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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Queen's University Faculty of Law, Kingston, ON** 2026 –
- Assistant Professor
- Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, Villanova, PA** 2023 – 2026
- Assistant Professor (Courses Taught: Constitutional Law, Public International Law, China and International Law, Advanced Topics in International Law, Comparative Administrative Law); (On Academic Leave 2024-5)

EDUCATION

- University of Toronto, Doctor of Juridical Science** 2024 – 2026
- Committee: Professors Jim Phillips (Chair), Simon Stern, and Jean-Christophe Bédard-Rubin
 - Dissertation: Judging Bennett's New Deal: The New Deal References and the Reshaping of Canadian Federalism
 - Awards: Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Doctoral Scholarship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Fellowship, Runnymede Society Jack Major Scholarship, Osgoode Society R. Roy McMurtry Fellowship (Honourable Mention); Nathan Strauss QC Graduate Fellowship
- Yale Law School, Juris Doctor** 2018 – 2021
- Articles Editor, *Yale Journal of International Law*
 - Coker Fellow (Teaching Assistant) to Professor Paul Gewirtz in Constitutional Law
 - Research Assistant to Professors Steven Calabresi, Eugene Fidell, Paul Gewirtz, and Oona Hathaway
- Tsinghua University, Schwarzman Scholar, Master of Global Affairs** 2017 – 2018
- Princeton University, Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, Near Eastern Studies** 2013 – 2017
- Cellist and President of the Princeton University Orchestra
 - Founder and Editor-in-Chief of the *Princeton Historical Review*
 - Awards: Early Election to Phi Beta Kappa Honour Society; Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence; Elmer Adler Undergraduate Essay Prize; F.O. Kelsey Prize for Best Junior Paper; Bayard and Cleveland Dodge Memorial Senior Thesis Prize; Ertegün Foundation Thesis Prize

FELLOWSHIPS

- National Institute of Military Justice, International Fellow (2022 –)
- UBC Centre for Constitutional Law and Legal Studies, Centre Associate (2022 –)
- Osgoode Hall Law School, Jack & Mae Nathanson Centre, Visiting Fellow (2025 – 2026)
- Georgetown Law Centre for the Constitution, Research Fellow (2024 – 2026)
- Penn Project on the Future of U.S.-China Relations, University of Pennsylvania, Fellow (2024 – 2025)
- Asia-Pacific Foundation, Canada-Asia Young Professionals Fellowship (2022 – 2023)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Investigation Organised Under Alberta's *Police Act***, Edmonton 2025
Lead Counsel
- Conducted examinations of expert and fact witnesses on a range of topics regarding policing
 - Drafted and edited sections of the final report and managed a team of four lawyers and law students as they drafted parts of the final report
- Commercial Arbitration Disputes**, Toronto 2024 – 2025
Arbitral Secretary
- Served as arbitral secretary to Jeffrey Leon on two commercial arbitration disputes
 - Provided advice to the arbitrator on substantive legal issues and on the quality of counsel's arguments on matters of contractual interpretation
- Public Inquiry into Foreign Interference**, Ottawa 2024 – 2025
Counsel to Participant
- Conducted cross-examination of a range of witnesses, including government bureaucrats
 - Drafted and finalised written submissions on behalf of the participant to the Public Inquiry
- Supreme Court of Canada**, Ottawa 2022 – 2023
Judicial Law Clerk to Chief Justice Richard Wagner
- Assisted the Chief Justice with cases concerning topics such as federalism, the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, private law, criminal law, and international law
- Court of Appeal for Ontario**, Toronto 2021 – 2022
Judicial Law Clerk to Justices Michael Tulloch (as he then was), Gladys Pardu, William Hourigan, and Lise Favreau
- Wrote bench memoranda, conducted legal research, and edited judgments in civil and criminal law cases
- McCarthy Tétrault LLP**, Toronto 2020
Summer Student
- Drafted sections of LexisNexis text, *Emergency Law in Canada: Commentary and Legislation*
 - Assisted with case management and drafted legal memoranda on a variety of commercial files, including in environmental law, telecommunications regulation, and bankruptcy
- Parliament of Canada**, Ottawa 2019
Policy Advisor to The Hon. Erin O'Toole (Foreign Affairs Critic)
- Prepared memoranda on Sino-Canadian relations and NAFTA re-negotiation and briefed members of caucus on same
 - Drafted op-eds on topics such as Arctic security and prepared principal for media appearances

Books:

- The Evolution of British Counter-Insurgency During the Cyprus Revolt of 1955-1959 (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018).
- Judging the “Canadian New Deal”: The New Deal Cases and the Development of Canadian Federalism 1934-1949 (work in progress)

Journal Articles and Book Chapters:

