic alumni have created so many memories. This was to be my last visit not for any reason associated with myself or the IEBL Program, but rather due to the sad fact that in September of 2018 the main campus of Kyushu University in the Hakozaki area of Fukuoka was slated to be demolished. Thus the classes and dorm rooms that have hosted so many Uvic Law graduates over the years, at the time of writing, have already passed into history. A new campus on the Ito peninsula west of the city has been constructed, however, and will host all future classes in the IEBL program. Hopefully the proud tradition of Uvic Law graduates studying at Kyushu will continue for many years to come at the new campus! 🇯🇵



Out of This World: Law and Orbital Economics

BY BRAD BUIE (BA '99)
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Indra Heed Hornsby ('97) has been on a clear trajectory to space from the time she was a toddler growing up in Kamloops, BC. Even as a one year old, Hornsby would become entranced when the TV channel was turned to Star Trek.

After completing an undergraduate degree with a focus on aerospace policy at Queen's University, Hornsby came to UVic Law in the 1990s to develop a skill she could bring to the space sector. Her goal was untraditional, but she was encouraged by William Neilson (now a UVic professor emeritus), who taught competition policy.

"I was running counter to the flow," says Hornsby. "Professor Neilson said, 'Yeah, you're quirky, but if that's your passion, go do it and see what happens.'"

For one co-op term, while the rest of her peers were looking to article at a law firm, she replied to a Vancouver aerospace company's ad recruiting engineers. The company, MacDonald Dettwiler, today known as Maxar Technologies, hired her on as a junior contract specialist.

After graduation, Hornsby stayed with Maxar for 17 years, working on leading-edge programs with the Canadian Space Agency and NASA. Among them were RADARSAT, a Canadian remote sensing satellite program, and the iconic Canadarm, the long and lanky robotic arm that plucked and positioned satellites, cargo and astronauts for the Space Shuttle and International Space Station programs.

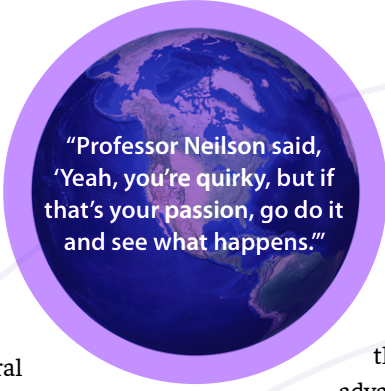
"I have a lot of scarring," says Hornsby with a chuckle, speaking of her years of experience, much of it travelling between Vancouver and Washington, DC.

After Maxar, Hornsby worked at Saab Aerospace and Defence in Washington, DC, and then had a stint as General Counsel at Seattle-based Spaceflight Industries, which provides launch services to anyone—commercial, non-profits or governments—wishing to access space through ridesharing small satellites. She was a key executive in the formation of the NewSpace venture—a movement encompassing an emerging private spaceflight industry—including securing venture financing for "first of" missions, including ride-share missions in which multiple satellites are deployed from a single rocket launch.

Hornsby brings all that experience to her current role as Executive Vice President, Corporate Development for Rocket Lab, a young company she joined in early 2018. In her corporate development role, she works on investments, strategic partnerships and strategic or advanced programs in terms of where the company can go with its technology and business plans. She is also helping to scale the company, which includes identifying needed functions, roles and processes.

"It's bringing the professional outlook to these young companies, as they don't necessarily have all of the aerospace industry experience and heritage needed," Hornsby explains.

Hornsby is excited by "Space 2.0" or the new "Orbital Economy." For decades, space was only within reach of national governments. The billions invested into research and development and the long time horizons all but barred private enterprise from being anything other than builders of space infrastructure



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in partnership with government. That's now changed.

"For the first time, we have the synergy of technology advancement and access to capital," says Hornsby.

For Rocket Lab, this means they will have the capability of delivering small satellites to low Earth orbit as frequently as twice per month. Such a launch cadence, as it's known in aerospace parlance, means more businesses accessing space.

"Our customers are more than the usual traditional satellite operators," says Hornsby. "Rather, their business is getting the latest location on the planet imaged upon request, like Google mapping, and developing information analytics on the economy—and that requires satellite infrastructure and access to space."

For Hornsby, her motivation is to keep moving the needle on what we're doing in space and how we're doing it. Would she like to end up on a colony on Mars?

"Only if we could take our dogs with us," says Hornsby. "But I think my husband and I would need to have a conversation first." 🇩🇪



A Passion for International Humanitarian Law: An interview with Dr. Susan Breau, Dean of Law

BY JULIE SLOAN, LAW COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Susan Breau is an expert in international law, specializing in humanitarian law and the law of armed conflict. After earning her LLB at Queen's University, she practiced family and criminal law in Kingston, Ontario for 18 years. She returned to Queen's in 1986 to do a part-time Masters in International Politics, followed by an LLM and PhD from the London School of Economics. She taught international law in the United Kingdom for 18 years at Queen's University Belfast, the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, the School of Law, University of Surrey, Flinders University, and as the head of the School of Law, University of Reading.

I sat down with Susan to learn more about her background and what drives her.

Your expertise is in international humanitarian law and the law of armed conflict, and you're very passionate about it. How did that come about?

My father was in the Canadian Armed Forces, and when I was a child he was a United Nations peacekeeper, sent to Cyprus. From the time I was young we discussed issues of war and peace; why countries went to war and how one made peace.

When I was 11 and 12 my father was posted to Germany as part of the large military presence on German soil after WWII. Two trips that we took during that time had an impact on me that lasted the rest of my life. First, we went to Amsterdam to see the house where Anne Frank hid. I was the same age as she had been when she was hiding there. There were pictures of movie stars still on her wall and it had a huge impression on me: the unfairness that this young teenager didn't get to have a life because she was Jewish. We also went to Dachau concentration camp. I'll never forget that day because my mother and father argued over whether my brother and I should see the gas chambers. I was grateful that we didn't, because even when I returned as an adult it was truly terrifying. In both of those cases I decided then that if I ever got a chance, I would do whatever I could to prevent that kind of crime occurring again.

