# PROGRAM

# **2016 OJEN**



Osgoode Hall, 130 Queen St. West, Toronto





# **ABOUT OJEN**

The Ontario Justice Education Network is a non-profit, charitable organization that brings together leading institutions and individuals from the legal and education sectors to collaborate on initiatives designed to foster public understanding of the justice system. With the commitment of hundreds of volunteers, including judges from all levels of the courts, members of the bar, the Crown Attorney's office, court staff, legal aid clinics, law schools, teachers, and community representatives, OJEN reaches thousands of youth across the province each year.

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# **TUESDAY, AUGUST 30**

8:30 <sup>AM</sup>	REGISTRATION (coffee and breakfast will be available) Convocation Hall, Law Society of Upper Canada, 2nd Floor
9:00 <sup>AM</sup> -9:15 <sup>AM</sup>	<b>WELCOME</b> Jessica Reekie, Executive Director, Ontario Justice Education Network
9:15 <sup>AM</sup> –10:45 <sup>AM</sup>	Fair Play: Using OJEN's A2J Game to Teach About Access to Justice Issues in the Classroom Sarah McCoubrey, Strategist on behalf of the Action Group on Access to Justice; Michelle Thompson, Ontario Justice Education Network; Nat Paul, Ontario Justice Education Network
10:45 <sup>AM</sup> -11:00 <sup>AM</sup>	BREAK
11:00 <sup>AM</sup> –12:00 <sup>PM</sup>	Ombudsman Oversight of School Boards Laura Pettigrew, General Counsel, Office of the Ombudsman of Ontario; Wendy Ray, General Counsel, Office of the Ombudsman of Ontario
12:00 <sup>PM</sup> – 1:00 <sup>PM</sup>	LUNCH
1:00 <sup>PM</sup> -2:00 <sup>PM</sup>	<b>Public Inquiries</b> Ronda Bessner, Visiting Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School; Dr. Dawn Lavell-Harvard, President of the Native Women's Association of Canada
2:00 <sup>PM</sup> -3:00 <sup>PM</sup>	Is there a Right to Housing? Renee Griffin, Executive Director, Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation (CERA); Peter Rosenthal, Lawyer, Professor, University of Toronto, Department of Mathematics & Faculty of Law
3:00 <sup>PM</sup> – 3:30 <sup>PM</sup>	BREAK
3:30 <sup>PM</sup> -5:00 <sup>PM</sup>	Who's Watching the Police?: Oversight of Policing in Ontario Gerry McNeilly, Independent Police Review Director; Dr. Alok Mukherjee, Distinguished Visiting Professor, Ryerson University, Former Chair of the Toronto Police Services Board; Ian D. Scott, Lawyer, Former Director of Ontario's Special Investigations Unit
5:30 <sup>PM</sup> -7:30 <sup>PM</sup>	Wine and Cheese Reception with presentation of Hux-Kiteley Exemplary Justice Educator Award - Upper & Lower Barristers' Lounge, Law Society of Upper Canada





# **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31**

8:30 <sup>AM</sup> –9:00 <sup>AM</sup>	BREAKFAST
9:00 <sup>AM</sup> –10:00 <sup>AM</sup>	First Nations Representation on Juries Julian Roy, Legal Counsel, Aboriginal Justice Division, Ministry of the Attorney General; Ryan Giles-Hunter, Youth Amplifier, Office of the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth; Reina Foster, Youth Advisory Member, Office of the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth
10:00 <sup>AM</sup> – 10:15 <sup>AM</sup>	BREAK
10:15 <sup>AM</sup> –11:15 <sup>AM</sup>	Probation/Parole and the Criminal Justice System Nadia Ghanny, Probation and Parole Officer; Paula Bonacci, Toronto Anti-Gun and Gang Unit, Probation and Parole
11:15 <sup>AM</sup> - 12:00 <sup>PM</sup>	New OJEN Resources Nat Paul, Ontario Justice Education Network
12:00 <sup>PM</sup> -1:00 <sup>PM</sup>	LUNCH (optional tour of Osgoode Hall from with Elise Brunet, Curator, Law Society of Upper Canada)
1:00 <sup>PM</sup> – 2:00 <sup>PM</sup>	Exercising our Collective Responsibility to Protect: Syria and Beyond Jacqueline Swaisland, Lawyer, Waldman & Associates; Tina Park, Executive Director, Canadian Centre for R2P
2:00 <sup>PM</sup> – 2:15 <sup>PM</sup>	BREAK
2:15 <sup>PM</sup> – 3:30 <sup>PM</sup>	<b>Top Five Most Significant Court Cases of the Past Year</b> Hon. Stephen Goudge, Q.C., Counsel, Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP
3:30 <sup>PM</sup>	Distribution of Resources



