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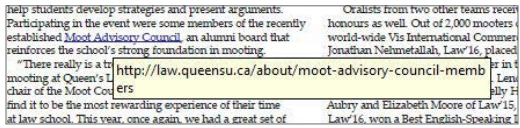
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Faculty accomplishments and alumni awards feted at Celebrate Queen's Law



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Dean Bill Flanagan poses with members of Law'84, the class that has achieved its fundraising target, and since set a new one, in support of the new David Allgood Professorship in Business Law.

Alumni share high spirits and great achievements at April event

New awards, good company and a spectacular view: alumni from the GTA and as far away as Vancouver showed their Queen's Law spirit in Toronto at the school's annual reception on April 29 on the breathtaking rooftop patio of CI Financial in downtown Toronto.

This year, awards for significant achievements by young alumni and by alumni in the public service joined the longstanding H.R.S. Ryan Award of Distinction. "We decided to expand our awards to recognize the many and varied achievements of our graduates," said Dean Bill Flanagan in his welcome remarks.

James "Jim" Parks, Law'71, counsel with Gardiner Roberts in Toronto, was presented with the H.R.S. Ryan Award of Distinction for significant contributions to the Faculty, University and legal profession.

Kristin Muszynski, Law'05, a partner with Templeman Menninga LLP in Kingston, received the first Dan Soberman Outstanding Young Alumni Award for promising future leadership.

Robert Frater, QC, Law'84, Senior General Counsel with the Department of Justice Canada, accepted the inaugural Justice Thomas Cromwell Distinguished Public Service Award for sustained outstanding service and significant contributions to the public.

After informing grads of plans to completely renovate the library basement into dedicated study space for students and the successful co-location of the five Queen's Law Clinics in downtown Kingston, Dean Flanagan thanked alumni. "All of you and the commitment you demonstrate to the law school over and over again are a very big part of why I enjoy my job so much."



Alumni and faculty share a laugh during the reception.

Queen's Law launches its first privately funded Professorship: \$1.5-million target met to establish David Allgood Professorship in Business Law

Queen's Law has taken a major leap forward in solidifying its national role as a leader in business law. The new Allgood Professorship – named in honour of David Allgood, Law'74, for his many contributions to the legal profession, the law school and the community – is supported by alumni, friends and corporate donors.

"This is one of the most successful fundraising campaigns in the history of Queen's Law," Dean Bill Flanagan said of the school's latest milestone during Toronto alumni event. "With an endowment of \$1.5 million, the Faculty will recruit a leader of international stature for the Faculty's business law program."

The Professorship will enhance the Faculty's teaching offerings and build its national and international reputation for research excellence in business law.

"It's humbling to have the Professorship named after me," said Allgood, who remains on the Dean's Council as Past Chair, and was just appointed to the Queen's Board of Trustees. "It's the many supporters of Queen's Law who made it happen."

To make a contribution, visit the ["Give to Queen's" page](#).

See more pictures of the cocktail reception at our [photo gallery](#).

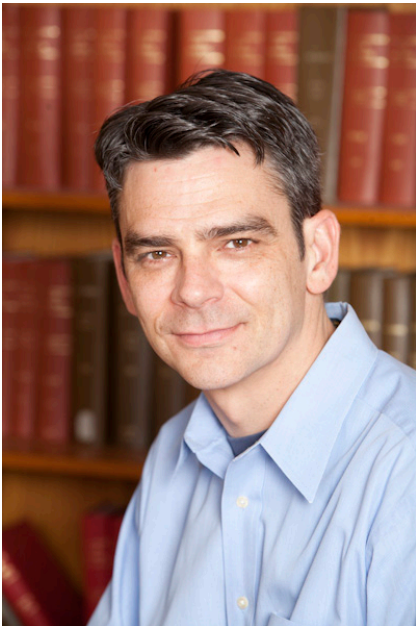


At the annual alumni reception in Toronto on April 29, David Allgood, Law'84, expresses his thanks to all donors for establishing the David Allgood Professorship in Business Law while Dean Bill Flanagan looks on.



Justice Thomas Cromwell, Law'76, congratulates Rob Frater, Law'84, for winning the first Justice Thomas Cromwell Distinguished Public Service Award.

New Research Mentor position at Queen’s Law to increase school’s prominence as research and thought leader



Prof. Art Cockfield first to hold the post

For the past decade, Professor Art Cockfield, Law’93, has been extremely successful in securing grants to fund ground-breaking research in tax law, privacy law, and law and technology theory. The five projects he has been working on – both individually and as a member of the multi-disciplinary Surveillance Project at Queen’s – have earned grants totalling more than \$4.5 million from Canada’s Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). He has also received research funding from external organizations, including The American Tax Policy Institute, the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada, and the Centre for Law and Technology. Now that Dean Bill Flanagan has appointed him Research Mentor for the Law Faculty, Cockfield will be using his experience and his well-known generosity as a colleague to assist in supporting and enhancing the school’s already thriving research culture.

Queen’s Law Reports interviewed Professor Cockfield about his new role.

QLR: What will you be doing as the Faculty’s Research Mentor?

AC: My main job is to support members of the Faculty of Law who apply for external research grants. I’ll be working with Associate Dean (Graduate Studies and Research) Michael Pratt and the Office of the Vice-Principal (Research) to identify external funding opportunities relevant to my colleagues. Soon I’ll be helping Michael to establish an internal peer review process for our faculty members’ external grant applications. We’ll also be nominating Queen’s Law professors for awards and prizes and celebrating their outstanding research. Mostly, I will be providing comments on draft applications and answering questions about the grant application and review processes.

QLR: Why is this role important to the school?

AC: As Research Mentor, I can help promote the many benefits of research grants. These grants provide funding to hire law students as research assistants, which is particularly important given ongoing rising tuitions. Another nice thing about research grants is that they are often used to attract and fund graduate students who might otherwise study at another law school.

QLR: Which aspects of your new role do you look forward to most, and why?

AC: I enjoy working with colleagues and helping them refine their research agendas. Over the years, I’ve also had experience in making recommendations to external organizations for research grants. Now I can draw from that experience to assist our junior scholars in particular. Just last year, I chaired an international SSHRC review committee that reviewed a large ongoing grant at the University of Montreal – this was a challenge for me as the entire process was in the French language! I have also been an external reviewer for granting agencies in foreign countries, including Israel, Chile, Belgium and Australia.

QLR: What are your priorities as Research Mentor?

AC: Queen’s Faculty of Law has a terrific, long-standing track record in terms of attracting external grants. My hope is to continue and perhaps even boost these ongoing efforts. In the long-term, my goal is to simply continue the tradition of great legal research at Queen’s Law and to support the Faculty’s already-impressive reputation in Canada and abroad.



The Hicks Moot team - one of 17 teams comprising 75 Queen’s Law students in the 2014-2015 mooting season.

Travel and triumphs

Queen’s Law 2014-15 mooting season in review

In 18 moots this year, a total of 77 students developed valuable professional skills: 59 as oralists and another 18 as researchers and/or coaches.

Following a [\\$100,000 gift by Lenczner Slaght Royce Griffin LLP](#) to the Moot Court Program, the season kicked off with the third annual Moot Camp, a day of panel discussions and activities with judges and lawyers to help students develop strategies and present arguments. Participating in the event were some members of the recently established [Moot Advisory Council](#), an alumni board that reinforces the school’s strong foundation in mooting.

“There really is a tremendous amount of interest in mooting at Queen’s Law,” says Professor Christopher Essert, chair of the Moot Court Committee. “Many of our students find it to be the most rewarding experience of their time at law school. This year, once again, we had a great set of results, our students performed at a very high level and we are extremely proud of them and their successes.”

Two international law teams came home with five awards each. Queen’s won First Place Team Memorials in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot. Team members Stephanie Hodge, Law’15, and Anneke Bruinsma-Findlay, Law’16, received the Second Best Applicant Memorial award, while Kaitlin Shung and Rachel Pilc, both Law’15, picked up the Fourth Best Respondent Memorial award. Placing in the Top 10 Best Oralists were Shung (second) and Hodge (eighth). In the Niagara Moot that finished third overall, Elizabeth Teed and Levi Vandersteen, both Law’16, won awards for Best Team Argument (Applicant) and Runner-up Applicant Memorial. Teed was also named Best Advocate, while Vandersteen took the third place honour. Teammates Brittany Smith and Meagan Berlin, both Law’16, had the Best Respondent Memorial.

Mooters from two teams won awards for Best Appellant Factum: Amanda Rozario, Law’15, and Kegan Chang, Law’16, in the Walsh Family Law Moot; and Andrew Cotteau, Robyn Laing and Jess Spindler, all Law’16, in the Williams & Shier Environmental Law Moot that placed third overall. Laing was also named Distinguished Oralist.

Oralists from two other teams received individual honours as well. Out of 2,000 mooters competing in the world-wide Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, Jonathan Nehmetallah, Law’16, placed in the top 100. Jordan Moss, Law’15, was a top 10 mooter in the national Wilson Moot dealing with Charter issues. Lenczner Slaght/CBA Gale Cup Moot team members Kelly Hayden, Avril Ford Aubry and Elizabeth Moore of Law’15, and Jeremy Butt, Law’16, won a Best English-Speaking Law School prize for the criminal law competition.

At the year-end moot celebration held in Macdonald Hall in March, Queen’s Law award winners were announced. Emily Evangelista, Law’16, and Angela Wiggins, Law’15, shared this year’s Fasken Martineau DuMoulin Mooting Award for outstanding contributions to the moot program. The new Lenczner Slaght Awards for excellence in oral advocacy were presented to Jessup Moot honorees Kaitlin Shung and Stephanie Hodge.

