

PROGRAM

2019 OJEN

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Tuesday, August 27
& Wednesday, August 28

INSTITUTE

Osgoode Hall, 130 Queen St. West, Toronto





2019 SUMMER LAW INSTITUTE SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

8:30 am	REGISTRATION (coffee and breakfast will be available) Convocation Hall, Law Society of Ontario, 2nd Floor
9:00 am	Welcome – Introduction
9:15 am	Hate Speech Prosecutions: Civil and Criminal Perspectives Jennifer Epstein, Crown Law Office – Criminal; Khrystina McMillan, Lax O’Sullivan Lisus Gottlieb LLP; Erica Whitford, Crown Law Office – Criminal
10:30 am	Break
10:45 am	Environmental Law in the Classroom Jacqueline Wilson, Counsel, Canadian Environmental Law Association; Amanda Montgomery, Canadian Environmental Law Association
12:00 pm	Lunch (Optional tour of Osgoode)
1:00 pm	Solitary Confinement Senator Kim Pate (via Skype); Noa Mendelsohn Aviv, Director, Equality Program, Canadian Civil Liberties Association
2:15 pm	Can we be smart about Smart Cities?: City-building with attention to rights, freedoms, democracy and the law Dr. Brenda McPhail, Director, Privacy, Technology & Surveillance Project, Canadian Civil Liberties Association; Dr. Lillian Radovac, Assistant Professor, ICCIT, University of Toronto
3:30 pm	Break
3:45 pm - 5:00 pm	Covering Bruce McArthur Wendy Gillis, Crime Reporter, Toronto Star
5:15 pm - 7:00 pm	Wine and Cheese Networking Reception and Hux-Kiteley Educator Award Upper & Lower Barristers’ Lounge, Law Society of Ontario



2019 SUMMER LAW INSTITUTE SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

8:30 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	CIVIX - Digital and Information Literacy Dimitri Pavlounis, News Literacy Education Coordinator
10:00 am	Break
10:30 am	Drug Treatment Court Demonstration (Toronto OJEN Committee Session) SESSION HELD AT: Old City Hall, 60 Queen Street West
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	OJEN's New Resources! Nat Paul, Director of Educator Support; Michelle Thompson, Manager of Legal and Digital Development
2:00 pm	Break
2:15 pm	Top 5 Significant Cases The Honourable Lorne Sossin, Justice of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice
3:30 pm	Closing Remarks & Distribution of Resources



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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2019 SPEAKERS

NOA MENDELSON AVIV

Noa Mendelsohn Aviv is the Director of the Equality Program at the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA). Since joining CCLA in 2002, Noa has been published, advocated, and engaged the public on such issues as refugee protection, LGBTQ rights, racial profiling, solitary confinement, freedom of expression and religion, and the intersectionality of rights, in particular religious freedom and equality. Noa has coordinated many CCLA interventions as well as some key constitutional challenges in a variety of Canadian courts, including the Supreme Court of Canada, and human rights tribunals. She has appeared before Parliamentary and provincial legislative committees and other governmental and public bodies; and provided written submissions. She has also appeared on panels, at conferences, and in press interviews, and provided guest workshops and lessons through CCLET's public education project. In addition, Noa manages CCLA's law student volunteer programs.

Noa has an LL.B. and LL.M. (cum laude) from the Hebrew University in Israel, and a B.A. (with distinction) from York University. She completed her legal articles at the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, and was called to the Israeli Bar in 1998. She practiced in the areas of litigation, labour, commercial, and corporate law at Ophir Katz LLP in Jerusalem. Noa has also served as Field Coordinator for a large research project on eating disorders in women, and as Acting Administrative Director of the Hebrew University Law Faculty's Center for Human Rights.

JENNIFER EPSTEIN AND ERICA WHITFORD

Jennifer Epstein and Erica Whitford are both Crown counsel at the Crown Law Office – Criminal and are members of a hate crime working group. Jen is currently involved in the prosecution of William Whatcott for the willful promotion of hatred against the LGBT community. Mr. Whatcott is known for distributing homophobic pamphlets at Pride parades in different Canadian cities. Erica is involved in the prosecution of James Sears and LeRoy St. Germaine, the editor and publisher of *Your Ward News* respectively, a quarterly publication distributed to residences in Toronto and the GTA. Both co-accused were convicted of willfully promoting hatred against Jewish people and women in January 2019. They have not yet been sentenced.

WENDY GILLIS

Wendy Gillis is the Star's crime reporter, covering major events, crime trends, and policing and police oversight in Toronto and the GTA. On the crime and police beat, Wendy led a team nominated for the 2016 Governor General's Michener Award for coverage of Ontario police watchdog, the Special Investigations Unit. She was also part of a group nominated for a Canadian Hillman prize for the Star's work on the police practice of carding. This year, she was part of a team nominated for a National Newspaper Award (NNA) for Breaking News for the Star's coverage of the Yonge St. van attack. She was the recipient of a Canadian Mental Health Association's media award for her work on the police-shooting death of Andrew Loku, and was part of a team that won a NNA for Breaking News coverage of Toronto's 2010 G20 summit. When not on the crime beat, Wendy has been sent to cover breaking news in French speaking regions and countries, including the 2016 terrorist attack in Brussels and the 2017 mosque shooting in Quebec City. She was nominated for a NNA in 2013 for her coverage of the Lac-Mégantic train disaster.