# 2016 SPEAKERS

### RONDA BESSNER

Ronda Bessner has been involved in a wide range of areas of the law, including academia, adjudication, policy work and public inquiries. Professor Bessner's areas of teaching have been Criminal Law, Evidence, Youth Justice and Public Inquiries. She teaches at Osgoode Hall Law School and was a McMurty Fellow. She is the author of many published articles on child abuse, evidence, criminal law, and HIV/AIDS. She was formerly the Assistant Dean (JD) at Osgoode. Ronda Bessner is also an adjudicator on the Consent and Capacity Board. Ronda Bessner has worked on a number of public inquiries and in law reform. She has held the position of Senior Legal Analyst at five public inquiries including the Walkerton Inquiry (contamination of drinking water), the Ipperwash Inquiry (the death of Dudley George in a land claim protest and occupation by Aboriginal people), and the Royal Commission on the Blood System in Canada. This year, Ronda co-designed and co-facilitated two Roundtables and presented a paper on public inquires for the proposed Public Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women and Girls. As Counsel to the Ontario Law Reform Commission under the Chair of Rosalie Abella, Ronda wrote reports on Drugs and Alcohol in the Workplace, Child Witnesses, The Basis of Liability for Provincial Offences, and co-authored the report on Damages for Environmental Harm. Ronda Bessner was educated in both the civil and common law legal systems. After graduating from McGill Law School with a Bachelor of Civil Law and a Bachelor of Common Law, she studied at Harvard Law School and received a Masters of Law (LLM), Ronda Bessner is Past President of the Women's Law Association of Ontario.





#### PAULA BONACCI

Paula Bonacci has been employed as a Probation and Parole Officer for 31 years. During this time, she has supervised a number of diverse caseloads, including domestic violence offenders, sex offenders, mental health clients and Intensive Supervision clients. For the past ten years, she has been working at the Toronto Anti-Gun and Gang unit, supervising gang members and persons convicted of gun offences. She is able to work effectively with this client group, exercising patience, tolerance, sensitivity, and empathy. This is balanced with the need to hold this group accountable, through use of enforcement when necessary.

#### **REINA FOSTER**

Reina Foster comes from Lac Seul First Nation in Treaty #3. She holds the position of Youth Chief in her community. Graduating at the age of 17, Reina is pursuing culinary management starting September 2016. Reina had a great interest in Feathers of Hope after the Justice and Juries forum in November 2014. She said that all of the youth connected in a way that made her realize that is how it should be within First Nation communities. Being inspired by her peers' stories, she got involved with the Justice and Juries Youth Advisory Committee. To this day, Reina is still involved with Feathers of Hope and is hoping to continue working with them. Things start and end with youth.

### **NADIA GHANNY**

Nadia Ghanny has been a Probation & Parole Officer for the past 13 years. She has a Masters in Education and two Bachelor of Arts degrees in psychology and Women's Studies. She is currently studying for her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology and is certified in facilitating the core counselling programs for Corrections. As a Probation & Parole Officer, she is responsible for providing custody, supervision and establishing rehabilitation and counselling programs for adults who are convicted



or found guilty by the courts and sentenced to a term of probation, conditional sentence, and/or a period of imprisonment. Moreover, she supervises and prepares analytical reports and psychological assessments for the offender population. She is trained extensively in preparing and scoring the risk assessment tools specifically the LSI-OR-Level Service Inventory, ODARA-Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment, SARA-Spousal Abuse Risk Assessment and SORA-Sex Offender Risk Assessment. She has been an Adjunct Professor for approximately six years with the University of Guelph/Humber teaching in the Justice Studies Program "Community Corrections," and Forensic Practice Graduate Certificate Program.

