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WINDSOR LAW LAUNCHES ROBOTICS LAW & POLICY COURSE



This fall Windsor Law students will have the opportunity to explore the role of robotics and artificial intelligence (AI) in the legal landscape through the new course offering, Robotics Law & Policy, taught by

Assistant Professor Kristen Thomasen.

Thomasen, who joined the Faculty of Law in January, brings a unique expertise that focuses on the legal, social and ethical implications of robotic technologies and AI.

In the near future it is estimated that robotic technologies and AI will become increasingly prevalent in our homes, offices, hospitals, streets, skies, courts, and law firms. This progression of technology, leading to the

increasing automation of tasks formerly performed by humans, and the expansion of human capabilities through robotic technologies, has prompted a technological shift that challenges existing legal doctrine and social policies.

The Robotics Law & Policy course invites students to explore some of the legal and policy implications of near-future robotic technologies and AI applications. ■

JUDICIAL VISITS AT WINDSOR LAW



Kelli-Anne Day '17, Madam Justice Suzanne Côté and Anjali Rajan '17

To kick off the 10th anniversary of the Canadian Law Student Conference, the Windsor Review of Legal and Social Issues (WRLSI) presented an evening with **Madam Justice Suzanne Côté**. Students, faculty and local practitioners enjoyed her engaging talk about her time at the Supreme Court of Canada and her advice on how to be an effective advocate.

In March, **Chief Justice George R. Strathy** visited campus as Judge in Residence. Justice Strathy spoke to students about, "things I wish I knew when I went to law school." His speech was keenly received as was his lecture to **Professor Noel Semple's** Civil Procedure class. ■



THORA ESPINET, '82 RECEIVING THE LINCOLN ALEXANDER AWARD



Congratulations to alumna, **Thora Espinet '82**, on receiving the 2017 Lincoln Alexander Award. Established

in 2002, this prestigious recognition is awarded annually in recognition of an Ontario lawyer who has demonstrated long-standing interest and commitment to the public and to the pursuit of community service on behalf of Ontario residents.

Espinet is recognized as one of the first black female lawyers in Ontario. She was, in fact, the

only black student at Windsor Law in her graduating class. She has demonstrated a passion towards community service and leadership in promoting social change as well as addressing issues of discrimination and equality.

In addition to being a Deputy Judge in the Small Claims Court, Espinet has devoted her career to defending the rights of those who are less fortunate, such as parents who are having problems with the child welfare, educational and criminal justice systems. ■

FACULTY NEWS

AND ACCOLADES

NEW FACULTY JOIN WINDSOR LAW

BEVERLY JACOBS Assistant Professor



Windsor Law welcomes Assistant Professor Beverly Jacobs to the Faculty this fall. She is a lawyer and specialist in issues relating to the rights of Indigenous peoples, specifically, the rights of Indigenous women and girls.

Beverly is completing her PhD at the University of Calgary. Her work focuses on preserving and promoting Indigenous legal traditions, wholistic health of Indigenous peoples and Indigenous research methodologies.

She is the former President of the Native Women's Association of Canada and is an Aboriginal Advisory Member with Save The Children Canada. Beverly was one of fifty women recognized by Canadian peace organizations for her work to further a culture of peace in Canada. In 2008, she received the Governor General's Award in Commemoration of the Persons Case, in recognition of her contribution to the advancement of Aboriginal women's equality. She is the recipient of the Circle of Honour Esquao Award from the Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women in Edmonton, Alberta. She received a Franco-German Prize for Human Rights and the Rule of Law from the Governments of France and Germany for her human rights fight for the issues relating to Missing and Murdered Indigenous women and girls in Canada.

SHANTHI ELIZABETH SENTHE Assistant Professor



Shanthi Elizabeth Senthe will be joining Windsor Law as an Assistant Professor this fall. Shanthi brings a wealth of knowledge to her

classroom, particularly to our Dual JD students, as she has practiced law on both sides of the border. Prior to joining Windsor Law, Shanthi was an Assistant Professor with the Faculty of Law at Thompson Rivers University in British Columbia for three years. She taught Business Associations, Secured Transactions, Corporate Governance and Remedies. Shanthi is admitted to practice law in Ontario, Florida, North Carolina and the District of Columbia. Her research interests include corporate, commercial, banking and finance law.

Shanthi is completing her PhD at Osgoode Hall Law School, focusing on banking and finance regulation and governance. She completed a merit-based judicial externship at the Florida Supreme Court, and a judicial clerkship at the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Her professional experiences include banking and corporate-commercial litigation.