My interest in humanitarian intervention was sparked when my LLM professor, Christopher Greenwood, said to our class

"what would you do if you found out they were putting up another Auschwitz?" I thought to myself that I would do just about anything to prevent it, and if force had to be used to stop a dictator from murdering his people, then so be it. Professor Greenwood had been advising the UK government on issues of war and peace and he became my mentor and, eventually, my supervisor on my PhD thesis about a concept called humanitarian intervention; using armed force to prevent human rights abuses.

In 2016, I published my latest book called *The Responsibility to Protect in International Law: An Emerging Paradigm Shift*, and in that book I explore the notion of using force to prevent genocides. But as I have explored this topic I do think that there are times, Syria is an example I used in my book, when it is too late. By that I mean there are situations where using force will only make it worse. It's a very complex subject.

I've been an international lawyer since 2003. I am encouraged to see that the responsibility to protect is becoming part of the conversation. In 1939, when Jews were trying to leave Germany, no country would take them. None of the countries accepted the fact that they had any responsibility towards these people who were subject to such discrimination. At least now we have the conversation about our international responsibility to prevent, to react to, and to rebuild after such violations.

Your current research is on the treatment of the dead in conflict zones, including migrants. You participated in the Last Rights Project, which used a paper that you wrote to produce a statement in 2017 on state obligations in relation to 'The Dead, the Missing and the Bereaved at Europe's International Borders'. The statement has attracted significant international support, including from the UN Human Rights Council's Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions. How significant is this development, when you look at the progress of international human rights over the past 50 years?

It's a tremendous development because in the past, and even if you go back to my work on the Holocaust, there are still a million and a half people in the Holocaust who have never been named; never put on that plaque. A million and a half out of six million. In the past it wasn't an issue. People simply went missing in conflict and though there might have been some attempt to look for them, it was never seen to be a legal obligation. For the missing and the dead, once human life ends, there was no human rights obligation. However the work that I and other academics have done is to identify that perhaps the human right resides in the family who lost their relative, and you could look at it in terms of cruel and unusual punishment—the fact that many families don't know what happened to their relatives and that causes almost a situation of torture to the family members. They have a right to know



what happened to the member of their family. Now there is a sense, building on international humanitarian law, which always had an obligation for soldiers, that civilians also have the same rights of dignity when they die, or at least their family members have the right to have their relatives be treated with the same dignity when they die in armed conflict. The dignity of society caring about members of society; that we're not disposable. If we're subject to massive abuses of human rights, we have the right to have our fate known and society has a right to the truth of what has happened.

You made an impassioned speech to all of the new students on the first day of classes this year about using the legal tools they will learn to make the world a better place and fight for what's right. What would you say to our alumni on the topic?

This again is that notion of responsibility. We all, as citizens of a democratic country that has agreed to most of the UN Rights Conventions that exist and the conventions of humanitarian law, have a responsibility to ensure that we help to make the world a better place. That's part of our citizenship if you like, and I'm proud to say that it's very much part of the Canadian political culture. I'm not saying anything that's radical in that sense. Canadians developed the whole notion of peacekeeping. Canadians were the first to promulgate this idea that we should keep peace rather than make war. That Canada chose to take

in Syrian refugees, just as we did with regard to refugees from communist countries during the Cold War, continues to reflect that Canadians understand that they have an obligation to their fellow human beings and that that involves an international obligation as well.

What attracted you to UVic Law?

The University of Victoria has always had a mission of social justice—in all of their faculties, not just the law school. I was just at the fall convocation ceremony, and the president of the university, Jamie Cassels, said the very same thing that I said in my opening speech to the students this year that we do have the responsibility to make this world a better place. That told me that I had found my intellectual and spiritual home. The University of Victoria has that ethos and those values. Here we understand that a university isn't, on its own, just a teaching facility. A university is an important member of society and as a result has a responsibility to make that society a better place.

You've mentioned that one of the strengths of UVic Law is our clinical programs, and that you'd like to make them even better. How would you do that?

We have wonderful clinics that provide places for students to assist in the practice of law before they graduate. I believe those clinics could be enhanced, expanded and could potentially provide