#### RYAN GILES-HUNTER

Ryan Giles-Hunter, age 20, his career aspirations include performing on stage and being an entrepreneur. In high school, Ryan was involved in the Natural Helper's Program where he learned suicide prevention, and intervention stills. Within his community, he is involved in supporting events. You can find him serving dinner to Elders at powwows and helping with the community clean-up. In Ryan's own words, he became a youth amplifier because, "I have a happy sickness and it's contagious. Becoming a Youth Amplifier helps me spread happiness to others."

# HON. STEPHEN GOUDGE, Q.C.

Hons. B.A. (Political Science/Economics), University of Toronto, 1964. M.Sc. (Econ.), London School of Economics, 1965. LL.B. (Awarded Dean's Key), University of Toronto, 1968. Articled to the Hon. Ian G. Scott, Q.C. Called to the Bar of Ontario in 1970. Appointed Queen's Counsel in 1982. Practiced with the small litigation firm of Cameron Brewin and Scott until it merged with Gowling and Henderson in 1983. Was managing partner of the firm Gowling, Strathy & Henderson in Toronto where he engaged







in a general litigation practice. Appeared before many administrative tribunals and Courts at all levels in Ontario and the Supreme Court of Canada. Lecturer, University of Toronto Faculty of Law in Labour Law and Native Rights 1974 to 1985 and in Professional Responsibility 2001 to date. Was active in the Ontario Bar Association and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association. Was an elected Bencher of the Law Society of the Upper Canada from 1991 to 1996. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Appointed to the Court of Appeal for Ontario in 1996. Board member, Pro Bono Law Ontario 2002 to 2006. Member, Chief Justice's Advisory Committee on Professional Responsibility, 2001 to date. Appointed on April 25, 2007 by Ontario to conduct the Inquiry into Pediatric Forensic Pathology, which reported on October 1, 2008. Member, Board of Governors, Law Commission of Ontario, 2009 to date. Member, Civil Rules Committee, 2009 to date. Resigned from the judiciary April 30, 2014. Counsel to Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP as of May 1, 2014.

#### **RENEE GRIFFIN**

Renee has dedicated her career to addressing the issues of homelessness and inadequate housing and is currently the Executive Director of the Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation (CERA), a not-for-profit charitable organization dedicated to preventing evictions and ending housing discrimination across Ontario. She received her LL.B from the University of Ottawa in 2008 and was called to the Ontario Bar in 2009. In addition to representing clients facing discrimination in housing, Renee works on law reform, policy development, and public legal education initiatives. Before joining CERA, Renee practiced in the community Legal Aid clinic system in the areas of housing, human rights, and environmental law. Renee is also the President of the Board of Directors at the Canadian Environmental Law Association and sits on the Board of Directors of the Advocacy Centre for Tenants of Ontario.



### DR. DAWN LAVELL-HARVARD

Dr. Dawn Lavell Harvard, Ph.D., was elected President of the Native Women's Association of Canada at the 41st Annual General Assembly, July 11, 2015 in Montreal, Quebec. Dawn is a proud member of the Wikwemikong First Nation, the first Aboriginal Trudeau Scholar, and has worked to advance the rights of Aboriginal women as the President of the Ontario Native Women's Association for 11 years. Dawn was Interim President of NWAC since February 2015 and was Vice-President for almost 3 years. Dawn is a full-time mother of three girls. Following in the footsteps of her mother Jeannette Corbiere Lavell, a noted advocate for Indigenous women's rights, since joining the Board of the Ontario Native Women Association as a youth director back in 1994, Ms. Harvard has been working toward the empowerment of Aboriginal women and their families. She was co-editor of the original volume on Indigenous Mothering entitled "Until Our Hearts Are on the Ground: Aboriginal Mothering, Oppression, Resistance and Rebirth" and has also recently released a new book, along with Kim Anderson, entitled "Mothers of the Nations."

# SARAH McCOUBREY

Sarah McCoubrey is the founder of CALIBRATE, where she works with small and large organizations to tackle access to justice challenges. Sarah has over 20 years of experience as a staff member, a volunteer, and a board member in the access to justice, legal and non-profit community. She has been active in access to justice projects internationally, nationally and locally. She received her law degree from UVic, and her Masters of Education at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. Sarah was in private practice at Shibley Righton, LLP, focusing on Education law and the legal issues facing the school system. She spent 10 years as OJEN's Executive Director, combining her interests in law and education.