As one season ends, another begins. Professor Essert and the Moot Advisory Council are already developing plans to make 2015-16 an even more eventful year for mooting at Queen’s Law.



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Our new downtown clinic site hosts all five of our clinics; a bold new initiative for our clinic programs and a fantastic resource for Kingston residents.

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Roy Heenan, CLCW Special Fellow, speaks on the role of international law in Canada's labour law constitutionalism, while co-panellists Sonia Regenbogen of Mathews Dinsdale LLP and Professor Kevin Banks look on.

CLCW workshop papers to be published in national labour law journal

Presentations from April conference to be published in the *Canadian Labour and Employment Law Journal*

On April 24, the Centre for Law in the Contemporary Workplace (CLCW) brought leading academics and practitioners together at Queen's Law, where they assessed the implications of the Supreme Court of Canada's decision in *Saskatchewan Federation of Labour v. Saskatchewan* regarding the right to strike.

The experts considered what the ruling means for how governments can regulate the right to strike, for the freedom of association rights of workers not covered by labour laws, for the freedoms of Canadians more generally, and for the role of international law in interpreting Charter rights. "These are key questions for labour, employment and constitutional lawyers," says Professor Kevin Banks, CLCW Director. "The answers will have important practical impacts for workers, unions, and employers, and indeed for all Canadians who receive public services."

The workshop was fittingly held in memory of Professor Bernie Adell, who was a renowned labour and employment law scholar. "Bernie's research made a lasting contribution to understanding the right to strike in Canada," says Banks.

The [Canadian Labour and Employment Law Journal](#) will be publishing the papers of the workshop presenters in a special edition, also in Adell's honour.



Students in the blended LAW-201 course, for which all 200 spots were filled in September 2014.

Online intro to law course sees enthusiastic reception, plans major expansion next winter

For the past two years, Queen's undergraduate students have jumped at the chance to take LAW-201 Introduction to the Study of Canadian Law, a fall-winter course taught by Queen's Law professors. This summer, the course is being offered online for the first time, and will be further expanded to an even wider audience of students from any Ontario university in the next winter semester.

Professor Mary-Jo Maur, Law'85, LLM'93, director of the online course is "thrilled" but not surprised that all 95 spots for the coming term were snatched up in only four days. "It tells me that students want a better understanding of Canadian law and politics," she says. "You can think of an undergraduate degree as a way of helping students become involved citizens. Knowing something about the law is essential to becoming engaged in the big discussions going on in Canada right now."

Like the on-campus course that blends classroom and web-based components, the online version covers the major subject areas – constitutional law, criminal law, family law, torts, contracts and business law – as well as aspects of the legal profession such as ethics and legal reading and writing skills. The difference is that students in the blended course (to be offered as a one-term course each fall and winter starting in September) may interact in person with instructors, teaching assistants and each other, whereas all interaction is electronic in the online offering.

"I think students will discover that the online learning format is actually a very appealing way to learn," says Maur. "Within the course timelines, each student can study at his or her own pace and will have a sense of being taught

in a small setting. Our preliminary research revealed that students often report having a remarkably individualized experience through online learning."

Queen's students in Arts and Science, Commerce, and Engineering and Applied Science who have completed their first year of studies may register for the online or blended course. It is of particular interest to students trying to determine whether they would like to pursue a legal education, to business and political science students who could benefit from legal background knowledge for their areas of concentration, and to any student wanting a deeper understanding of current events and politics in Canada.

"The course is fun!" exclaims Maur. "Legal stories are really interesting. As instructors, we have stepped outside the usual teaching box to find ways to present the course in a dynamic way that will capture students' imaginations and will invite them to express their views as they learn the basics of Canadian law."

"We are taking advantage of the wonderful technology available for online learning," she adds, "and hoping that students will enjoy taking the course as much as we are enjoying putting it together."



Steve Shamie, Law'86, has a discussion with students about working in a management-side labour and employment law firm.

Alumni return to alma mater to give students career advice

Students gain broad career insights from a record number of alumni visitors

For almost six decades, thousands of Queen's Law alumni have used their legal education as a springboard to successful careers. This past academic year, 37 of them generously volunteered their time by coming back to Macdonald Hall to share their experiences and tips with students eager to carve out their own career paths.

Four grads gave individual presentations or information sessions:

Sheena MacAskill, Law'86, Consultant with Coaching Lawyers for Success – "How to Make Yourself Memorable at Receptions and Dinners During the Summer Interview Processes" (Oct. 14) and "How to Prepare for Careers Day" (March 9).

Steve Shamie, Law'86, Managing Partner of Hicks Morley Hamilton Stewart Storie LLP – informal discussion on working in a management-side labour and employment law firm (Oct. 24).

Gerard Kennedy, Law'10, Litigation Associate with Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP –informal discussion on working in a national, full-service firm (Feb. 3).

Warren WhiteKnight, Law'13, Associate with Bergeron Clifford LLP – "Preparing to Write the LSUC Licensing Examinations" (March 2).

Brahm Siegel, Law'93, Partner with Nathens, Siegel LLP – informal discussion on careers in family law and alternative dispute resolution (March 19).

Nine panel discussions featured alumni:

Workplace Law Careers (Oct. 17)

Fiona Campbell, Law'87, Lawyer with Sack Goldblatt Mitchell LLP

Colin Youngman, Law'05, Associate with Hicks Morley Stewart Storie LLP

Anne Clark-McMunagle, Law'85, Senior Counsel for Public Service Labour Relations Board

Law'09: Five Years out of Law School (Jan. 15)

Colleen Feehan, Legal Counsel and Senior Compliance Officer with TD Bank

Julie Lowe, PhD in Law candidate

Emilie Nicholas, Legal Counsel with Maple Leafs Sports and Entertainment

Captain Alexander Parker, Legal Officer with the Office of the Judge Advocate General

Melissa Reiter, Counsel with AUM Law

Jason Schmidt, Lawyer with Mann McCracken Bebee and Schmidt

Jason Sonshine, Counsel with Rothmans, Benson and Hedges

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Law and Politics (March 9)

Nathaniel Erskine-Smith, Law'10, Associate with Kramer Simaan Dhillon LLP and Federal Liberal Party Candidate for Beaches-East York.

Stevie O'Brien, Law'10, Chief of Staff to Ontario's Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Careers in Government (March 15)

Yashoda Ranganathan, Law'08, Counsel, Ministry of the Attorney General

Jonathan Shanks, Law'07, Counsel, Department of Justice Canada

Working in a Full-Service Firm (March 15)

Lisa Blair, Law'99, Director of Professional Recruitment at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP

Robert Iaccino, Law'12, Associate with Fasken Martineau

Kalen Ingram, Law'12, Associate with Cunningham, Swan, Carty, Little & Bonham LLP

Tanya Rocca, Law'09, Associate with Gowlings LLP
Succeeding as a Summer Student (March 15)

Kyle Lambert, Law'12, Associate with McMillan LLP

Amrita Singh, Law'12, Associate with Bereskin & Parr LLP

Careers in Litigation and Advocacy (March 15)

Joanne Stuart, Law'03, Crown Counsel with Ministry of the Attorney General, Crown Law Office – Criminal

Patrick Welsh, Law'10, Associate with Osler, Hoskin, & Harcourt LLP

Practising in Small Firms/Small Cities (March 20)

Peter Festeryga, Law'84, Partner with Festeryga Partners

Carol Mackillop, Law'94, Barrister and Solicitor, Mackillop Law Professional Corporation

Theresa Van Luven, Law'04, Partner, Viner, Kennedy, Frederick, Allen and Tobias LLP

Warren WhiteKnight, Law'13, Associate with Bergeron Clifford LLP

Criminal Law Careers (March 20)

Sarah DeFilippis, Law'09, Assistant Crown Attorney with Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General (Toronto)

Shaunna Kelly, Law'08, Associate with Hicks Adams LLP

Anthony Marchetti, Law'09, Barrister and Solicitor

Malcolm Savage, Law'09, Assistant Crown Attorney with Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General (Scarborough)

Meaghan Thomas, Law'09, Lawyer with Bayne Sellar Boxall

Eric Uhlmann, Law'11, Criminal Defence Lawyer

"It's wonderful to be able to interact with alumni who have been through the job process we're going through and who can now offer insights into a variety of career options," says Erika Hodge, Law'16. "Their participation in career events is beneficial for many reasons: they provide honest and unique perspectives, share experiences and personal stories, and teach us about professionalism and networking.

"Alumni are our role models," she adds, "and they are key to our success as graduates from Queen's Law."

The presentations, information sessions and panel discussions were part of an extensive roster events organized and/or sponsored by the Career Development Office or Centre for Law in the Contemporary Workplace (CLCW) in 2014-15.

Alumni interested in participating in labour and employment law career-related events next year should contact [Trish Appleyard](#), MIR'06 /Law'09, CLCW Associate Director.

Alumni interested in participating in all other career-related events next year should contact [Gillian Ready](#), Law'87, Career Development Director.

Congratulations to the Queen's Law Class of 2015!



On June 5, 2015, years of hard work, growing camaraderie and intellectual rigour culminated in a celebration for a new generation of Queen's Law graduates.