Shanthi has received multiple research awards, including the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Doctoral Fellowship. She taught as a guest lecturer at Osgoode Hall Law School and was a Visiting Scholar at Duke University School of Law in 2013.

JILLIAN ROGIN Assistant Professor



Assistant Professor Jillian Rogin is a Windsor Law alumna, class of 2008 and brings a breadth of knowledge and experience to her

students. She earned her LLM from Osgoode Hall Law School, holds a Master's Degree in Environmental Studies from York University and a Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) in Philosophy and Native Studies from Trent University. Her research interests are in the areas of racial profiling, Indigenous people and the criminal system, feminist and anti-oppression studies and criminal law.

Jillian completed her articles as a judicial law clerk at the Superior Court of Justice in 2008 and spent five years with Legal Aid Ontario in Toronto as a duty counsel, criminal defence lawyer and staff lawyer. Since 2014, she has worked as Review Counsel at Windsor Law's downtown Community Legal Aid clinic, a joint initiative between Windsor Law and Legal Aid Ontario that provides legal services for low-income residents of Windsor-Essex county and full-time University of Windsor undergraduate students.

She is a contributing author to *McWilliams Canadian Criminal Evidence* and is passionately committed to social justice lawyering and advocacy work. ■

PROFESSOR SMIT HONOURED FOR REFUGEE WORK

Professor Anneke Smit was recognized with The Windsor Essex Local Immigration Partnership's Jean Foster Welcoming Community Award at a forum on March 2. Professor Smit's research includes work on the rights of refugees and internally displaced persons. She has led efforts across Canada to advocate for those fleeing from armed conflict in Syria and elsewhere. She serves on the national steering committees of the organizations Canada4Refugees and Scholars at Risk, and was co-founder of the Windsor Sponsorship Support Program (SSP) in 2015 ■



Leanne Riberdy (daughter of Jean Foster) and Professor Anneke Smit at the Local Immigration Partnership 2017 Community Forum

TWO WINDSOR LAW PROFESSORS ANNOUNCE RETIREMENT

Two longtime faculty members, **Professor Maureen Irish** and **Professor Marcia Valiante**, announced their retirement this spring.

Professors Irish and Valiante have been pillars at Windsor Law for many years teaching hundreds of students over the duration of their academic careers.

Professor Irish dedicated 37 years to Windsor Law. Her teaching contributions date back to the class of 1980. She taught International Economic Law, International Business Transactions, Canada/US Issues, Transportation Law, International Dispute Resolution, Conflicts (Private International Law), Judicial Review, Commercial Law, Property, and Statutory Interpretation.

She publishes regularly on trade and development, World Trade Organization (WTO) law, climate change, regionalism, North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and Canadian customs tariff law. She has served on dispute settlement panels under the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement and the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Professor Valiante also announced retirement after devoting 25 years to teaching law. Valiante taught courses in Canadian Environmental Law, Municipal Law, Land Use Planning Law, and International Environmental Law. Her research and publications cover a range of issues in Canadian environmental law and policy, Canada-U.S. environmental relations

with a focus on the Great Lakes, water law, and citizen access to environmental decision-making.

She helped spearhead North America's first Transnational Environmental Law Clinic, a partnership with Wayne State University that teaches students skills and strategies required to affect environmental policy. She sits on the International Joint Commission's Great Lakes Science Advisory Board and is active in the Detroit River Canadian Clean-up. In May 2007, she was appointed a part-time member of the Ontario Environmental Review Tribunal.

Maureen and Marcia are both widely respected as law teachers, mentors and researchers. They leave big shoes to fill at the Faculty. ■

NIKKI GERSHBAIN PARTNERS WITH PROFESSOR JULIE MACFARLANE TO DEVELOP LEGAL COACHING



Nikki Gershain, the national director of Pro Bono Students Canada (PBSC), has joined Windsor Law through a Community Leadership in Justice Fellowship (CLJF) from the Law Foundation of Ontario. She brings extensive experience in developing and implementing programs that use law students to provide free legal services to people in need. She is partnering with Dr. Julie Macfarlane,

Distinguished University Professor and director of the National Self-Represented Litigants Project (NSRLP).