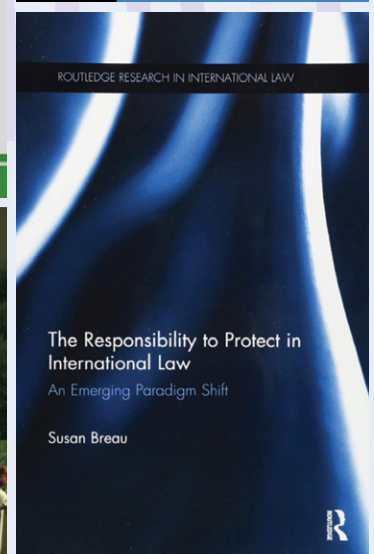
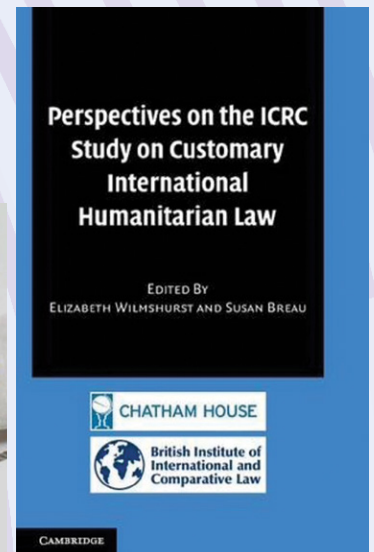
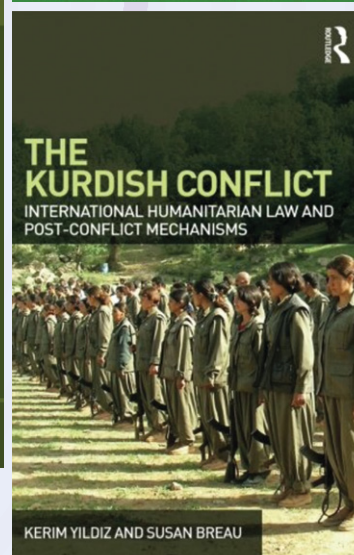
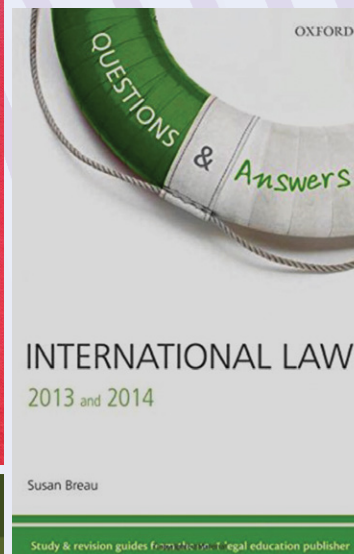
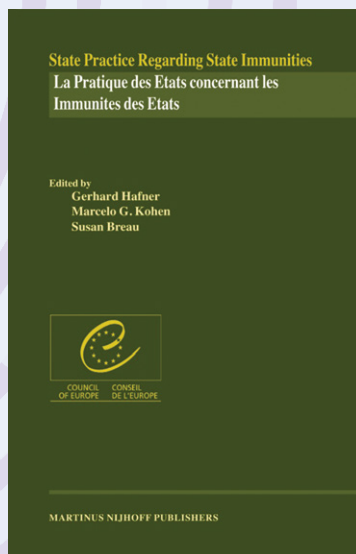
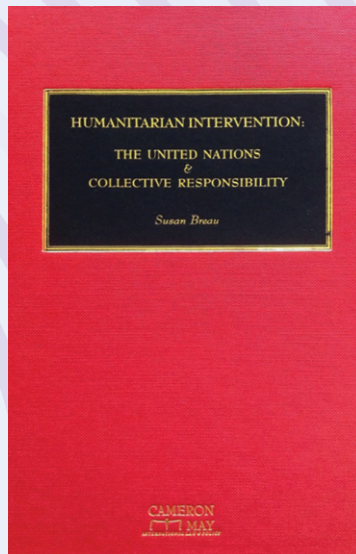
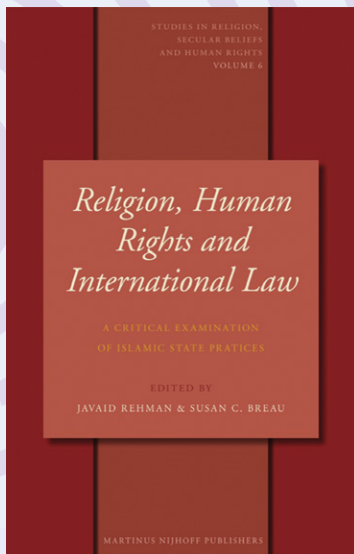
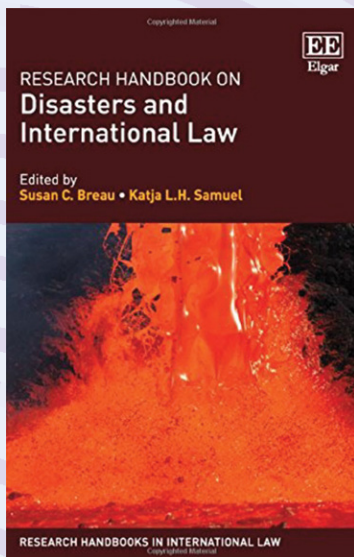
more spaces for students. They are a vital part of the province of BC's access to justice agenda, and therefore they need to be nurtured and developed.

I know you've just barely gotten your feet wet in the role, but what would you like your legacy as UVic's Dean of Law to be?

First, I would like to see the JD/JID, the world's first Indigenous law degree program, continue to prosper and develop and provide an important opportunity for students from across the country and the world. I would like to see that program have a proper facility that would allow us to expand our programs in Indigenous law.

Secondly, I would like to see our clinical programs prosper and eventually expand. Thirdly, and probably most importantly to me, is that students in the 21st century understand that being a law student is a global endeavour, and I'd like the University of Victoria to take its rightful place as a global leader in legal education.

UVic Law is a model for legal education, and I would like to see that communicated across the world and also to be part of that global conversation in legal education and in social justice. 🇨🇦



Indigenous Law Program Launch

BY JULIE SLOAN, LAW COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER



JID student Colby Lizotte, who is Cree Métis from Fort Vermilion in Alberta's far north, addressed the gathering. "My hope for the program is not just that it increases the number of Indigenous lawyers in Canada, but also reworks the system."

In an historic and emotional ceremony on September 25 to launch the world's first Indigenous law program, elders, national and provincial leaders, scholars and members of the UVic community gathered in First Peoples House to welcome the first cohort of 26 students from across Canada.

Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training made a passionate and emotional speech that set the tone for the rest of the ceremony. Minister Mark is Nisga'a, Gitksan, Cree, Ojibway, French and Scottish. She is also the first female First Nations Member

of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia and the first female First Nations Cabinet Minister.

"We have a lot of work to do to transform the colonial legacy present in the policies and practices in our shared legal system," she said, then addressed the new JID students directly. "You're trailblazers; you're the first, but you won't be the last. You'll bring our laws together; one heart, one pathway, one nation. I can see the weight on your shoulders."

"Three of my grandparents went to residential school. I'm so proud to be at

the place I am today, where I'm able to bring a new and open door for you. There is so much love in this room. There are so many people in this room that want to paddle the canoe with you, but it won't be easy. Change is never easy."

Minister Mark received a standing ovation.

JID student Lisbeth Haigh described the emotion of the ceremony in her [MyUvicLife blog post](#):

"When we were asked to stand, what immediately resonated was the depth of responsibility that had been bestowed



upon us. The weight of expectation, hope, and endurance was impressed upon me in almost a physical way that is now carried deep inside. It is not a weight of burden; it's born from purpose that lives far beyond me. It is a responsibility of honour, and I remain deeply humbled to the task."