As cloudy skies gave way to brilliant spring sunshine, family and friends joined faculty and staff in historic Grant Hall. They cheered on 180 JD, LLM and PhD students as they received their diplomas and Professor Emeritus David Mullan, LL.M.'73, as he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

"I trust you will find inspiration for the careers awaiting you in what is a remarkable roll call of your predecessors," Mullan said to the graduands in his address. "The list of their accomplishments should make us all proud to be members of this community – the current Governor General of Canada; justices at all levels of courts including the Supreme Court of Canada; the UN Special Prosecutor for the Lebanon. The list goes on!

"Consider seriously how you can pursue a career in law in which you are open to the centrality of process, a conception of the practice of law as a healing profession, and the place of lawyers in our democratic institutions be they federal, provincial, or local," Mullan continued.

Class representative Noah Leszcz emphasized the strong sense of community, a hallmark of Queen's Law, in his address to the crowd. "We are not only classmates; we are, in a sense, a family," he said. "The feeling of kinship at Queen's Law has been transcendent. Our class is not the first one to feel like a family. The faculty and administration play an enormous role in cultivating this sense of community."

Several awards were presented during the ceremony. Law Medals were given to graduates with the highest cumulative averages: Paul Warchuk, Connor Kense and Brandon Mattalo. Sean Coughlin, LSS President 2014-15, received the Dean's Key for best embodying community values, collegiality, professionalism, service and academic excellence. Kevin Wiener accepted the Agnes Benidickson Tricolour Award, the highest tribute paid to students for distinguished non-athletic service to the university.

Following the ceremony, the new graduates and their guests enjoyed a reception in Ban Righ Hall. There, Dean Flanagan presented the Dean's Scholar Awards and a book on Sir John A. Macdonald to the graduates with the highest third-year averages: Paul Warchuk (Gold Scholar), Craig Zeeh (Silver Scholar), and Mandy Ng (Bronze Scholar).

Even though members of Law'15 are leaving Macdonald Hall to start the next stage of their legal careers, their bonds with the school and with each other will only strengthen with time.

"Alongside the feelings of pride, satisfaction and relief at the incredible accomplishment of completing our degrees and becoming lawyers, I am filled with a profound sadness to be parting from Queen's, from Kingston, and from everyone here," said Leszcz. "I am consoled, however, knowing that we have established friendships that will last a lifetime."

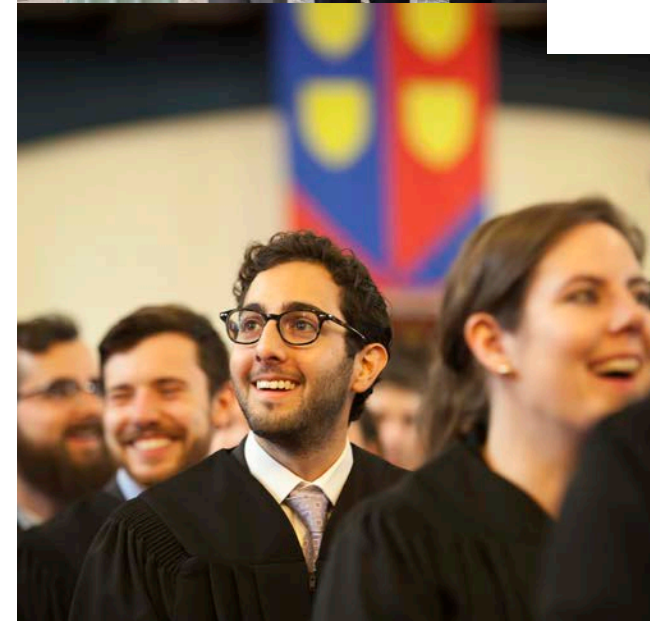
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- Noah Leszcz



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Professor Grégoire Webber named Canada Research Chair

He has studied in Canada and England, clerked at the Quebec Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada, and taught in London and Paris. Now at Queen's Law, Grégoire Webber has been named among the "world's most accomplished and promising minds" as a Canada Research Chair (CRC).

Granted a Chair in Public Law and Philosophy of Law, Professor Webber's research focuses on foundational aspects of legal thought. As his summary on the Canada Research Chair website states:

"Do we have a moral obligation to obey the law? Can the infringement of our human rights be justified? How do the traditions of behaviour inherited from the Westminster Parliament guide and constrain the actions of Prime Ministers and parliamentarians?"

These are questions that we and governments confront every day. In filing our tax returns, in resolving conflicts between freedom of expression and the right to privacy, in determining how far the Official Opposition can go in opposing a government majority, these research questions are alive in our communities."

By examining the foundations of law and government, Webber's research promises to improve our understanding of the answers we give to these and other questions. To do this, he is orienting his study around the basic practical questions, "How should I act?," "What is it right for me to do?," "Answers to these questions situate law and government within the wider study of human affairs and of the role of the individual in community."

The goal of Webber as Canada Research Chair in Public Law and Philosophy of Law is to enrich our understanding of the responsibilities of government, our responsibilities to each other, and our obligation to the law.



Professor Grégoire Webber

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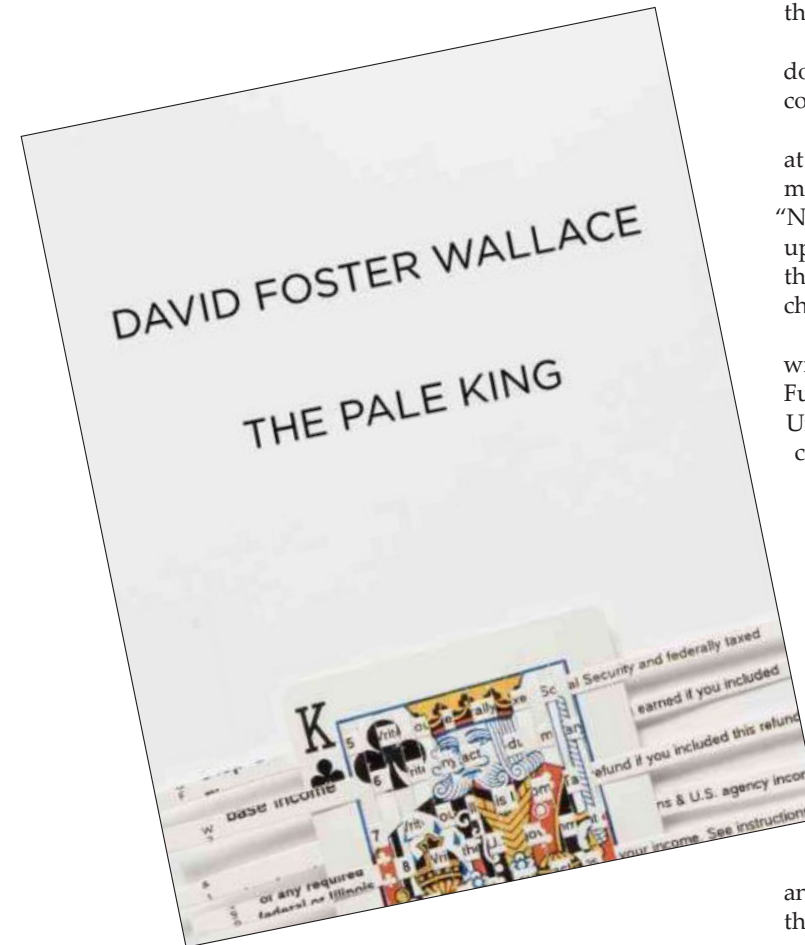
"It is a special privilege to be awarded the Canada Research Chair in Public Law and Philosophy of Law," Webber says. "The Chair's two research areas build on strengths at Queen's and promote the existing interactions between colleagues in Law, Philosophy, and Political Studies."

The funds associated with the Chair have made possible a new [Colloquium in Legal and Political Philosophy](#), an exciting new course jointly offered by Queen's Law and the Departments of Philosophy, and Political Studies. The Colloquium, currently being developed in association with several other colleagues including Queen's Law Professor Jean Thomas, is anticipated for the fall of 2015.

"I am delighted to welcome Professor Webber to the Faculty of Law as our Canada Research Chair in Public Law and Philosophy of Law," says Dean Bill Flanagan. "In the short time since he has joined the Faculty, he has already had a major impact on enriching the research culture of the law school. He will build on a long and distinguished Queen's Law tradition of national and international leadership in teaching and scholarship in the area of public law and legal philosophy."

Winning the battle against tax season drudgery

Professor Art Cockfield finds insight in the writings of author David Foster Wallace



For most people, the idea of doing their income taxes invokes fears of hours of drudgery and outright boredom.

However, there is beauty to be found in the details, says Art Cockfield, Law '93, a Queen's professor specializing in tax law, in a recent academic paper that takes a closer look at the life and work of award-winning author David Foster Wallace.

In his final book, *The Pale King*, published posthumously after his suicide, Wallace took an in-depth look at taxes in the United States and the way the majority of society approaches them. He was fascinated by how people deal with tedium in their everyday lives. No surprise then that he was drawn to taxes.

In *The Pale King*, Cockfield explains, Wallace looked at how earlier generations considered filling out their tax returns as a sort of "moral obligation," that they were doing their part for the greater community.

The book takes place in the 1980s when taxes were still done by hand, rather than online. However, it addresses contemporary issues.

"The book focuses on tax bureaucrats, people who work at the IRS, but the larger purpose I think is to discuss how most of us struggle with work boredom," says Cockfield. "No matter who we are, a big chunk of our lives are taken up by work and this notion that we are confronting tedium throughout the day is very real and one of the great challenges most of us struggle with."

A huge fan of Wallace's writing, in particular his award-winning second novel *Infinite Jest*, Cockfield was named Fulbright Visiting Chair in Policy Studies in 2013 to the University of Texas in Austin, where, it so happened, the collected works of David Foster Wallace are housed.