As part of her Fellowship, Nikki is researching and developing teaching tools for a new model of legal service delivery called legal 'coaching'. Legal coaching is a form of unbundling where the lawyer works with an otherwise self-represented client to offer behind-the-scenes guidance, offering a much-needed alternative for litigants who are unable to afford a lawyer. As part of the profession's response to the increase in self-represented litigants, legal coaching could have far-reaching consequences for how a new generation of lawyers interact with clients and approach the practice of law, including family law.

Almost mid-way through her Fellowship, Nikki has been working with family lawyers and legal institutions across the country to refine and promote the coaching model, and has already made great strides in building support for this new practice model. ■

FACULTY RECOGNITION

Each year the University of Windsor highlights the accomplishments and achievements of faculty who have received significant awards and honours for their research or creative activity. The recipients of the Awards are presented with a plaque at the Celebration of Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity event.

Windsor Law **Professors Claire Mummé** and **Gemma Smyth** were among the faculty honoured with the award.

Professor Mummé was the recipient of the Emerging Scholars/ Researchers award. Mummé's research has focused on the ways in which post-Fordist production methods have impacted the regulation of work, specifically in regards to labour, employment and human rights law.

Professor Gemma Smyth was awarded the Mid-Career Scholars/ Researchers award. Smyth's research uses a social justice lens to examine the growing area of clinical and experiential legal education in Canada. Her work utilizes online and open source materials as well as a wide range of interdisciplinary, traditional and creative work.

Congratulations to **Professors Noel Semple** and **Jeffery Hewitt** who were chosen for the Student Law Society's (SLS) Faculty Awards for the 2016-17 academic year. The Faculty Awards are presented to two professors who most exemplify the attributes of an exceptional teacher. ■

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ALUMNI LUNCH AND LEARN: NARMCO TOUR



Windsor Law students interested in labour or employment law or working as in-house counsel had the opportunity to tour NARMCO as part of our Law Alumni Lunch and Learn series. NARMCO is a local, family owned auto parts manufacturer that has been in business since 1945.

Dean Waters, Professor Mummé and several upper year students were hosted by U Windsor alumni and NARMCO co-owner, Don Rodzik Jr. '00, and his colleague, Jeanine Watt '88.

If you would like to host our students or participate in our Law Alumni Lunch and Learn series, please contact the Alumni and Fund Development Office. ■

LAST CLASS:

JUSTICE DOUGLAS W. PHILLIPS BIDS FAREWELL TO THE CIVIL TRIAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM



For over 30 years, Windsor Law students have been privileged to learn under the direction of Adjunct

Professor, the **Honourable Justice Douglas W. Phillips**, an alumnus from the Class of 1974. His Honour made many significant contributions to Windsor Law, among which is the Civil Trial Advocacy program,

a course he has led since 1989. The class is designed to assist students in developing basic skills of trial advocacy in order to conduct a civil trial from beginning to end. Mr. Justice Phillips has also worked tirelessly to create a permanent Historical Exhibition in the Ontario Court of Justice in Windsor.

Windsor Law thanks him for his undeniable contribution to our Faculty. ■

JUANITA WESTMORELAND-TRAORÉ, FORMER DEAN OF LAW

RECEIVING THE LAW SOCIETY OF UPPER CANADA HONOURARY LLD

When **Juanita Westmoreland-Traoré** was appointed as Dean of Windsor Law in 1996, she became the first black law dean in Canada. Windsor Law was honoured to be part of her journey as she made immense contributions to the profession, particularly in legal education. She was Dean from 1996 to 1999.

When she was appointed to the Cour de Québec, Criminal and Penal Division and Youth Division, she reflected on her contribution to our Law Faculty in Windsor. She considered herself "an equity dean, striving to maintain the principles of access and equality in legal education." She modeled equity and created lasting

policies and strategies that further inclusion and eliminate systemic discrimination in all forms.

In 2010, a scholarship was established at Windsor Law recognizing Westmoreland-Traoré. It benefits an upper-year student who has demonstrated leadership qualities and involvement in the University of Windsor community, with preference given to leadership in the black community.

Windsor Law congratulates Her Honour on receiving the honorary LLD from the Law Society of Upper Canada at the spring convocation. ■

WINDSOR LAW'S FOURTH ANNUAL IN-HOUSE COUNSEL DAY

The Corporate Commercial Club and Career Services Office hosted the fourth annual In-House Counsel Day on January 30, 2017. Students learned from in-house counsel, including several Windsor Law alumni, during a panel and a keynote speech.

During his Keynote Address, **Sanjeev Dhawan '91** (Hydro One) discussed how in-house lawyers need to not only understand the law but also understand the business for which they work.