"Stripped bare of the traditional trappings of pomp and ceremony, the JID ceremony was as it should be; intimate, simple, sacred and profound."

Speeches were followed by a gifting ceremony to the students, donors, elders,

community members and government, as well as gifts from the students to Professors John Borrows and Val Napoleon. Among those recognized at the event were representatives of the McConnell Foundation which made a gift of \$500,000 to the program, and Vancity, which was the first and largest donor to date, gifting \$1,000,000.

The launch day included a free public lecture to approximately 850 people by the program's co-creators Val Napoleon and John Borrows—two of Canada's foremost Indigenous legal experts. In "Indigenous law: Today and tomorrow,"

Borrows explored the lessons learned from Salish law drawn from the land and Napoleon took a storytelling approach to explore the future of Indigenous law.

The launch ceremony included Susan Breau, Dean of Law, UVic President Jamie Cassels, BC's Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training, the Honourable Melanie Mark, the program's co-founders John Borrows and Val Napoleon, and JID student Colby Lizotte. 🇨🇦

Alumni Vistas: News and Updates

The 1980s



Recognizing his outstanding contribution to the legal profession, **The Honourable Mr. Justice Thomas**

Crabtree ('83) of the Supreme Court of BC in Chilliwack was awarded the CBA BC's President's Medal. Judge Crabtree served British Columbia in the Provincial Court from 1999 to 2018—first as a Judge and then as Chief Judge. Among his notable accomplishments in that role is his work with communities around the province to support the development of five new Indigenous and First Nations sentencing courts in North Vancouver, Duncan, Kamloops, Merritt and Prince George, and Aboriginal child protection case conferences in New Westminster. Justice Crabtree was the first Canadian judge to engage directly with the public by hosting two live Twitter Town Halls, part of his demonstrated commitment to transparency, accountability and public access to information.



Gregory J. Heywood ('86) received the CBA BC Harry Rankin, QC Pro Bono Award at the chapter's

annual branch awards luncheon in June 2018. This award memorializes Harry Rankin, QC's immense support of access to justice for the poor by recognizing *pro bono* commitments. Gregory (Roper Greyell) has more than three decades experience as a labour litigator and initiated a program within his firm to increase and promote *pro bono* work. The program fostered a culture shift among his colleagues—instilling in junior lawyers the importance of *pro bono* work while he mentored them through their own

The 1980s

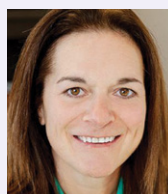
pro bono experiences. Mr. Heywood's nominators point to his lasting impact by representing people who cannot afford it. His *pro bono* clients have shown gratitude through sending cards and letters, to keep in touch and share their continuing successes. Mr. Heywood is also an active volunteer with North Shore Rescue.

The 1990s



Craig Sicotte ('90) has been appointed a BC Provincial Court Judge in Surrey. After obtaining his law degree

from UVic in 1990, he clerked at the BC Supreme Court in Vancouver from 1990–1991. He articulated at Bull, Housser & Tupper and then began practicing criminal law as a junior on murder files around BC. For the past 18 years he has focused on criminal law with clients from diverse ethnic backgrounds. In addition to his practice, for the past eight years Sicotte has been the local agent for the Legal Services Society in Surrey, Langley, and New Westminster.



Georgia Docolas ('91) has been appointed a BC Provincial Court Judge in Surrey. She started her career with

Altman Kahn Zack, focusing on federal work. She later became a Crown prosecutor in both the Provincial and Supreme courts. She went on to open her own defence practice and has since been working regularly on major crime files.

The 1990s



David Albert ('93) has been appointed as a BC Provincial Court Judge in Surrey. Judge Albert graduated

from UVic, Faculty of Law, in 1993 and commenced his law career with Ratcliffe and Company, working extensively with the Squamish Nation where he focused on criminal law, family law and civil litigation. From there he worked in Surrey as a Federal Prosecutor. He then established his own law firm Stern and Albert, doing legal aid, duty counsel, and drug related and impaired driving defense work. Most recently he has been practicing at Tater Albert Law with his wife, and UVIC Law alumna, Jennifer Tater. He has represented clients on a regular basis in both Provincial and Supreme Court matters and has also appeared in the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of Canada. Judge Albert is the proud father of three young adults and has been an active member of his community through his involvement on a number of boards and organizations over the years.



D. Jeff Larkins ('93) has opened up shop as a sole practitioner at Endeavour Law Corporation (endeavorlaw.ca)



Joanna Harrington ('94), a law professor at the University of Alberta, has been appointed a part-time member of the Canadian Human Rights Commission. She was a former scholar-

The 1990s

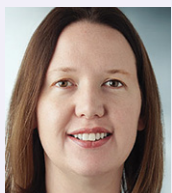
in-residence with Global Affairs Canada and her teaching and research focused on international human rights law and issues of international and transnational criminal law.

The 2000s



Emily Drown ('04) has been appointed the new Chair of the Employment and Assistance Appeal Tribunal.

After graduating from UVic Law, Emily stayed in Victoria to article and practice law. In addition to her private practice, Emily has held a number of appointments to provincial tribunals. In 2008, Emily was appointed Vice Chair of the province's Safety Standards Appeal Board. In 2013, she was promoted to Chair of the same Tribunal. This led her to move her practice to Sooke, just outside of Greater Victoria. Emily is the past president of the British Columbia Council of Administrative Tribunals and a director of the Canadian Council of Administrative Tribunals.



Recently awarded with Lexpert's *Top 40 under 40 Rising Star* award, **Julie D'Avignon ('05)** is a partner at Stikeman

Elliott LLP in Calgary. She is a member of the firm's Tax Group, providing advice on tax matters relating to M&A transactions, corporate reorganizations, equity investments, flow-through shares, and financings., frequently advising on structures, transactions and reorganizations. Her diverse client base includes companies

The 2000s

operating in industries ranging from Canadian and international oil and gas, mining, renewable energy, technology, financial products and service businesses. For several years she was a board member and Legal Director of the B.J. Hughes Foundation for the Development of Entrepreneurial Women and held the role of President and other executive roles for sections of the Canadian Bar Association (Alberta). She has provided *pro bono* support to several non-profit entities seeking charitable registration and with respect to various projects, including an investment in a social development initiative operating in East Africa. She also co-led Stikeman Elliott's involvement in Mount Royal University's JMH Venture LaunchPad program.