- “Judicial Diplomacy” (2027) *Indiana Law Journal* (forthcoming; editor-reviewed).
 - Selected for presentation at the 12th Annual Junior Scholars Conference at the University of Michigan Law School.
- “*Newsun* and *Quebec (AG)*: Duelling Visions of Canadian Courts’ Role in the World” (2026) *Supreme Court Law Review* (peer reviewed).
- “A Modest and Principled Proposal for Civil Justice Reform in Ontario” (with Justice William Hourigan and Michael Wilson) (2026) *Canadian Bar Review* (forthcoming; peer-reviewed).
 - Cited and considered in the Ontario Civil Rules Review Phase 2 Consultation Paper (2025).
- “Justice Russell Brown’s Rule of Law Thought” (with Larissa Katz) (2026) *10 Supreme Court Law Review* (3d) 3-25 (peer-reviewed).
- “*R v Edwards* and Constitutional Review of the Military Justice System” (2026) *9 Supreme Court Law Review* (3d) 168-177 (peer-reviewed).
- “The Great Depression and Canada’s Major Originalist Decade” (2026) *62:2 Osgoode Hall Law Journal* 569-618 (peer-reviewed).
 - Reviewed favourably in Leonid Sirota, “Originalism, Eh?” (2025) *Jotwell: The Journal of Things We Like (Lots)*.
- “Sino-Canadian Relations and the Securitization of Domestic Law” (2025) *62 Canadian Yearbook of International Law* (peer-reviewed).
- “Nourishing the Living Tree: Vincent MacDonald and His Constitutional Thought” (2025) *48:1 Dalhousie Law Journal* 333-365 (peer-reviewed).
- “Symbiotic International Law: Combatting Uyghur Forced Labor” (2025) *Utah Law Review* 609-674 (editor-reviewed).
- “The Case for a Canadian Panel on Multi-Jurisdictional Class Proceedings” (with Justice William Hourigan) (2024) *102:1 Canadian Bar Review* 240-271 (peer-reviewed).
 - Cited and considered in the Uniform Law Conference of Canada, *Class Actions Progress Report* (2024).
- “The New Canadian Defence: The Impact of UNDRIP Article 30 on Canadian Domestic Defence Strategy” (2023) *49:1 Queen’s Law Journal* 1-39 (peer-reviewed).
- “The Somalia Affair and the Transformation of Canadian Military Justice” (2023) *56:1 University of British Columbia Law Review* 107-160 (peer-reviewed).
- “The Originalism of F.R. Scott” (2023) *111 Supreme Court Law Review* (2d) 101-113 (editor-reviewed).
- “Justice Scalia’s Impact on Canadian Jurisprudence” (2022) *106 Supreme Court Law Review* (2d) 409-419 (editor-reviewed).

- “Progressive, But Definitely Not Revolutionary: *Martin, The United Kingdom*” in Navdeep Singh & Franklin D Rosenblatt, eds, *March to Justice: Global Military Law Landmarks* (India: BluOne India, 2021) 196-204 (editor-reviewed).
- “The COVID-19 Pandemic and International Law” (2021) 54 *Cornell International Law Journal* 149-244 (with Oona A. Hathaway, Alasdair Phillips-Robins, and Mark Stevens) (editor-reviewed).
- “Applying International Law Solutions to the Xinjiang Crisis” (2020) 22 *Asian-Pacific Law and Policy Journal* 90-156 (editor-reviewed).
- “Churchill’s butchers: Mission 204’s Operations in China” (2020) 84 *Journal of Military History* 1127-1156 (peer-reviewed).
- “Parliamentary Debate as a Driver of Military Justice Reform in Canada” (2020) 35 *Canadian Journal of Law and Society* 437-454 (peer-reviewed).
 - Cited and recommendation adopted by Chief Justice Richard Bell of the Court Martial Appeal Court of Canada in his submission to the Third Independent Review of the *National Defence Act* (2021).
 - Cited and recommendation adopted by retired Supreme Court of Canada Justice Morris Fish in his Third Independent Review of the *National Defence Act* (2021).
- “Reforming Canada’s War Prerogative” (2020) 26 *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal* 345-359 (peer-reviewed).
- “Sino-Canadian Relations in the Age of Justin Trudeau” (2020) 26 *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal* 25-40 (peer-reviewed).
- “The Prickly Thorn: A Re-Evaluation of Orde Wingate and the Special Night Squads” (2017) 29 *Small Wars and Insurgencies* 91-111 (peer-reviewed).
- “Upon the Altar of British Prestige: A Re-Evaluation of Dunsterforce’s Exploits and Legacy” (2017) 5 *Caucasus Survey* 103-120 (peer-reviewed).
- “Serving a New Master: An Examination of Chuck Colson’s Legacy with Regards to Prison Reform” (2015) 6 *Intermountain West Journal of Religious Studies* 97-110 (peer-reviewed).