Cockfield says that he simultaneously read *v* while delving into the author's notes and writings. He learned that Wallace felt there is beauty and great insight to be found in everyday things that we take for granted, particularly at work, he explains in the academic paper.

"So I sifted through his accounting notes and tried to see and understand how he compiled the information for his novel and this great exploration about work boredom and how it affects our interior lives," says Cockfield. "His themes were don't get distracted, focus on what you are up to, try to develop a passion for it."

So, whether it is filling out a tax form or sitting at a desk performing some "drone-like tasks," if we focus and aren't distracted we derive something from these experiences.

And while most of us think our taxes reveal nothing more than what we earned and what we owe, Cockfield says they actually provide incredible insight about each taxpayer. "A tax return is a kind of x-ray of an individual, their hopes and dreams, not just their income; their various deductions and charitable contributions and so on," he says. "It's fascinating from one perspective."

Professor Cockfield's paper, "David Foster Wallace on Tax Policy, How to Be an Adult, and Other Mysteries of the Universe," is forthcoming in the *Pittsburgh Tax Review*.

Meet Law's new Associate Dean (Academic)



Associate Dean Cherie Metcalf

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[Professor Cherie Metcalf](#), an expert in law and economics, public law and environmental law, began a three-year term in Queen's Law's top academic post on July 1. A Queen's Law '02 graduate, she has clerked for both the Supreme Court of Canada and Federal Court of Appeal, and holds an LL.M. from Yale and MA and PhD degrees from the University of British Columbia.

Since joining Queen's Law in 2004, she has been awarded four research grants, directed the school's combined MA(Econ)/JD program, been invited to present her work at conferences at U.S. and U.K. universities, and published articles in leading Canadian and American law journals. Now she's ready to take on the Faculty's senior academic position.

Queen's Law Reports interviewed Associate Dean Metcalf about her new role.

QLR: What have you been doing to prepare for your new role as Associate Dean (Academic) at the Law Faculty?

CM: The Associate Dean (Academic) has quite a diverse set of responsibilities that includes overseeing academic and clinical programs; teaching and administrative assignments for faculty; overseeing student issues and

academic integrity; chairing the Orientation Review, Standing Marks and Adjuncts Appointment Committees; and supervising Teaching Fellows and sessional instructors.

It is challenging to try to prepare for all these aspects of the job. I have been spending quite a bit of time meeting with people who are closely involved. The list is long! Our outgoing Acting Associate Dean (Academic), Lisa Dufraimont was very helpful. She got me up to speed with matters that are ongoing, so we could have a smooth transition. Of course I miss terribly our former Associate Dean (Academic), Stan Corbett [who passed away in May]. I would have spent a lot of time talking to him about his experience in the role.

QLR: As Associate Dean, what did you do first?

CM: Tell my Dad – he was very excited! More seriously, the first priority for me is to be sure that everything is in place for a smooth start to our academic year in September. One of the first specific things I worked on was the Academic Orientation for our incoming class. We are trying some new things – I think it will be great!

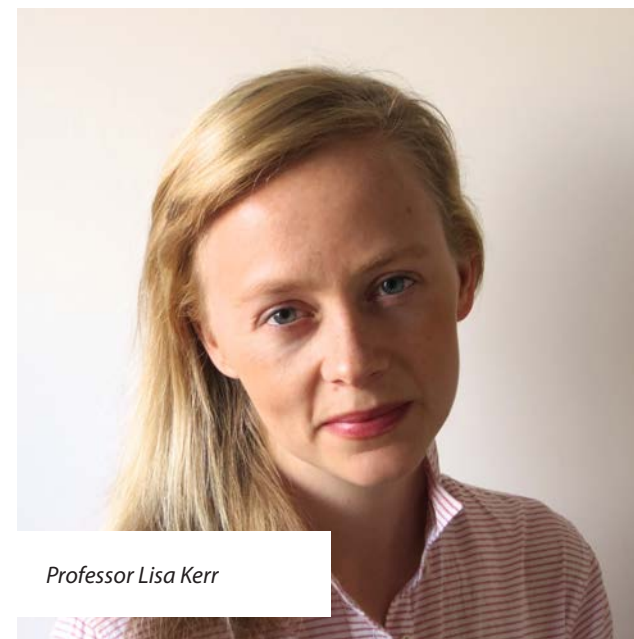
QLR: Which aspects of your new role do you look forward to most?

CM: I feel we are very fortunate to have a strong sense of community at Queen's Law. I most look forward to working together with our dedicated faculty and staff, and our terrific students.

QLR: What are your goals as Associate Dean (Academic)?

CM: Queen's is one of the best law schools in the country. As Associate Dean (Academic), I want to do whatever I can to insure we continue to provide an outstanding program for our students. Right now I feel I am still learning about our strengths and opportunities for us to innovate. The legal profession is changing and we need to be sure our program is dynamic so our students continue to have the skills and knowledge they need to be successful.

New Queen's Law faculty member brings expertise on criminal and prison law



Professor Lisa Kerr

Professor Lisa Kerr, a growing authority on prison law, joined Queen's Law in July as part of the Faculty's ongoing commitment to expand its research and teaching capacities.

Kerr, formerly a Trudeau Scholar and an SSHRC Doctoral Fellow, holds a JSD and LL.M. from New York University, a LL.B. from the University of British Columbia and a BA from Simon Fraser University.

Her recently completed doctoral research draws on constitutional law, sentencing, and the philosophy and sociology of punishment. The dissertation focused

on a comparative US-Canada examination of the ways that legal systems address prison conditions from sentencing through to judicial review.

Professionally, Kerr clerked for the British Columbia Court of Appeal before joining Fasken Martineau Dumoulin as an associate in the firm's Vancouver office. She was then the Staff Lawyer for the West Coast Prison Justice Society prior to starting her master's work at New York University.

She will continue to work on strategic law reform – ranging from sentencing and prison conditions to sex work decriminalization and rights – with organizations such as Pivot Legal Society, the John Howard Society of Canada, and the B.C. Civil Liberties Association.

Notably, Kerr recently assisted Plaintiff's counsel who obtained a Supreme Court ruling of public interest standing in the case of Downtown Eastside Sex Workers United Against Violence Society v. Canada (Attorney General).

Her publications include articles in the *Canadian Journal of Human Rights*, the *McGill Law Journal* and the *Queen's Law Journal*.

Outside of an impressive academic and legal career, Kerr is also an accomplished athlete. She is the five-time Junior World Racquetball Champion as well as the 1997 Elaine Tanner Canadian Junior Female Athlete of the Year.

Kerr will be teaching two courses in the 2015-16 academic year: Criminal Law, and Sentencing and Imprisonment. She is delighted to be returning to Canada this fall and "is excited to be teaching the foundational subject of Criminal Law in the first-year program at Queen's, and to explore the fast-changing fields of sentencing and prison law in my upper-year course."



Queen's Law Alumni Reception in Ottawa

Join Dean Flanagan and your fellow alumni at Ottawa's 2015 Queen's Law Reception!

We'll be celebrating the launch of the David Allgood Professorship in Business Law and Dean Flanagan will provide an update on various key new initiatives at the Faculty. We had over 50 attendees at our last event, and are looking forward to seeing you at this one!

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Flags flew at half-mast across the Queen's campus, and at Herstmonceux Castle in England, to commemorate the passing of Professor Stanley Corbett.





Memorial Service
Commemorating the Life and Work of
Professor Stan Corbett

Saturday, October 17, 2015
1 – 4 p.m.
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Please feel free to share this notice with anyone you think may wish to attend. For more information, please contact Dianne Butler at butlerd@queensu.ca or 613-533-6000 x78471.



Flags lowered for Professor Stan Corbett

Flags on campus were lowered on May 18 and 19 for Professor Stanley Corbett, LLB'95 (BA'66, MA'72, PhD'82), Associate Dean, (Academic) for Queen's Law. He passed away on May 18.

With links to Queen's University stretching over five decades, Corbett began his studies in mathematics before moving to philosophy for his post-graduate degrees. After several years at Acadia University, he returned to Queen's to earn a law degree and worked as an adjunct professor in philosophy and law before becoming a full-time member of the Faculty of Law in 1997.

The Faculty's longest serving associate dean, Corbett initially took up the position in 2008. He was also the academic director of the Faculty's Global Law Programs at the Bader International Study Centre at Herstmonceux Castle in England, where he taught a course in Public International Law.

Corbett's passing occurred slightly less than a month after a gathering in the Macdonald Hall student lounge to thank him for his dedicated and tireless service to Queen's Law as a senior administrator. Dean Bill Flanagan noted Corbett's long tenure as Associate Dean as a "testament to his great dedication and skill" before a group of several dozen faculty staff and students. Also thanking Corbett were Professor Emeritus David Mullan, LLM'73; Professor Nick Bala, Law'77; Gillian Ready, Law'87, Career Development Director; and Jennifer Dumoulin, Law'15.

Corbett has since been posthumously awarded the Queen's University Distinguished Service award, one of the university's highest honours.

A full memorial article on Stan Corbett will be published in the print issue of *Queen's Law Reports* in late 2015. A celebration of life is planned for October 17.

Emerging constitutional law and philosophy scholar a new addition to Queen's Law



Professor Jacob Weinrib

As part of Queen's Law expansion of faculty, July saw it proudly welcome a scholar with impeccable credentials in philosophy as well as law.