As Chair of Harper Grey LLP's Construction & Engineering Law Group, **Cameron Elder's ('05)** diverse civil

litigation practice spans Health Law, Construction, Commercial Litigation and Real Estate disputes. He has been lead counsel in numerous high-value disputes, including a \$7-million claim arising out of a large steam metering project, a multi-million-dollar case against parties involved in the upgrade of a district energy system, and a medical negligence claim with allegations of delayed diagnosis resulting in quadriplegia. Elder Chairs the firm's Construction Group and is a member of the Strategic Planning Committee. He frequently presents to industry groups, including ACEC-BC, BC Building Envelope Council and BC RIMS. He volunteered with Access Pro Bono BC for more than five years and served for three years on the Executive of the Urban Land Institute.

The 2000s

He is the firm's contact for ACEC-BC. Congratulations to Cameron, who was just named one of Lexpert's *Top 40 under 40 Rising Stars*.



Aaron Dow ('06) has been named one of Lexpert's *Top 40 under 40 Rising Stars*. He practices Corporate and

Commercial Law, Real Estate, Bank Lending, and Wills and Estates at Farris, Vaughan, Wills & Murphy LLP in Kelowna. He has extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions and has acted as lead counsel on several significant transactions. Dow learns his client's business from the ground up and understands the challenges unique to their particular industry. He organizes events throughout the year as the lawyer representative on the Kelowna office's Social Committee and spearheads the firm's annual cross-office golf retreat. He organizes the Farris 9 and Dine golf tournament each summer, which partners the firm's lawyers with members of the region's business community for a friendly tournament. Dow is on the Board of Directors and is Vice President of Launch Community Development Foundation and he is a founding member and is on the organizational committee for 100 Men Who Give a Damn (Kelowna).

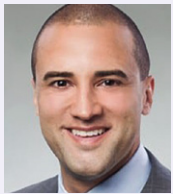


Zara Suleman ('06) was awarded the CBA BC Equality and Diversity Award in June 2018. This award celebrates

a lawyer who has worked with great dedication to advance equality within the legal professional or generally

The 2000s


in British Columbia. Zara (Suleman Family Law) has been a human rights champion since before her legal career began—as an advocate, an educator and a mentor. She runs a successful family law firm, showing outstanding leadership and working tirelessly to address diversity and inclusion across the legal community and among the public at large. She diligently advocates against discrimination of marginalized people and pushes for change at all levels of government. She is noted for a unique ability to perform grueling, frontline work and transition to the challenging, deep-thinking work of systemic and policy change.



Drew Lafond ('09)

has been named one of Lexpert's *Top 40 under 40 Rising Stars*. As a partner at MLT Aikins' Calgary

office, Drew provides advice to First Nations and Métis communities on economic development, corporate structure, finance, governance, taxation, oil and gas development, and liquor and gaming licensing. Early in his career, he prepared submissions and attended before the Alberta Court of Appeal on *R. v. Hirsekorn*, a seminal decision concerning Métis rights in Alberta. He has closed numerous landmark transactions for First Nation and Métis communities, including asset and share purchases and corporate finance and commercial real estate. Lafond is a member of the Muskeg Lake Cree Nation in Saskatchewan and a descendant of the Simpcw Nation in British Columbia. He contributes to the success of the reserve he grew up on by volunteering *pro bono* for the Nation's Economic Development and Governance committees. Lafond is the Vice-president of the Indigenous

Bar Association and he volunteers for Level, a program dedicated to mentoring Indigenous youth in urban communities and to teaching them the basics of law. 

It Runs in the Family

BY LIZ EBY, ALUMNI OFFICER, UVIC LAW



Clint Ledding (1L) and Richard Ledding

('81) "I am currently in my first year at UVic Law, and my father, Richard Ledding, is a UVic Law alumnus. He graduated in 1981, and so was among the first classes of the new law school. He was called to the bar in 1982 and has been practicing for over thirty years in Vancouver. One of his first times back to UVic after graduating was to tour the campus with me, though the Fraser building was new to him as the law students were formerly stuck in the top of the library. We are pictured together at my graduation from SFU where his former UVic Law classmate, Andrew Petter, is the current President."



Berenice Greig ('85), Adra Greig (2L)

Bernice has carried on a busy, classic, small-town general solicitor's practice (equal parts real estate transactions, wills and estates and corporate commercial matters) in Penticton, her hometown, for almost twenty years. "I returned to practice following a somewhat lengthy maternity break of ten years, during which I had six children. Before that, I practiced with Farris Vaughan Wills and Murphy in Vancouver. Adra is my fourth child and I recognized the makings of a lawyer in her from very early on—a strong sense of justice and a somewhat argumentative nature. These are good traits! At age 60, I am turning my mind to succession planning and hope I can pass on the torch to Adra, if she wants it, although she seems to be tending to the litigation side of the profession. She will do what she wants and will do it well, and that is what is important."



Bethany Fox (1L), Ethan Fox (3L), Carly

Fox ('07) "Our family is from the Kainai First Nation of the Blackfoot Confederacy in Southern Alberta. My sister, Carly Fox, graduated from UVic Law in 2007. In 2011, Carly became a partner at Maurice Law in Calgary where she focuses on advancing the interests of her First Nations clients on a broad range of legal issues. My younger brother, Ethan Fox, followed in her footsteps and enrolled in the JD program in 2016. Ethan was employed at Maurice Law as a summer student and will return for an articling position in the spring. Carly and Ethan

have been following the development of the JD/JID program and encouraged me to apply upon learning that the first intake of students would be welcomed this fall. I am grateful to follow the path of my siblings, who have encouraged and inspired me to join the UVic Law community.”