Book Reviews:

- Review of Ríán Derrig, *The New Haven School: American International Law* (2026) *Modern Law Review*.
- Review of Jim Phillips, Philip Girard and R. Blake Brown’s *A History of Law in Canada, Volume II: Law for the New Dominion, 1867-1914* (2025) 87:2 *Saskatchewan Law Review* 117-120.
- Review of Isaac Kardon’s *China’s Law of the Sea: The New Rules of Maritime Order* (2024) 61 *Canadian Yearbook of International Law* 508-512.
- Review of Ryan Martínez Mitchell’s *Recentering the World: China and the Transformation of International Law* (2023) 60 *Canadian Yearbook of International Law* 446-450.

Podcast:

- Time Immemorial: A Podcast Sponsored by the Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History (with Gregory Ringkamp).

Newspaper Op-Eds:

- “The China-Canada relationship is warming again. But at what human cost?”, *The Globe and Mail* (24 November 2025).

- “We can fix Ontario’s civil-justice system without breaking the bank”, The Globe and Mail (15 October 2024) (with Michael Wilson).
- “How Canada can better combat Uyghur Forced Labour”, The Globe and Mail (18 March 2024).
- “America’s Vaccine Diplomacy Should Start in Its Backyard”, Newsweek (29 April 2021) (with Ryan Dukeman).
- “After the shootings in Atlanta, the U.S. is reckoning with anti-Asian racism. Canada must do the same”, The Globe and Mail (19 March 2021).
- “Amy Coney Barrett’s Supreme Court appointment dims the U.S.’s international standing”, The Globe and Mail (11 October 2020).
- “How China’s legal bulwarks for its atrocities in Xinjiang can be overcome”, The Globe and Mail (11 September 2020).
- “The world needs more Canada, despite—and because of—the coronavirus pandemic”, The Globe and Mail (2 April 2020).
- “It’s now Canada’s chance to stand up for Hong Kong”, The Toronto Star (10 December 2019) (with Dennis Kwok).
- “China is interfering with Canadian democracy. That requires a public response”, The Toronto Star (4 December 2019).
- “If Canada bans Huawei, leaders better have a new plan for 5G”, The Toronto Star (23 September 2019).
- “Trudeau needs a coherent China strategy”, The Toronto Star (28 October 2019).
- “If Canada cares about the rule of law, it has to answer China’s ocean aggression”, The National Post (26 June 2018).

Legal Blog and Think Tank Pieces:

- “Responding to the Trump Administration’s Cuts to International Judicial Work”, Just Security (26 January 2026).
- “Canada’s Special Economic Measures Act Under International Law”, Just Security (27 February 2024).
- COVID-19 and International Law, series, Just Security (9 articles, 2020) (with Oona Hathaway et al).
- Canadian National Security, series, Lawfare (13 articles, 2019-2020).
- National Security at the United Nations, series, Just Security (7 articles, 2019-2020).
- Sinotech: U.S.-China Trade Relations, series, Lawfare (22 articles, 2018-2019) (with Rachel Brown).
- “Canadian Supreme Court allows corporate liability for international law violations”, Lawfare (12 March 2020).
- “Canada considers most far-reaching intelligence reforms in decades”, Just Security (13 May 2019).
- “Canadian Supreme Court’s chance to reform its military justice system”, Just Security (24 March 2019).
- “Huawei arrest raises thorny questions of law enforcement and foreign policy”, Lawfare (7 December 2018) (with Robert Williams).

CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS, AND INTERVIEWS

“Judicial Diplomacy”

- Panel Discussion, Public Law Conference at the University of Cape Town Faculty of Law, Cape Town, South Africa (1 July 2026).
- Panel Discussion, 12th Annual Junior Scholars Conference at the University Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI (17 April 2026) (Professor Samuel Bagenstos served as discussant).
- Panel Discussion, Democracy and Public Law Works-in-Progress Conference at the Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing, MI (3 April 2026).
- Faculty Workshop, Queen’s University Faculty of Law, Kingston, ON (23 January 2026).
- Paper Workshop, Georgetown Centre for the Constitution, Washington, DC (online) (14 January 2026) (Professor Jack Balkin served as discussant).
- Faculty Workshop, Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, Villanova, PA (17 December 2025).
- Panel Discussion, The Society of Legal Scholars Early Career Researchers Workshop, Worcester, UK (online) (9 December 2025).

Judging Bennett’s New Deal: The New Deal References and the Reshaping of Canadian Federalism

- Panel Discussion, Legal Histories of Empire Conference, Toronto, ON (11 July 2025).
- Paper Workshop, Georgetown Centre for the Constitution, Washington, DC (online) (7 May 2025) (Professor Grégoire Webber served as discussant).
- Panel Discussion, American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (25 October 2024).
- Panel Discussion, Shape of Freedom Conference at the University of British Columbia Peter A. Allard School of Law, Vancouver, BC (26 September 2024).
- Paper Workshop, Osgoode Society Legal History Workshop, Toronto, ON (online) (14 September 2024).