Professor Jacob Weinrib has a JD, as well as a PhD, MA and BA in Philosophy – all from the University of Toronto. He was previously the Dworkin-Balzan Fellow at the New York School of Law Center for Law and Philosophy. Prior to that, he was the Global Research Fellow at the New York University School of Law Center for Constitutional Transitions.

Weinrib is excited to continue his research into the intersection of legal philosophy and comparative constitutional law. He is looking to formulate an original theory to unite the dimensions of normative, institutional and doctrinal public law, exploring "the idea that public authority must answer to the demands of human dignity."

His dissertation will be published in *Dimensions of Dignity: The Theory and Practice of Modern Constitutional Law*, soon to be published by Cambridge University

Press in the Studies in Constitutional Law Series. His thesis is "a broad and principled framework for guiding the development of constitutional practice both in Canada and in jurisdictions around the world."

He has been published in *Law and Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence*, *Australian Journal of Legal Philosophy*, *Kantian Review*, *University of Toronto Law Journal*, and *Queen's Law Journal*.

Beyond an impressive publication record, Weinrib was also awarded a Postdoctoral Fellowship in 2013 and the prestigious Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship in 2010, both from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

Returning to Ontario from New York, Weinrib is "particularly excited to be joining a faculty with so much expertise in legal theory and public law and I look forward to future conversations and collaboration...I can't wait to step into the classroom and think about public law with the enthusiastic and talented students at Queen's. There is a wonderful energy at Queen's that I can't wait to be a part of."

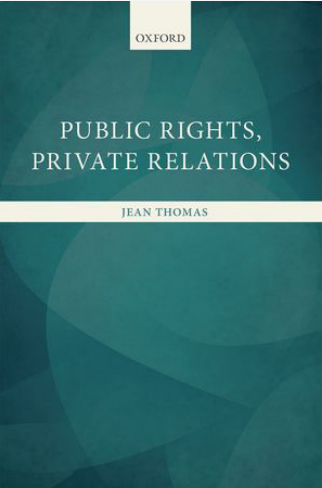
Weinrib will be teaching three courses in the 2015-16 academic year: *Jurisprudence*, *Constitutional Law*, and *Administrative Law*.

COMING UP IN QLR 2015



- Presenting our new Alumni Awards!
- In Memoriam: The life and work of Professor Stan Corbett
- Faculty profile on Professor Emeritus David Mulxlan, our newest honorary graduate
- Round table on artificial intelligence in the legal profession
- Leafs vs. Canucks: Spotlight on two alumni lawyers in the NHL

Contemporary human rights problem examined in new book by Professor Thomas



Can we say that a company like Gap or Nike is committing human rights violations if we find the factories in which its clothes are made are horribly abusive toward their workers? That’s just one example of the issues Professor Jean Thomas deals with in her new book *Public Rights, Private Relations* published by Oxford University Press.

“The book is about whether and how we can justify holding non-governmental actors responsible for acts that would, if committed by governments, clearly violate constitutional or human rights,” says Thomas, an LLM and PhD graduate of the New York University School of Law who joined Queen’s in 2014.

Thomas decided to write the book upon recognizing that the rights people take to be the most important – namely, rights to freedom from oppression and abuse, free expression, free thought and conscience, and to various forms of equality – are actually only rights that people hold against their governments. “When I figured that out,” she says, “I realized that those rights are in some sense not really ‘ours.’ If they were, I thought, why would it matter whether the freedoms I had in mind were violated by the government or by someone else?”

It’s the last question that she attempts to answer in her book, arguing that it shouldn’t matter whether people’s rights are violated by the state or by powerful private actors to whom they find themselves in a position of vulnerability similar to the one in which individuals stand in relation to their government.

Thomas started writing the book, a developed version of her doctoral thesis, during her last year of studies. She refined it while doing post-doctoral work at Stanford University’s McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society and as a Max Weber Fellow at the European University Institute. The end product is touted as a “clear and novel assessment of current debates in rights theory that brings together issues in several areas of rights theory and moral theory in the context of a concrete problem.”

[Read more about the book](#) at the Oxford University Press website.

Newly tenured professor focuses on international arbitration projects

Featured speaker at in international trade conferences in Asia

Since [Professor Joshua Karton](#) joined the Law Faculty in July 2009, he has written a book published by Oxford University Press, earned two awards for his articles in leading international journals and won a Law Students’ Society teaching award. On April 15, Karton reached another career milestone: he was granted tenure at Queen’s Law.

“Reading my tenure application file was more meaningful than I ever expected,” he says. “I actually got a lump in my throat more than once, reading the nice letters from former students and from senior professors in my area whom I look up to!”

Now that Karton has reached this stage as a scholar and teacher, he is looking forward to working on larger-scale, longer-term research projects and developing a new course. His continuing work on a SSHRC-funded theoretical project on the role of the governing law in international arbitration is expected to provide material for his second book. As part of an international and interdisciplinary 11-member team, he will be conducting empirical research on the role of national cultures in international arbitration practice. This fall, while teaching as a visiting professor at the National Taiwan University College of Law, he will be piloting an international commercial arbitration class that will combine lectures with a lot of in-class role-playing and other exercises. “I hope that my time abroad will help me bring more of a comparative perspective to my teaching once I return to Queen’s,” he says.

During his 2015-16 sabbatical in Taipei, he will be teaching courses on international arbitration and comparative contract law, helping to organize an international arbitration conference and pursuing his ongoing research. He will also be collaborating with a professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong on an empirical study of the impact of traditional Chinese cultural values on modern international commercial dispute resolution practices in four East Asian jurisdictions.

“I’ll be making research visits to China, Hong Kong, Singapore and Taiwan to conduct interviews, which will include a one-month stint next spring as a visiting professor at CUHK,” he says. “And I’ll also take advantage of the opportunity to improve my Chinese.” He began living in Taipei this spring and will stay there for the entire year he is on leave from Queen’s. One of my main goals while living abroad is to develop stronger relationships with Asian law faculties, especially with an eye to developing research collaborations.”

His time in Asia has already led to appearances at two Taipei conferences. The first, held by the Asian Law Institute, an international academic organization comprising almost 100 law faculties, welcomed Asian, North American and European academics. “Asian Law 2.0” featured hundreds of presenters and papers relating to all areas of law. “I personally attended interesting panels on judicial independence, constitutional reform, international arbitration, corporate governance, and commercial litigation,” Karton says. “One of the fun things about the conference was that many of the researchers are experts in legal systems other than the ones they were initially trained in. For example, the judicial independence



Professor Josh Karton at the ASIL Research Forum in Taipei

panel involved four presentations, each on the judiciary of a different country: Indonesia, Uzbekistan, Singapore, and Thailand, but all four of the presenters were Japanese and teaching at universities in Japan.”

The second conference, the annual Asia-Pacific International Law Research Forum, was jointly organized by the International Law Association and the American Society of International Law and sponsored by the Republic of China (Taiwan) foreign ministry.”

Some of Karton’s recent research fuelled his presentation at both events. “I presented different parts of the same paper at both conferences. It has to do with the way that international arbitral tribunals apply international law in disputes between investors and states,” he says. “This is a politically hot issue recently, in particular relating to the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), a large multilateral trade and investment treaty that is currently under negotiation.”

Karton’s work outlines a new perspective on investor-state arbitration – and represents a new academic area for him to work within. “My paper proposes a way of thinking about opposition to investor-state arbitration as fueled by uncertainty over the law that governs these disputes, and a model of international

arbitral authority that dictates a particular approach to the governing law,” he explains.

“It was an exhausting week, but a successful one,” Karton concludes. “I came away with invitations to present future research related to the same project at upcoming symposia in Korea and Singapore, met senior professors in my area from all over Asia, and got to know some researchers my age who will hopefully be friends and contacts for years to come.”





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Professor Darryl Robinson presents at a conference on drug-related violence and crimes against humanity designations in Mexico.



Redefining the war on drugs

Professor Darryl Robinson explores “crimes against humanity” designation in Mexico

Since 2006, Mexico has experienced tens of thousands of killings and disappearances and thousands of reported cases of torture in connection with the “war on drugs.” Are those crimes simply “drug-related violence” or might they also be “crimes against humanity?” That’s the issue international criminal law professor Darryl Robinson recently explored in Mexico City.

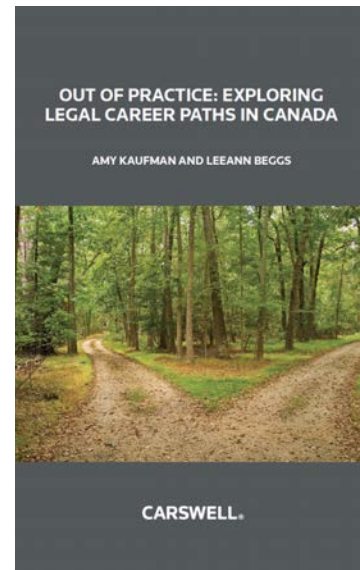
Robinson was the keynote speaker at the first academic conference held in Mexico on the subject of possible crimes against humanity in that country. He also had a series of meetings with NGOs and Mexico’s National Human Rights Commission, Attorney General’s Office, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Mexican Supreme Court. The conference and meetings were arranged by the [Case Matrix Network](#), an organization that strengthens national capacity to deal with crimes.

“This topic involves factual disputes, legal uncertainties and political sensitivities. It was helpful to hear the different perspectives”, says Robinson. “We discussed the concept of crimes against humanity. In my view, modern conceptions of crimes against humanity encompass large-scale organized violence by any actors. We discussed how this legal frame might provide additional tools and further galvanize efforts to respond to the violence.”