All four members of the **Ruebsaat-Trott family** are members of the UVic community, three of them as either graduates or as current students at the Law School. **Bill Trott ('81)** has fond memories of first year law in The MacPherson Building with Murray Fraser as Dean. Bill is currently UVic's Chief Privacy Officer. Previously Bill worked with the BC Ministry of Health on eHealth privacy and with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. **Gisela Ruebsaat ('82)** particularly remembers conducting her first trial during her Law Centre term under the guidance of Glenn Gallins. Prior to her semi-retirement, Gisela worked as Legal Analyst for EVA BC. Gisela also worked at the Ontario

Ministries of Attorney General, and Citizenship and Culture and currently serves on the Board of the Legal Services Society. **Adam, the youngest Ruebsaat Trott (1L)**, has just started first year law at UVic. Before that, he completed his Masters in European Ethnology at Philipps-Universitat Marburg, as well as working as a coordinator of community programs for immigrants and refugees at the Bewohnernetzwerk fur Soziale Fragen, also in Marburg. Adam's brother Alexander is also a UVic grad, but in engineering. He works as a mechanical engineer at Sulzer in Vancouver.



The Honourable Madam Justice Jennifer Power, QC ('86) and daughter **Michaela Merryfield ('18)** are pictured here at Michaela's June graduation from UVic Law. After articling with the Victoria law firm of Harman Wilson and Company (as it then was), in Victoria, Justice Power practiced in the area of criminal defence and federal prosecutions. She joined the Provincial Crown in 1990 and practiced as a Crown Prosecutor for 20 years conducting serious and sensitive

files such as murders and dangerous offender hearings before being appointed a Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia in 2010 resident in Victoria. Justice Power has two children, Michaela and Marcus, and a German Shepherd named Teddy. She looks back on her law school years fondly and is proud of the innovation and excellence for which the law school is renowned. During her time at UVic Law, Michaela was on the executive of the Law Students' Society for two years and was an active member of the Indigenous Law Students' Association. Michaela completed a clinical term at The Law Centre in the fall of 2017, where she gained experience representing clients in criminal, family, civil and human rights matters. 🇩🇪

PHOTOS: PERSONAL ARCHIVE

Were you the first generation in your family to go to university? The UVic Law chapter of the First Generation Network is seeking alumni like you to mentor and support law students who are in the same circumstances.

To join our chapter's alumni contact list, please email uvic@firstgenerationnetwork.ca

Reunion ('93): Small But Mighty

BY MARNI MACLEOD ('93)



Due to a glitch with the university's new email system, quite a number of people from the class of '93 did not get notified about the reunion planned for September 15-16 in Victoria. Steps have been taken to correct this problem. Regardless, a small group of us did come together at the law school where we met with new Dean, Susan Breau, Bob Howell, and Alumni Relations Officer Liz Eby. Then we ventured off to Lure Restaurant & Bar at the Ocean Pointe Resort for dinner.

Being of the pre-Selfie, Instagram, Snapchat #oldas dirt (almost) generation, we did not get it together to take any photos, but here is a collection of observations from my classmates who made the voyage to the Island to reminisce and reconnect. For myself, I have to say I experienced that same feeling I get whenever I run into former classmates, it's like no time has passed at all. We pick up where we left off. It's a testament to the strength of the bonds that are formed in the crucible of law school at this little school on the western edge of Canada. It was great to see you all!

Marni MacLeod, Vice President, Skunkworks Creative Group Inc. (Vancouver)



Lori Assheton-Smith, Recovering Lawyer and Aspiring Writer, and Pat Smith, Head of the IP Group, Gowlings WLG (Calgary)

Pat was in trial, but Lori graciously stepped into the breach for the Smith-Smith camp. "Coming back to Begbie after 25 years (sorry, but it will always be Begbie to me) was like entering a time capsule. The halls, the lockers, the student lounge, Professor Howell...they were all exactly as I remembered them. It was great catching up with old friends and laughing over old yearbook pictures and shared memories. Already looking forward to the next reunion!"

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Kari Horn, Vice Chair, Alberta Securities Commission

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Rob Boswell, Counsel to Crawford Chondon & Partners LLP (GTA)

"The reunions with people I did get to see felt like no time had really passed for me.

The strangest experience was having a car to drive in Victoria since I had no vehicle and no money while I was in law school, and I haven't been back since December 1993. I found that in a car everything was less familiar than on foot. Complaints of busy traffic around Victoria seemed so quaint coming from the GTA. I could live in Nanaimo and get to work in Victoria faster than it takes me to commute to Toronto.

My best memories of UVic are easily the friendships I made, especially with our Legal Process group and my co-op pals. I also fondly remember moments like splitting my forehead open on the corner of one of the lounge cabinets, playing Tetris, finding yesterday's ginch in my pant leg after I flew out of the house to get to school on time, and watching Gary Lilienweiss "water" some stranger's finely manicured lawn. I'm also eternally grateful that Jeff Larkin's had a second bedroom in his condo which he happily rented out to me.

When I left in 1993, I was more confident, more open-minded and self-aware. I attribute much of that to just the process of going to law school, but specifically to my friendships and a few exceptional teachers. Jamie Cassels comes to mind as a teacher who helped me in that regard.

Those changes, more than all the law texts and cases, have been instrumental for me to become a good lawyer and a better human.

I almost didn't come to Victoria. I couldn't imagine living so far away from home, and I contemplated not going to law school and staying in Ontario. It would have been a tragic mistake."

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Susan Guy Andrew, Family Lawyer (Kelowna)

"It was pretty cool, for me, I haven't stayed in touch with people from law school. It was nice to see the small handful of people who did make it and to see where everyone has gone. Who knows what the future will hold. I think it's important to keep some connection even if only for a short time. It was nice to be back at the law school and to feel that pretty awesome feeling. I kept trying to remember all the hours spent in that building, it was almost surreal."