### **GERRY McNEILLY**

Gerry McNeilly was appointed Ontario's first Independent Police Review Director in June of 2008. He is responsible for receiving, managing and overseeing all public complaints against police in Ontario. Prior to his appointment as IPRD, Mr. McNeilly served as the Executive Director for Legal Aid Manitoba for nine years. He was the Chair of the Board of Inquiry for the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal – now the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario. He has served as a justice of the peace and a deputy judge. During his many years at the Ministry of the Attorney General, Mr. McNeilly served as the Director of the Unified Family Court, a manager of mediation services, the Acting Director of Courts Administration and helped establish the Unified Family Court system throughout Canada. Mr. McNeilly is also a trained mediator for all areas of law. Mr. McNeilly was a founding member and chair of the African Canadian Legal Clinic in Toronto and A Woman's Place in Winnipeg, which provides legal support services to abused women. Mr. McNeilly studied law at Queen's University and has been called to the Bars of Ontario and Manitoba.

# DR. ALOK MUKHERJEE

Dr. Alok Mukherjee currently holds the position of a Distinguished Visiting Professor at Ryerson University, Toronto. He is cross appointed to the Office of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, and the Department of Criminology. Prior to joining Ryerson in September 2015, Dr. Mukherjee served as Chair of the Toronto Police Services Board. He held the position for ten years, making him the second longest serving police board chair in Toronto. He has also served as President of the Ontario Association of Police Service Boards and the Canadian Association of Police Governance. In all these roles, Dr. Mukherjee has played a significant role in the discussions regarding the future of policing in Canada. He has written and spoken extensively on policing and justice issues. In recognition of his contributions, he was recently awarded the 2016 Emil Kolb Award for Excellence in Police Governance by the Canadian Association of Police Governance.



#### TINA J. PARK

Tina J. Park is a co-founder & Executive Director of the Canadian Centre for the Responsibility to Protect (CCR2P), based at the Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto. The CCR2P, established in 2010, is a non-profit, non-partisan research institute aimed at scholarly engagement and political implementation of R2P. As one of the world's foremost institutions dedicated to R2P, the Centre has over 300 analysts across Canada and a global R2P Scholars Network comprised of over 200 fellows actively engaged in R2P-related studies. An enthusiastic advocate of R2P, Tina advised the Inter-Parliamentary Union in 2012 (Quebec) and 2013 (Ouito) on their resolution on the role of parliamentarians in implementing R2P. Since 2012, she has contributed to the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon's annual reports on R2P and addressed the UN General Assembly's Dialogue on R2P in September 2015. Tina is an active commentator on R2P-related issues in the media, and has advised over 30 national, regional and international bodies on their policies regarding R2P. Most recently, she co-authored a book chapter on the role of the private sector in implementing R2P, to be published by the Cambridge University Press in the Fall of 2016. An award-winning scholar, Tina is also completing her Ph.D. degree at the University of Toronto on a century of bilateral relationship between Canada and Korea. She graduated from Trinity College in international relations (summa cum laude) and has served as a junior fellow at Massey College. She currently teaches Canadian foreign policy at the University of Toronto. Tina is a Director of the NATO Association of Canada and a fellow of the Bill Graham Centre for Contemporary History.

# LAURA PETTIGREW

Laura Pettigrew, General Counsel for the Office of the Ombudsman of Ontario, joined the Ombudsman of Ontario in 1992. Ms. Pettigrew has been involved in a number of the Special Ombudsman Response Team's systemic investigations, and is active in the drafting of the Ombudsman's







reports and recommendations. As General Counsel, Ms. Pettigrew codirects the Legal Services Team and is a member of the Ombudsman's Executive Management Team. Ms. Pettigrew has conducted training in Canada and internationally on such subjects as complaint intake, administrative and oversight investigations and investigative report writing. She has also frequently appeared as a speaker and panellist to discuss the work of the Office of the Ombudsman.