In 2006, Mexico ratified the International Criminal Court (ICC) Statute. Some organizations have requested the ICC to examine possible crimes against humanity.

Robinson, an expert on crimes against humanity, helped draft the main codification of the term in the International Criminal Court Statute, served as amicus curiae on these crimes at the ICC, and has written extensively about the boundaries of the concept.

Queen’s Law library head and former Career Services Director shed light on alternate legal careers



Out of Practice: Exploring Legal Career Paths in Canada

As the field of law continues to evolve, career choices available to those with law degrees continue to expand. Written by two women with strong ties to Queen’s Law, *Out of Practice: Exploring Legal Career Paths in Canada* is a new book designed to guide people through the process of evaluating their options.

The book’s co-authors, Amy Kaufman and Leeann Beggs, saw their book published by Carswell on May 19, 2015.

Kaufman, who graduated from Queen’s Law in 2004 and is now the Head of the Lederman Law Library, says their collaboration – and inspiration – stemmed from when the two were Queen’s Law colleagues. “I know Leeann from when she worked as the Career Services Director here at Queen’s Law,” Kaufman says. “We found that a lot of students had questions about the less well-known careers for lawyers in Canada. Both Leeann and I are lawyers who have done different things with our law degrees – Leeann in legal professional development and me in law librarianship.”

Kaufman’s experiences as a librarian at the Lederman Law Library have also helped shape her perception of how students explore their options. “Law students who know I’m also a lawyer will sometimes come and see me when they are wondering ‘what else is out there,’” she explains. “Whether or not they’re interested in law librarianship in particular, we talk about possible ways to approach exploring other legal careers and the factors that are worth considering when weighing your options.”

These experiences led to Kaufman and Beggs collaborating on the book – a process that began several years ago. “It’s been on our minds a long time!” Kaufman says. “I think we began talking about the idea in 2012. We did some planning in 2013, and we did most of the work during 2014, while I was on sabbatical.”

The book is a labour of love for both of them, filling a niche that they feel is underexplored in the Canadian legal industry.

Beggs, a former Career Services Director at Queen’s Law now working as the Director of Student and Associate Programs at Gowlings in Ottawa, explains.

“Amy and I wanted to research and write about this particular subject because there aren’t a lot of Canadian resources available and no shortage of students and professionals who want to know how to pursue an ‘alternative’ legal career,” Beggs says.

“When writing the book, we included job search strategies, counseling tips, advice from career coaches, and most importantly, frank interviews from people who had transitioned from private practice into another role. We were inspired by our interviewees, as they were unafraid to talk about the challenges as well as the positives of working outside ‘traditional’ practice.”

In addition to the in-depth talks with people in alternate areas of law, Beggs and Kaufman spent time exploring everything around – and after – a decision to pursue an alternate career, as well as strategies for making smaller adjustments while staying within the practice of law. “We really wanted to take a comprehensive look at what it takes to make that transition, in terms of dealing with self-doubts and pressures from family or friends, financial considerations, and then how to create an effective job search strategy,” Beggs says.

Her career path, including her current role in recruitment and development, was also instrumental in how she viewed the topic. “I’ve been interested in the subject of non-traditional careers in law since I was in law school, and starting to think about my own career path,” she explains. “I took a different route from most lawyers, and it’s been rewarding for me, so I am very supportive of those who want to have a legal career that is outside the norm. My experience in counselling law students shaped my approach, specifically that understanding your own values, interests and goals is really the key to being successful in your career. Now that I’m working in a recruitment and professional development role at a firm, it has confirmed for me that there are so many options open to lawyers in terms of non-traditional roles, but those opportunities, which often happen later in one’s legal career, can be challenging to communicate to law students.”

“We knew from our own experiences as well as those of our classmates from law school that there are lots of diverse opportunities for lawyers, but they’re not always obvious, and the path to getting to them isn’t always clearly laid out,” Kaufman adds. “We thought it would be interesting to explore what people are doing with law degrees in Canada – through interviews and bringing together the studies that have been done over the years. It was wonderful that Leeann could also bring her considerable experience and expertise in counselling law students to the table.”

Available now from Carswell, *Out of Practice* should prove to be an invaluable tool to both students and practicing professionals considering a change.

Queen's LAW Q&A

Queen's Law Q&A is a monthly feature on our Queen's Alumni LinkedIn group, where we ask a question and our alumni answer! Join us in the first week of every month for a new question, and hear what your peers think: about Queen's Law, examining current issues, or sharing fond memories!

May 2015

If you could give yourself one piece of advice upon entering law school, what would it be?



Jeff Fung

To "Eat. Pray. Love" I would also add "Sleep. Study. Socialize."

Don't get caught up in OCIs. If you follow the first six pieces of advice, you will find a job. Good luck and enjoy every moment at Queen's Law!



Jordan Furlong

***To my younger self:** Pay a little more attention to preparing for the practice of law while getting your law degree. Get involved in the bar association and read lawyer periodicals whenever possible. Don't assume practicing lawyers are way smarter than you. Study harder for the Property final. Bet \$500 at 1,000-to-1 odds on a Twins-Braves World Series in 1991. Stay away from the Hoagie House.*

***To new students today:** No one has any idea what kind of legal careers you'll hold for the next 35 years: learn what you can about the current and future legal market from books, magazines, and blogs. Join the CBA -- it's free. Talk to lawyers in Kingston and in your likely destination city about the business of law and especially about client relations -- but don't assume that what they do is best practice. Join Twitter and LinkedIn. Blog if you can. Hire a lawyer for a small matter and experience what it's like to be a client. Volunteer at Legal Aid for a semester and experience what it's like to serve people with little money and a lot of problems. Read the Code of Professional Conduct and internalize its principles. Learn enough coding to know what it looks like. Don't get hung up on steady paycheques; develop a knack for entrepreneurialism if you can. Appreciate and safeguard the power and privilege of being a lawyer. Always remember your duties to the court and to your clients. Never compromise your integrity. Stay away from the Hoagie House.*

Stephen Good

Don't let law school steal your joy: as you get buried under the workload, you will have to be very conscious about what you do to relax and recharge your batteries. Look at art books, exercise, go for a walk on campus, talk to non-law school friends. You are going to have to refrain from using prima facie and bona fides when talking to friends outside of law school - remember, you are learning a new language which just happens to be in English, they aren't. They don't share your excitement about statutory interpretation and obiter dicta. Lastly, go through your notes every day after classes - make the cross references, anticipate exam questions, themes in the course while it's all fresh in your head. Especially if you have an arts background, your days of cramming for tests and pulling an all-nighter to get an essay done are over - be methodical, make succinct outlines even if it is an open book exam and persevere.



Andrew Shaughnessy

Read. I came from a technical background so the reading (and the reading load) was a change for me. One of my profs said to read often, read everything (magazine, newspapers, books) and look up the meaning of words I didn't know. Twenty-plus years later, that was good advice. The spin that I put on the advice was to break the reading down into manageable segments and to immediately write a short summary of what I'd read, so that I didn't have to go back and read it again. The summaries came in handy at exam time. My biggest regret was that I didn't read more broadly than I could have as keeping in touch with the issues in the real world would have made the studies more relevant and less isolating.



Les Chaiet

Follow the adage "We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak." Law school success is not predicated on being a big talker, but working hard, staying on top of the materials/case summaries, asking good questions, immersing yourself in quality extra-curriculars and learning from your profs, guest lecturers, librarians and classmates. It's better to contribute one really good comment per class that shows you've prepared and thought about the materials, than to provide five iffy comments just to be heard.



Edward Pendergrast

Skim the optional 'nutshell' books, which address the broader principles of a given area of law, while the assigned readings often dive right into the minutia. Knowing the forest you're in makes learning the trees much easier.

Queen's Law'91 alumna secures top legal post at CPP Investment Board



As a business lawyer at Torys LLP for more than two decades, Patrice Walch-Watson, Law'91, has played a leading role in advising some of Canada's largest public, private and government businesses in a wide array of transactions. Now she is playing a new executive leadership role.

On June 5, she began her appointment as Senior Managing Director & General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPPIB).

Having practised primarily in mergers and acquisitions, public and private corporate finance, privatizations and corporate governance, she now is helping to lead the professional investment organization that invests CPP

assets not needed to pay current benefits. The CPP Fund managed by CPPIB ranks among the world's 10 largest retirement funds.

In a press release, CPPIB said, "Her knowledge and experience will be invaluable as CPPIB expands into new markets and sectors.

"Under her leadership, the legal department will continue to be critical to our investment activities and other operations, while effectively managing legal matters."

Walch-Watson says what she's really looking forward to is the challenge of learning about and helping to manage CPPIB's dynamic business. "It's one of the world's largest and fastest growing institutional investors and is involved in some incredibly interesting businesses, transactions and programs. I'm excited to participate in an evolving organization that is full of smart, dedicated people who work hard on interesting things, for the benefit of 18 million Canadians."

Looking back to her law school days, she says she knew she wanted to work in private practice, but eventually would change paths. "Queen's Law, through its professors, guest speakers, programs and my classmates, really opened my eyes up to all the opportunities a law degree can give you."

Law school, she says, prepared her well for articling and private practice at Torys LLP ("with some wonderful Queen's alumni I might add") and for the challenges that lay ahead for her at CPPIB. Also important are the "very valuable tools" she gained at Queen's that she uses every day in approaching issues arising in ventures outside her job such as her involvement with several charities.

And of course, the school's legendary collegiality is a factor too. "Some of my closest friends are people I met at Queen's Law – and they inspire me every day!"