“The Great Depression and Canada’s Major Originalist Decade”

- Paper Workshop, University of San Diego Law School 15th Annual Hugh & Hazel Darling Foundation Works-in-Progress Conference, San Diego, CA (10 February 2024) (the Honourable Russell Brown served as discussant).
- Panel Discussion, University of Ottawa Public Law Centre Conference on Evolving Approaches to Constitutional Interpretation in Canada, Ottawa, ON (10 November 2023).
- Paper Workshop, Osgoode Society Legal History Workshop, Toronto, ON (online) (13 September 2023).

“Sino-Canadian Relations and the Securitization of Domestic Law”

- Presentation, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, Vancouver, BC (8 May 2025).

“Nourishing the Living Tree: Vincent MacDonal and His Constitutional Thought”

- Panel Discussion, 2024 Public Law Conference at the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law, Ottawa, ON (3-5 July 2024).

- Panel Discussion, Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Conference at the University of British Columbia Peter A. Allard School of Law, Vancouver, BC (18 May 2024).
- Panel Discussion, Tri-University Graduate History Conference 2024 at the University of Guelph, Guelph, ON (9 March 2024).

“Symbiotic International Law: Combatting Uyghur Forced Labor”

- Panel Discussion, American Society of International Law Midyear Meeting at the University of Chicago Law School (16 November 2024).
- Presentation, Stanford Law School, Palo Alto (23 October 2024).
- Paper Workshop, Junior International Law Scholars Association Winter Meeting at Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY (9 February 2024).
- Panel Discussion, International Law Association—American Society of International Law Asia-Pacific Research Forum, Taipei, Republic of China (3 December 2023).
- Faculty Workshop, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. (28 November 2023)
- Panel Discussion, International Law Association Annual Conference, New York City, NY (21 October 2023).

“Applying International Law Solutions to the Xinjiang Crisis”

- Presentation, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, Vancouver, BC (4 May 2023).
- Panel Discussion, George Washington University School of Law Conference on the Uyghur Crisis, Washington, DC (online) (25 March 2021).
- Panel Discussion, Montréal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies Conference on the Uyghur Crisis, Montréal, QC (online) (12 November 2020).

“The New Canadian Defence: The Impact of UNDRIP Article 30 on Canadian Domestic Defence Strategy”

- Panel Discussion, Canadian Council on International Law Annual Conference, Ottawa, ON (27-28 October 2022).

“The Somalia Affair and the Transformation of Canadian Military Justice”

- Panel Discussion, Canadian National Group of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War, Ottawa, ON (online) (30 October 2025).

Media and Other Engagements:

- Quoted in Steven Chase, “Senate bill proposes giving Ottawa the power to confiscate Russian state assets”, *The Globe and Mail* (11 May 2026).
- Interview, “What Happened on Mark Carney’s trip to China?”, *Global News: Shaye Ganam Show* (19 January 2026) (radio).
- Interview, “The China-Canada relationship is warming again”, *Global News: Shaye Ganam Show* (25 November 2025) (radio).
- Quoted in Charles Rusnell, “‘Unleashing’: Politicians Say Ex-Police Watchdog’s Insults Go Too Far”, *The Tyee* (11 August 2025).
- Interview, “Condemnation for China: The CBC’s Andrew Nichols talks with Preston Lim of Villanova University”, *CBC News* (19 March 2025) (television).

- Quoted in Robert Fife & Steven Chase, “Foreign-interference inquiry resumes with focus on targeting of MPs, how system can be fixed”, The Globe and Mail (16 September 2024).
- Quoted in Joanna Chiu, “How China could factor into dispute”, The Toronto Star (22 September 2023).
- Interview, “As spat builds, India claims students at risk in Canada despite envoy avowing safety”, CTV News (20 September 2023) (television).
- Interview, “Preston Lim, Yale Law JD candidate, on being angrily refuted by Chinese Embassy in Ottawa”, Global News: Roy Green Show (20 September 2020) (radio).
- Quoted in Joanna Chiu, “An Ottawa effort to improve China strategy is on hold. Backsliding now could put Canadians at risk”, The Toronto Star (16 September 2020).
- Interview, “China threatens Hong Kong with new ‘National Security Law’”, Global News: Roy Green Show (23 May 2020) (radio).
- Interview, “COVID 19 is reshaping the global order, so says Preston Lim of Yale Law School”, Global News: Roy Green Show (10 May 2020) (radio).

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Proficient in French, Mandarin, and Taiwanese. Basic skills in Turkish and Azeri
Called to the Bar in Ontario (2022) and New York (2023)