### **WENDY RAY**

Wendy Ray has worked at the Office of the Ombudsman of Ontario since 1991. She is a member of the Ombudsman's Executive Management Team, and has held the position of temporary Ombudsman, as well as Acting Deputy Ombudsman. As General Counsel to the Ombudsman, she co-directs Legal Services, including the Open Meeting Law Enforcement Team, which investigates complaints about closed municipal meetings. Ms. Ray has conducted training for ombudsmen and investigators in similar oversight agencies from across Canada and around the world. She also meets regularly with senior government officials to discuss emerging complaint trends and problems that have been brought to the Ombudsman's attention, and often gives presentations about the role and mandate of the Ombudsman.

#### PETER ROSENTHAL

Peter Rosenthal has been Professor of Mathematics at the University of Toronto since 1967. He is also Adjunct Professor of Law, teaching the course "Litigation and Social Change." His primary interest in law is as a possible tool for social change; his prior disinterest in the subject was dispelled by his arrest in 1969 at a protest against the U.S. war against Vietnam. Before becoming a lawyer, he had a long career as a paralegal, representing many protestors and many people before administrative tribunals. He subsequently attended law school and was called to the bar in 1992. Since then he has continued to represent many protestors



and has done much criminal, civil and constitutional litigation at all levels of courts. Along with Fay Faraday and Tracy Heffernan, he was counsel for the applicants in the recent right to housing case.

# **JULIAN ROY**

Julian Roy has recently joined the Aboriginal Justice Division as counsel. Julian was called to the bar in 1995 and began his career as criminal defence counsel. After joining Falconers LLP in 1999, he developed a state accountability practice encompassing civil, constitutional and administrative law. Julian developed a particular expertise in coroners inquests, representing families in the Ashley Smith, Ricardo Wesley, Patrick Shand, Wayne Williams, Junior Manon, Douglas Minty, and Kulmiye Aganeh inquests. Over the past ten years, a significant portion of Julian's practice has been dedicated to Indigenous issues. He represented Aboriginal Legal Services at the Ipperwash inquiry, Nishnawbe Aski Nation at the recent Seven Youth inquest, and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in its disputes with Canada over document production.

#### IAN SCOTT

lan Scott is a graduate of the University of Toronto and University of Western Ontario Law School, and was called to the bar in 1983. After conducting research for Judges of the former High Court of Justice, he worked briefly at a downtown law firm, and joined the Criminal Law Division of the Ministry of the Attorney General in 1985. He has held numerous positions in that Division, including Chief Counsel – Justice Prosecutions, General Counsel, appellate counsel and head of the office's criminal trials unit. He has also represented police management in police disciplinary hearings, and appeals to the Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Services and Divisional Court. In October 2008, he began a five year term as Director of Ontario's Special Investigations Unit, a position which ended in October 2013. He is currently in private practice. He is

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the editor of Issues in Civilian Oversight of Policing in Canada, published by Canada Law Book in 2014. As well, he is the author of the Police Services Act of Ontario: an Annotated Guide (3rd ed), and co-author of Salhany's Police Manual of Arrest, Seizure & Interrogation (11th ed). Ian is adjunct professor at Western Law School teaching courses in criminal procedure and police accountability. He is the past president of the Canadian Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement, and continues to speak about oversight issues throughout the world.

### **JACQUELINE SWAISLAND**

Jacqueline Swaisland is a lawyer at Lorne Waldman Professional Corporation in Toronto. Her practice involves representing clients in immigration and refugee law matters in cases at all levels of court, including before the Supreme Court of Canada. Prior to entering private practice, Jacqueline clerked at the Federal Court of Appeal of Canada and worked at the Constitutional Law Branch of the Ontario Attorney General's Office. She also pursued graduate work at Harvard Law School as a Fulbright Scholar. Jacqueline is an adjunct professor at Osgoode Hall Law School and was formerly a part-time professor at the University of Ottawa where she taught a course on Immigration and Refugee Law. She is the co-author of two books on refugee related matters. Jacqueline is a founder of the Refugee Sponsorship Support Program, a national program that trains lawyers to assist groups seeking to privately sponsor refugees on a pro bono basis. In recognition of her outstanding work with refugees, Jacqueline was recognized with a CARLA award by the Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers. Jacqueline was also recently presented with the Arleen Goss Young Advocates' Award by the Advocates' Society, and was recognized as a "Precedent-Setter" by Precedent Magazine in May 2016.



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