Governor General David Johnston, Law'66, LLD'91

Law'66 grad David Johnston's term as Governor General extended for two more years

On March 17, **David Johnston, Law'66, LLD'91**, accepted Prime Minister Stephen Harper's offer to remain Governor General of Canada until September 2017.

The extension means Johnston will preside over the year-long celebrations for Canada's 150th anniversary in 2017.

Johnston may also be putting to the test his expertise in constitutional law – a subject he learned from William Lederman, the first Dean of Law at Queen's University – following the federal election in October, which may result in a hung Parliament.

"He has made remarkable contributions to Canada in his role as the Queen's representative in Canada, performing his duties with dignity, wisdom and aplomb," Harper said in a statement. "I look forward to him continuing his fine work in this critical role."

Johnston, a key figure at Queen's, last visited his alma mater on Oct. 13, 2012, for three events. He accepted the Queen's University Alumni Association's Alumni Achievement Award, had an informal discussion with 150 law students, and officially opened the refurbished Faculty of Law Student Lounge in Macdonald Hall, where his portrait is displayed to commemorate the momentous occasion.



Dean Bill Flanagan (4th right) with alumni and members of the incoming Law'18 class at the Queen's Law reception in Vancouver on May 14

Alumni and new students celebrate in Western Canada and across the pond

May brought spring weather and high spirits to Queen's Law graduates in Vancouver and Calgary.

On May 14, Queen's Law alumni reconnected in Vancouver and caught up on the latest school news from Dean Bill Flanagan. The event also welcomed some of the newest members of the Queen's Law community, as incoming students in attendance met the Dean and some of their future peers and colleagues.

Borden Ladner Gervais LLP hosted the BC event in their office, where guests enjoyed a breathtaking waterfront view along with good company.

May 15 saw Alberta alumni gathering with Dean Flanagan and members of the Alberta Council, along with some current and prospective students, at the charming downtown James Joyce Irish Pub for an evening of celebration, reconnections and camaraderie.

"Talking with alumni about their memories of the Queen's Law experience got me excited to get started and make some memories of my own," says incoming Law'18 student Adam Lewis. "The Vancouver reception reaffirmed that I made the right decision in choosing Queen's Law. Meeting successful alumni there exhibited the power of a Queen's Law degree across the country."

Mere weeks later, celebrations continued in London, England. On June 1, alumni in the U.K. joined Dean Bill Flanagan at Canada House in Trafalgar Square. The event, a reception for Canadian law school graduates, was co-hosted by the deans and the High Commission of Canada.

Scott Palmer, Law'07, Director of Legal and Compliance with BRE Global Ltd., was just one Queen's Law alumnus who enjoyed the networking event. "It's great to share stories with other Queen's Law grads and get to know what they're up to in the UK," he says.

Guests were in for another treat as well. Just 15 weeks earlier, Queen Elizabeth officially reopened the venue, which had undergone years of renovation and a consolidation of offices from other buildings.

"Some of us, including Dean Flanagan, were lucky enough to get a private

guided tour around the recently refurbished and spectacular Canada House," says Palmer. "That was another perk of staying in touch and involved!"

All three events were buoyed by the good news of the recent [David Allgood Professorship in Business Law](#), which is one of the most successful fundraising campaigns in the Faculty's history, and the recently amalgamated [Queen's Law Clinics](#).



Dean Bill Flanagan chats with Louisa Michelson, Law'89, and Scott Palmer, Law'07, at the reception in Canada's high commission in London.

Queen’s Law’71 alumnus David Pattenden honoured for paying it forward



David Pattenden, Law’71, LLD’03 (Arts’67, MA’69, MEd’74), with the late Padre Lavery’s daughters and QUAA-Kingston Branch President Lee Wetherall in Ban Righ Hall.

When Padre A. Marshall Lavery helped a young David Pattenden more than a half-century ago, he sowed seeds that resulted in over 50 years of giving back. On May 28, their story came full circle with Pattenden winning Queen’s Padre Lavery award for his charitable work.

Growing up poor in an Irish-Canadian family, Pattenden hadn’t even considered university. But the encouragement of his wife Ruth, who he married in his early 20s, and the guidance and assistance of Padre Lavery, when Pattenden arrived at Queen’s in 1965, changed his life.

Pattenden went on to receive five Queen’s degrees – BA’67, MA’69, LLB’71, MEd’74, LLD’03 – and to pursue a distinguished career both professionally and as a volunteer. On May 28, he was presented with an award named for Lavery, his Queen’s mentor and the university’s first chaplain.

The Padre Lavery Award, given by the Kingston Branch of the Queen’s University Alumni Association (QUAA), recognizes Pattenden’s outstanding service to his university and city. A former CEO of both the Ontario Medical Association and a Lavalin/Bombardier division, he has also been a teacher at Queen’s and St. Lawrence College, a board member of Kingston General Hospital, chair of both Queen’s Human Mobility Research Centre and the Dean’s Committee for Queen’s Law’s 50th anniversary celebrations, and has served on many Queen’s organizations. Most recently, he has been actively involved on the boards of the Hotel Dieu Hospital and W.J. Henderson Foundation, where he helps to direct millions of dollars of funds, primarily for medical projects, to Queen’s University and the Kingston hospitals.

“David’s contributions to Queen’s have been truly exemplary,” says Lee Wetherall (Ed’76, MBA’82), QUAA Kingston Branch President. “He has been involved with the university at every level, from student to Queen’s Council to the Board of Trustees.”

When considering his motivation for making so many community contributions, Pattenden thinks back to his earlier life experiences. “After I decided to continue the university route,” he says, “I felt very much like I wanted to contribute to the system that allowed me to change my life entirely. You realize along the way that you need to help others too.”

[See more photos](#) of the 2015 Padre Lavery and Jim Bennett Achievement Awards Dinner on flickr.

Two grads represent Canada in “World Lawyers” Cup soccer tournament

Warren WhiteKnight, Law’13, and Kyle Shimon, Law’14, , spent the first week of April in Santiago, Chile, competing for soccer gold at the Mundiavocat Cup. They were part of the six-person team, “Bergeron Clifford, Eastern Ontario Lawyers,” which was the only team from Canada in a competition of more than 1,800 lawyers from over 100 teams from five continents.

“The tournament is a great blend of sport, challenge, vacation and professional networking,” says WhiteKnight, team captain and an associate in the Kingston office of the organizing firm Bergeron Clifford LLP.

Playing soccer on the southern continent was “exciting but also daunting,” he says. “Soccer is a way of life down there and every ‘average Joe’ has played the game 12 months a year since the age of two. The level of play was very high.” Referees were members of the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA).

Despite being an underdog, the team finished third in the five-on-five tournament and brought home hardware. The team won the Fair-Play Award and WhiteKnight was named “Best Team Manager.”

One of the best parts of the tournament, says WhiteKnight, was getting to socialize with lawyers from around the world in their luxury hotel or in the nearby park overlooking the snow-capped Andes mountains. “It was immensely interesting to speak to lawyers and judges from Colombia, Brazil, Argentina, Panama and Mexico, just to name a few, and to learn about their legal systems, careers, and the way lawyers interact with society in their home countries.”

When not playing, teammates had lots of time to tour the region. They took in the sights in Santiago, “a very modern city filled with tall, sleek steel and glass buildings and tree-lined boulevards.” On a day trip to Valparaiso on the Pacific coast, they saw the more authentic Chile in a UNESCO world heritage site featuring unique 18th- and 19th-century architecture, a place that has become an artisan refuge and hotspot. The group also toured Concha y Toro, the world’s second-largest winery.

The “Bergeron Clifford, Eastern Ontario Lawyers” are planning to participate in the next Mundiavocat Cup being held in La Manga, Spain in May 2016. Alumni and other lawyers in the Eastern Ontario region interested in joining the team (named for the firm co-founded by Ted Bergeron, Law’91, and Chris Clifford, Law’97), should contact [Captain Warren WhiteKnight](#). “The trip will be fantastic,” he says, “and it will also provide a nice break.”



The “Bergeron Clifford Eastern Ontario” team on the playing field in Santiago: Warren WhiteKnight, Law’13 (second right), Kyle Shimon, Law’14, Gavin Cosgrove, Ross Pryde, Andrew Howard and Cormac Trainor.

Queen's Law 'flips' for justice



Queen's Law's "Flip Your Wig" student ambassador Cam Rempel, MPA'15/Law'18 (right) with fellow students, Professors Jean Thomas and Grégoire Webber, and Dean Bill Flanagan (2nd right).

Student-led initiative draws attention to A2J issues

Macdonald Hall was recently filled with students and faculty donning colourful hair pieces – they were “flipping out” to participate in the province-wide campaign “Flip Your Wig for Justice.” Showing a united front with law schools across Ontario, Queen's Law community members took part in several activities to raise awareness of a national crisis situation, celebrate the law students and professionals who are responding to it, and support [six organizations](#) that work to combat the reality facing vulnerable Ontarians.

“We had very enthusiastic participants!” boasts student ambassador Cam Rempel, MPA'15/Law'18. Activities included a “Wacky Wig” smoker (social event), a

photo booth where faculty and students posed for pictures sporting those wigs, and a lecture on “Access to Justice: Taking on Unpopular Causes,” presented by Paul Champ, an Ottawa-based human rights and labour lawyer.

Rempel is one of many who are deeply invested in the issue of poor access to justice undermining Canadians' faith in the ability of the legal profession to be a means for all individuals to access the courts and receive the benefit of legal counsel. “Whether due to cost, inadequate information or perceived complexity of a legal challenge,” he says, “many people feel that pursuing or responding to a legal challenge is an insurmountable obstacle.