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Jeff Larkins, former Law Lord and founder of Endeavour Law Corporation (Vancouver)

"While maybe few in number, it was good to see classmates return from across the county and share their experiences. It shows that UVic Law, while small in size, produces distinguished and successful graduates in many different law-related fields across Canada. And, I got to speak to a Judge (Sue Wishart ('94)). Didn't think I would ever do that again."

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Doug Jasinski, Legal Marketing Strategist, Skunkworks Creative Group Inc.

"My recollections of law school are fond ones. Chief among them is a sense of community; most of us arrived in Victoria from other parts of the province or the country knowing almost no one. Something about the setting and scale of the place—tucked away on the corner of campus in a self-contained building with its own library, café, lecture halls and a unique shared experience with a group that was just small enough to get to know everyone there—turned it into a world of its own. I made several lifelong friendships during my time at UVic, and our small gathering to celebrate the passing of a quarter-century since those days reminded me of the unique power of that place. Reconnecting with people from decades ago seems like it should be an exercise fraught with awkwardness, but instead, the same easy camaraderie of lunchtimes in the student lounge circa 1993 quickly prevailed. Also, Professor Bob Howell remains wondrously (unnervingly?) unchanged." 🇨🇦

Publications / Presentations / Fellowships



Gillian Calder facilitated a collective review of Constance Backhouse's book *Claire L'Heureux-Dubé: A Life*, (Vancouver:

UBC Press for the Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History, 2017) with **Elizabeth Adjin-Tettey, Gillian Calder, Patricia Cochran, Maneesha Deckha, Freya Kodar, Hester Lessard, Pooja Parmar, Kate Plyley, and Mark Zion**. It has been published in the most recent volume of the *Alberta Law Review*.



Kathy Chan contributed a chapter entitled "Not-for-Profit Law, Public Law, and Private Law" to the forthcoming

Research Handbook on Not-for-Profit Law (Edward Elgar 2019). In June, she commented in several media sources on the impact of the Supreme Court of Canada's Trinity Western University decision.



In August **Patricia Cochran (LLM '06)** participated in the summer research series to share some of her work on the

Caring Society human rights case. Her presentation was entitled "Jurisdictional relationships: Considering constitutional interpretation and process through the lens of First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada v. Canada."



Deborah Curran ('95) and Holly Pattison completed a comprehensive evaluation of the Environmental Law Clinic in the winter of 2017-2018. Surveying all law students who took the Clinic between 2007 and 2015, the results clearly show that the

Clinic assists students in developing law practice and legal reasoning skills. A public summary of the report is available on the ELC website.



Maneesha Deckha delivered a series of talks this past summer in Toronto and Sydney on the topic of law reform in

relation to animal agriculture as well as the connections between veganism and decolonization. She presented her paper on "Farmed Animal Suffering: Can

Law Bear Witness?" recently submitted for publication, at the Law and Society Association International Meeting in Toronto in June. Maneesha is also the faculty founder of the Animals & Society Research Initiative (ASRI) at the University.



Gerry Ferguson published a chapter "Unfit to Stand Trial: Canadian Law and Practice" in a new book by

Press, *Fitness to Plead: International and Comparative Perspectives*, edited by Professors Mackay (UK) and Brookbanks (NZ). Gerry co-organized and chaired a seminar in Vancouver in July on "Money Laundering in BC Casinos," with Peter German (author of the June, 2018 report on that topic) and Attorney General David Eby, as the feature speakers.



Donna Greschner published (with David Schneiderman and Frederic Berard), "Report on Canada,"

in Richard Albert and David Landua (eds.), *2017 Global Review of Constitutional Law*. Donna was a visiting professor at the University of Padova, Italy, teaching human rights and comparative constitutional law in one of its graduate

programs. Beginning in November, she has been a visiting professor at Bocconi University in Milan, also teaching comparative constitutional law.



During the summer, **Bob Howell** completed a refereed Chapter “The Nature and Scope of Property in a Domain

Name,” to be published as part of the proceedings of an Intellectual Property Scholars’ Conference held in Ottawa last year at which Professor Howell presented a paper on this topic.

Bob also attended the 20th Congress of The International Academy of Comparative Law in Fukuoka, Japan, 22-28 July, and participated as the Canadian Reporter Common Law presenting his report “Security Rights Over Intellectual Property.”



Freya Kodar (’95) and **Patricia Cochran** presented “Automated Decision-making and Relational Justice: Credit

and Justice for Low-income People,” as part of the Household Finance Collaborative Research Network Panels at the joint meeting of the Canadian Law

and Society Association and the Law and Society Association in Toronto in June.



Michelle Lawrence (’98) presented “Crossing Disciplinary Divides: Exploring the Potential of

Criminological Data to Support and Shape the Approach of the Law to Similar Fact Evidence” at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting in Toronto in June. At that same meeting, Michelle was elected to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Law & Society Association.

At the invitation of the UBC Forensic Psychiatry Division & BC Chapter of the Canadian Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, she presented her research on substance-induced psychosis at the June 2018 Forensic Psychiatric Education Day.

Michelle is one of three authors of the *Annual Review of Criminal Law 2017*. It was released in July.



Jerry McHale presented in June on a panel at the Law and Society conference in Toronto, addressing the topic “What

Do We Know and Need to Know About Access to Justice in Canada?”



In April-May, **Kim Nayyer** was an invited visitor to Cornell University Law School Library in Ithaca, NY to study the library’s

administrative model. Kim presented on the Law Library’s work in Indigenous Legal Initiatives, sharing information about the research guides and resources we have created, integration of Indigenous knowledge concepts into legal research and writing classes, and our reclassification project to integrate the new Library of Congress Indigenous Law classification system into books in our collection.

In late May Kim attended the annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries in Halifax, where she co-presented her research in two sessions, “The Now and Future of Blockchain for Law,” and “The Crown, The Copyright, and the Law.”