KHRYSTINA MCMILLAN

Khryстина maintains a broad civil litigation practice that includes complex commercial disputes (both for and not-for profit), oppression remedies, conspiracy, defamation, employment matters, workplace investigations, class actions and professional liability. She has extensive advocacy experience, having appeared before administrative tribunals, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, the Ontario Court of Appeal, and the Supreme Court of Canada. She has also represented clients in private mediations and commercial arbitrations.

Khryстина has contributed to numerous legal blogs, articles, texts and conference presentations on a variety of business and law topics including defamation suits, women in corporate leadership, class actions, and solicitor-client privilege. She volunteers as pro bono counsel with the Refugee Sponsorship Support Program and a volunteer adjudicator with the Matthew House Refugee Hearing Program. Khryстина also serves as duty counsel for the Ontario Court of Appeal.



BRENDA MCPHAIL

Dr. Brenda McPhail is the Director of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association's Privacy, Surveillance, and Technology Project. She guides CCLA's interventions in key court cases that raise privacy issues, such as the Supreme Court of Canada cases *R. v. Marakah* and *R v. Jones*, which confirmed privacy rights in electronic communications. Her portfolio focuses on the interplay of rights and technologies, which she addresses through legal cases, policy submissions, and public education engagement.

AMANDA MONTGOMERY

Amanda Montgomery is an articling student at the Canadian Environmental Law Association. Prior to law school, Amanda worked on environmental education, poverty reduction, organic gardening and food security programs with non-profit organizations in Toronto and Peru. Amanda has a Masters in Environmental Studies from York University and received her JD from Osgoode Hall Law School in June 2019.

KIM PATE

Kim Pate was appointed to the Senate of Canada on November 10, 2016. First and foremost, the mother of Michael and Madison, she is also a nationally renowned advocate who has spent the last 35 years working in and around the legal and penal systems of Canada, with and on behalf of some of the most marginalized, victimized, criminalized and institutionalized — particularly imprisoned youth, men and women.

DIMITRI PAVLOUNIS

Dimitri Pavlounis is the Digital Literacy Project Manager at CIVIX, a Canadian charity dedicated to building the habits of informed citizenship among youth under the voting age. At CIVIX, he helps oversee the development of the organization's digital literacy initiative by conducting research and coordinating the creation of educational resources that facilitate teacher instruction around topics of misinformation and information literacy. He holds a PhD in Film, Television, and Media from the University of Michigan and has taught numerous courses in media studies, digital studies, and game studies at colleges and universities in the U.S.

LILIAN RADOVAC

Dr. Lilian Radovac is an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto's Institute of Communication, Culture, Information & Technology. Her research focusses on the interfaces between media technologies, urban space and everyday life in the context of North American cities, and has been published in *American Quarterly*, *Radical History Review*, *Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies*, *TOPIA* and *Continuum: Journal of Media and Cultural Studies*. She is also the director of the Alternative Toronto digital community archive project, which is supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, and the recipient of a 2019 ActiveHistory.ca award.

JACQUELINE WILSON

Jacqueline is counsel at the Canadian Environmental Law Association. She has represented clients before various provincial and federal administrative tribunals, and has appeared at all levels of Ontario and federal Courts. She specializes in climate change, energy and land use planning, and is CELA's student program coordinator. Prior to joining CELA, Jacqueline was litigation counsel at the Department of Justice, where she represented the federal Crown in cases before both tribunals and courts. She received her JD from the University of Toronto in 2010.

JUSTICE LORNE SOSSIN

Justice Lorne Sossin was appointed to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in December, 2018. Prior to his appointment, Justice Sossin served as Professor and Dean of Osgoode Hall Law School, at York University (2010-2018). Previously, Justice Sossin was a Professor with the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto (2002-2010). He is a former Associate Dean of the University of Toronto (2004-2007) and served as the inaugural Director of the U. of T. Centre for the Legal Profession (2008-2010). His teaching and research interests spanned administrative and constitutional law, civil litigation, legal ethics and the judicial process.

Justice Sossin was a law clerk to former Chief Justice Antonio Lamer of the Supreme Court of Canada, a former Associate in Law at Columbia Law School and a former litigation lawyer with the firm of Borden & Elliot (now Borden Ladner Gervais). He holds doctorates from the University of Toronto in Political Science and from Columbia University in Law.

Justice Sossin has published numerous books, journal articles, reviews and essays, including *Administrative Law in Practice: Principles and Advocacy* (Toronto: Emond Montgomery, 2018) (with Emily Lawrence); *Administrative Law in Context* 3rd ed. (Toronto: Emond Montgomery, 2018) (co-edited with Colleen Flood); *Middle Income Access to Justice* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2012) (co-edited with Tony Duggan and Michael Trebilcock); *Boundaries of Judicial Review: The Law of Justiciability in Canada* 2nd ed. (Toronto: Carswell, 2012); *The Future of Judicial Independence* (Toronto: Irwin, 2010) (co-edited with Adam Dodek); *Civil Litigation* (Toronto: Irwin 2010) (co-authored with Janet Walker); and *Parliamentary Democracy in Crisis* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2009) (co-edited with Peter Russell). Justice Sossin is also the recipient of the 2012 David Mundell Medal for excellence in Legal Writing.

Justice Sossin served as Research Director for the Law Society of Upper Canada's Task Force on the Independence of the Bar, and has written commissioned papers for the Gomery Inquiry, the Ipperwash Inquiry, and the Goudge Inquiry. He served as the Vice Chair of the Ontario Health Professions Appeal and Review Board and Health Services Appeal and Review Board (2006-2018), as Integrity Commissioner for the City of Toronto (2008-2009) and as the Open Meeting Investigator for the City of Toronto (2007-2018).

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