“All in all I think our school's strong turnout shows how access to justice is becoming a more important issue and a cause for current and future lawyers to champion,” Rempel adds. “That is important for the legal profession as a whole.”

For more photos of the Queen's campaign, visit [“Queen's Law Flip Your Wig for Justice”](#) on Facebook.

Student awards feature new staff category; honour teaching excellence and student achievement

At the end of the 2014-15 school year, the long-standing tradition of award-giving from the Law Students' Society continued – in front of a capacity crowd in the recently renovated Macdonald Hall Student Lounge.

Two dozen awards encompassed prizes for teaching, exemplary work by staff and extraordinary achievements by students – and a brand new way to recognize staff contributions and accomplishments.

Julie Banting, the recipient of the first regular Staff Appreciation Award for her work as a Law Career Counsellor with the Faculty, was touched by the recognition. “I love the work that I do,” she said. “I feel very lucky and blessed to work with such a talented group of students and a wonderful career development team.” Awards for staff had been presented in the past, but this was the first year the LSS had instituted a regular award.

Jennifer Dumoulin, was recipient of the Gavel Award, presented annually to a graduating student who has contributed the most to student affairs during three years at law school. “The past three years have been absolutely amazing,” she said. “I'm honoured and so happy to have been part of this fantastic family.”

Among the most anticipated of the annual awards, the LSS Teaching Awards for 2014-2015 went to Professors Christopher Essert and Patricia Peppin (full-time faculty, Winter 2014), Erik Knutsen (full-time faculty, Fall 2014), and sessional instructors Mark Ellis, Owen Widgerson and Joe Wilkinson. “I love my job!” exclaimed Knutsen as he accepted his award. “Most importantly, the opportunity to be able to hang out with so many bright lawyers to be – all poised to change the world – is truly awesome.”

The one-hour ceremony was enjoyed by all in attendance; a celebration of achievement at Queen's Law as the 2014-2015 school year draws to a close. Congratulations to all our winners!



Staff Appreciation Award recipient Julie Banting



Professor Chris Essert with nominator Martin Barlow

Teaching Excellence Awards:

Christopher Essert and Patricia Peppin, Law'78 (full-time faculty, Winter 2014)

Erik Knutsen (full-time faculty, Fall 2014)

Owen Widgerson and Joe Wilkinson (sessional, Winter 2014)

Mark Ellis, Law'80 (sessional, Fall 2014)

LSS Recognition Awards:

Gavel Award: Jennifer Dumoulin, Law'15

Spirit Award: Sean Coughlin, Law'15

Millennium Award: Whitney Abrams, Law'16

Spark Award: Cindy Zhang, Law'17

Mary Alice “Ma” Murray Awards: Jennifer Dumoulin, Law'15, and Adam Spark, Law'15

Dennis Marshall Contribution Awards:

Olivia Crossman, Law'15

Adon Moss, Law'15

Roger Sawh, Law'15

Nicole McDonald, Law'15

Noah Leszcz, Law'15

Camaraderie Award:

Queen's Law Cancer Society Executive Committee

Professional Excellence Award:

Queen's Labour & Employment Law Club

Staff Appreciation Award:

Julie Banting

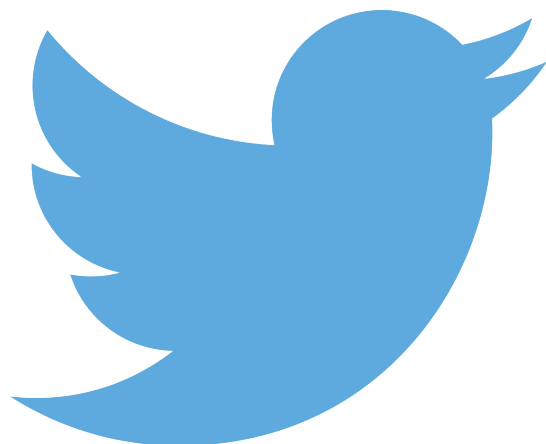
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Second-year student saluted for volunteer work with vulnerable youth

Kate Deakon, Law’16 (Artsci’13), (Artsci’13), is excelling in her legal studies – but is making a name for herself in other circles as well.

Deakon has also devoted her time to the Kingston Youth Diversion’s Rebound Program, teaching life skills to at-risk teens. On March 26, the Office of Student Affairs recognized her significant contributions as a volunteer by presenting her with the Brian Yealland Community Leadership Award at a reception held in the Athletic and Recreation Centre.

“Katie’s enthusiasm has helped many youth to get through Rebound,” wrote her nominator. “She definitely has a passion for the program, and has been an exceptional coach and inspiration to the youth and fellow volunteers.”

Since 2011, Deakon has taught groups of young people the cognitive and social skills they will need throughout adolescence and into their adult lives. An attentive coach, she adapts the lessons and activities to each person’s learning style, helping them to understand the content.

Calling it “truly an honour” to receive the award and to help put a spotlight on the program that is “very near and dear” to her heart, Deakon expressed her pride in representing the work done by the organization. “The Youth Diversion Program has changed the lives of many youth in the Kingston community and it is exciting to say that I have had the opportunity to be a part of that,” she says. “I am delighted that the award focuses on the importance of helping youth recognize their value and their potential to achieve their goals.”

Realizing the substantial benefits that such positive contributions can make in the community, she continues to be inspired by the program. “I love meeting the youth in the first week and then seeing how far they have come when they graduate,” she says. “It makes all of the time and effort worthwhile, and it is so impressive to see what they are capable of.

“Every day I spend participating in the program,” she adds, “I grow and learn with the youth – and that is very exciting.”



Kate Deakon, Law’16, with Dean Bill Flanagan; Victoria Cadue and Daren Dougall of the Kingston Youth Diversion Program; and Ann Tierney, Law’89, Vice-Provost and Dean of Student Affairs

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Jennifer Dumoulin, Law’15

Recent Queen's Law graduate pays it forward in program for teens

Despite finishing her last exam at Queen’s Law in April, Jennifer Dumoulin is back was back in class one month later – but at the front of the room.

She was a special lecturer for the SIR (Seeds in Residence) program – a special annual event that provides an opportunity for highly motivated, above average and bright grade 7 and 8 students to come to Queen’s University to study a subject of their choosing at an advanced level.

During their three days at Queen’s, students enjoy a “total university experience”, staying in residence, eating at the dining hall, and participating in extracurricular activities including cooking schools, a climbing gym and pottery classes.

Dumoulin’s course, “You said what? The law of freedom of expression in Canada,” was taught to two groups of SIR participants through the last two weeks of May.

“There was a call for applicants over the Christmas break, and I thought it would be a good opportunity to try teaching,” Dumoulin says. Teaching, it turns out, has been a subject of interest for some time. “I was very inspired by my high school Law teacher – we’re still in touch – and I remember thinking when I started law that one day I’d love to return to teach it,” she says. Her ambitions have changed since then, but guest speaking in high schools remains a goal.

She taught Freedom of Expression – a topic of her own choice. “I was given the advice to keep it interesting, and I’m a Charter rights person – that’s the kind of law I want to practice – so that’s what I gravitated toward,” Dumoulin explains. “But there are certain Charter rights that are more complex than others. I tried to pick one that was interesting and had nuance, but would be possible to grasp by the end of the week, since I only have the students for two and a half days.”

Her approach to this rich topic was structured, starting with satisfying curiosity. “I started with an introduction to lawyers and law school – when I asked the students if they were curious about law school in the first week, a lot of hands shot up,” she laughs. “Then I moved into rights: what are rights, what is the Charter, and then we went through the different legal tests for freedom of expression – what kind of rights does it protect, how does it stop the government from doing certain things and not give you the right to speak whenever you want.”

“It’s been very topical recently, especially for this age group, because there’s been a lot of talk in the media about clothing requirements and dress codes at schools, with the counterpoint being it’s just a way to express yourself.” This natural interest provides a great lever to show young students how Charter rights apply to them – “we can use this as a lens to look at rights,” Dumoulin says.

The program is run by the Enrichment Studies Unit at Queen’s, a group that “strives to enrich highly motivated youth by challenging them academically, developing them personally, and inspiring them with the Queen’s University experience.”

“It was a lot of fun,” Dumoulin says, “I think the kids enjoyed it as much as I did.”

Law student captures a summer at the Castle

Azeem Manghat gives the world a new look at a unique Queen's Law tradition.

This summer, a first-year student took more than a laptop to Herstmonceux Castle: armed with his iPhone, a keen eye and the contributions of his peers, he was an unofficial photojournalist for the BISC experience. Posting regularly on Instagram, Azeem Manghat (and his colleagues) provided glimpses of what goes on during a summer of studies.

"I am actually really enjoying the experience," Manghat said when he began his Global Law Program studies in May. "It's really fun to tell stories with pictures." As the summer wears on, however, he is finding that enthusiasm for the perfect shot has to be tempered with common sense: "A couple of days ago, as I was hanging from a very dusty and

most probably ant-riddled sideways tree in the castle garden, trying to get the perfect [Instagram](#) picture. It was then that I decided it would probably be a good idea to re-evaluate the degree of my commitment to 'doing it for the Insta'," he reports. "I have since scaled back my Instagramming activities to a more appropriate level!"

With a following of students and alumni on Instagram, and the best of his photos shared on our Facebook and Twitter accounts, Queen's Law students and alumni alike could get a taste of summer at the Castle – around the world.



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