Andrew Newcombe (’95) is among the three Canadians and two Americans selected to review the long-running

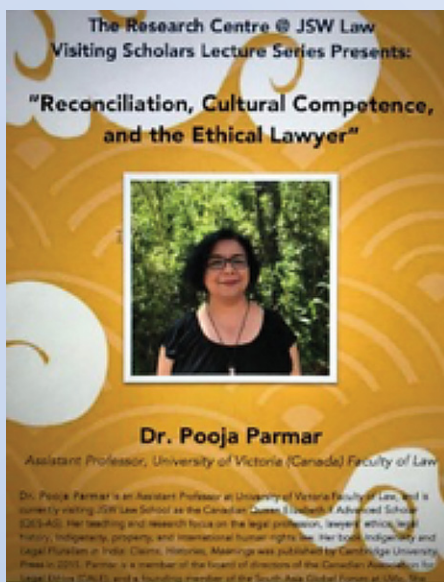
softwood lumber dispute, and to make a ruling under NAFTA’s contentious Chapter 19 dispute-resolution

mechanism. Andrew also commented on the recent BC Court of Appeal case *Rosas v Toca 2018* in *The Lawyer's Daily* article "BC Court of Appeal decision on contract modification 'a long time coming': law prof."



Pooja Parmar presented a paper "The Legal Experience of the Colonized as Migrants to a British Settler Possession:

Vancouver's East Indian Community and the Komagata Maru incident of 1914" with Professor John McLaren at the conference Legal Histories of Empire: Perspectives from the Colonized held at the University of West Indies – Cave Hill in July.



Pooja visited JSW Law School, Bhutan's first law school, for six weeks this summer as a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarships—Advanced Scholar (QES-AS). As a QES-AS

fellow she is working on a report for the newly formed Bar Council on developing a Continuing Legal Education program in Bhutan. She has also contributed to curriculum development at JSW Law and conducted research on property law in Bhutan. Read Pooja's blog post about her time in Bhutan.



Victor V. Ramraj presented two papers at the Law and Society Association meeting in Toronto in June: "Emergency

Powers and Military Rule in Asia" to be published in the *Oxford Handbook of Constitutional Law in Asia*, and "Transnational Private Regulation and Constitutional Law in Thailand: The Equator Principles as Surrogate Public Law" (with Thitinant Tengaumnay, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok) to be published in the edited volume, *Constitutionalism in Context* (CUP, forthcoming). He also chaired a panel on Accountability for Counter-Terrorism.



Sara Ramshaw presented a paper entitled "My Time @ BBK: Temporality, Creativity, Law" at Past, Present, Future: Critical

Legal Postgraduate Research, Birkbeck School of Law 25th Anniversary. In August, she was an invited speaker at the Eavesdropping event, organised by James

Parker (Melbourne Law School) and Joel Stern (Liquid Architecture), and gave a talk entitled "Justice as Improvisation" at the Make It Up Club in Melbourne, Australia. She also ran workshops with Melbourne Law students and students from Monash University in relation to Hydra, an improvised moot court exercise that she has co-developed.



Supriya Routh (3rd from left) in India as part of the QES-AS program, where he visited Azim Premji University in Bangalore (pictured with faculty members of Azim Premji). 🇮🇳

In Memoriam

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The Faculty of Law is saddened by the passing on October 25, 2018 of **Maryla Waters**, wife of our Emeritus colleague, Professor Donovan Waters.

Maryla, herself, studied law at the University of London and post graduated from the University of Chicago. She moved with Donovan to Montreal in 1967 and taught courses at McGill University. Donovan was appointed to the Faculty of Law here in Victoria in 1977. In the years following, Maryla undertook the Faculty of Law's aural history project comprising interviews with judges, practitioners and others influential in the legal life of British Columbia over earlier decades. The product of this significant undertaking is held in the Diana M. Priestly Law Library.

Maryla also participated significantly in other events of the Faculty of Law including assisting Donovan in the organizing of two major international conferences on trusts and fiduciary

obligations, attending and participating in public lectures organized by the faculty, hosting dinners and evenings in her home for high profile visitors to the faculty, and generally opening her home to faculty in a welcoming spirit, leading to many lifelong friendships.

In January 2017, Maryla was the recipient of The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers presented by Her Honour, Lieutenant Governor Judith Guichon at Government House, Victoria. This official Canadian honour is awarded on behalf of the Governor General of Canada. It recognizes exceptional volunteer achievements of Canadians across a broad spectrum of fields. Maryla's award was in respect of her extraordinary contribution to the community in Victoria. In particular, Maryla was a leader in the performing arts in Victoria. From the time of her arrival in Victoria she was instrumental in furthering the Pacific Opera Victoria (POV) and its associated Foundation. At the time of her death she was a Vice-President of POV and Co-Chair of the POV's 40th Anniversary Campaign. Earlier and more general community contributions included Chair of Victoria United Way and Chair of the Victoria Foundation.

Maryla's passing is a great loss to not only the POV and Faculty of Law, but to the whole of the community in Victoria. We extend our condolences to Donovan and children, Catherine, Anne-Marie, and Alastair.



Kathleen Packard ('88) passed away on Saturday, July 28th 2018 at the age of 69 years. She was born in Lethbridge, Alberta, and moved to British Columbia in 1974. After working many years as a legal secretary, she attended the University of Victoria, graduated with a degree in law, and was called to the Bar in 1989. Kathleen practiced family law in the New Westminster area for more than 25 years.

She was an avid reader and crossword puzzler. Kathleen greatly enjoyed music especially the jazz masters and was a long standing subscriber to the VSO Pops concert series.

She is survived by her stepchildren Nadia and Megan, brother Barry, nephews Jeremy and Ryan, and dear friends. Kathleen was predeceased by her sister Patricia. 🇩🇪

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Vistas is always interested in receiving story ideas from UVic Law alumni. Although we are unable to guarantee the inclusion of materials that are sent to us, we are deeply interested in shining a spotlight on the stories that you, the alumni, care about. If you know of a UVic Law graduate who could be profiled or have other interesting story ideas or materials worth highlighting, please feel free to contact us at lawcomm@uvic.ca.

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