At our afternoon panel, students learned more about a typical day

working in house. **Serena Genova '12** (Desjardins), **Stephen Kim '97** (Indivior), **Zoe King** (Loblaw Companies Limited), **Carolyn Marcotte '97** (Caesars Windsor), **Guri Pannu '07** (Enbridge Gas), and **Laura Qaqish '06** (Toronto Transit Commission) shared their experiences with students. Panelists also discussed their career paths and the challenges and advantages of working in-house.

We're looking forward to continuing to learn from alumni's experiences at In-House Counsel Day next year. ■

JUSTICE AT WORK CONFERENCE: DIVERSITY & INCLUSION



On January 25, 2017, Windsor Law hosted its ninth annual Justice at Work (JAW) Public Interest Career Conference, providing students with an opportunity to engage with leaders in social justice careers. Our Keynote Address was delivered by **Assistant Deputy Attorney General (ADAG) Kimberly Murray**, who leads the Ministry of Attorney General's Indigenous Justice Division and was previously the Executive Director of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission (TRC). ADAG Murray described the origins of the TRC and the work she had done with the Commission and showed a mini-documentary on residential school survivors' stories.

The day began with a morning panel on Diversity in Practice, looking at difficulties facing racialized and Indigenous lawyers

and at how we can improve inclusion in the profession. Our panelists included representatives from specialty clinics and progressive firms. Windsor Law alumna **Maria Capulong '06** (Carranza LLP) spoke on the panel, describing her search for an inclusive and welcoming firm. **Associate Dean Jasminka Kalajdzic** moderated the discussion.

In the afternoon, students attended a Career Fair with public interest and social justice employers, including non-profit organizations, community clinics and progressive firms. Representatives from MAG's Indigenous Justice Division also gave a presentation on the Debwewin Summer Law Program. Students also had the opportunity to learn about Windsor's LLM program. ■

WOMEN'S MARCH ON WASHINGTON



Tasha Donnelly '17 (left), Rima Hanna (centre) and Lois Boateng '17 (right)

The Women's March on Washington drew thousands of peaceful protesters from around the world on the U.S. inauguration weekend to send a strong message to the new President of the United States of America, Donald Trump, and to the world, that women's rights are human rights.

Not only did Windsor send more than a busload of participants—including several students and the Associate Dean from the Faculty of Law—but Windsor Law student **Tasha Donnelly '17** was one of the national organizers for the Canadian contingent. In an interview with *Chatelaine* magazine, she stated, "Canadians are a part of this because we're aware that what goes on in the U.S. does have an impact here."

Professor and Associate Dean Jasminka Kalajdzic travelled to Washington, D.C. on the "Windsor bus." She said that for those who had never been involved in any movement before, the Women's March "marked the beginning of social and political activism." She believes it was an opportunity for people in various progressive movements to "coalesce for a singular purpose: the affirmation of a commitment to equality and justice for all." ■



MOOT SUCCESS

Jessica Clement and **Jessie Gomberg** won the 2017 Hicks Morley Cup. Held in the Toronto offices of Hicks Morley, the event provided an opportunity for students from Ontario law schools to litigate current legal issues of significance in the areas of human resource law and administrative law.

The Dual JD Team of 3L's, **Adam Fucile** and **Joseph Tung**, placed first in the regional Transactional LawMeet in Chicago in February. The win earned them the right to compete in the national competition that took place in New York in March, where they placed second, outperforming 82 teams from law schools across the U.S. and Canada.

Students **Ruebe James**, **Sanjeevan Shivakumar**, and **Shannon Uhara**, and their coach, **Professor Pascale Chapdelaine**, took 3rd prize in the written submission category out of a record of 59 submissions received for the oral rounds of the 15th Annual Oxford International Intellectual Property Law Moot Competition.

Students **Noah Haynes**, **Adam Lawson** and **Taraneh Etemadi** and their coaches, **Francine Herlehy** and **Monica Pathak**, took the 2017 OTLA Cup. **Adam Lawson** also won best overall advocate.

Students **Justin Smith**, **Peter Valente**, **Amanda Iaruso** and **Sean Reginio**, with their coach, **Professor Jasminka Kalajdzic**, competed in the fourth annual Winkler Class Action Moot Competition during which Amanda and Peter won the final, and Amanda received the 2nd place oralist award. ■

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT RECEPTIONS

Since his appointment in April 2016, **Dean Waters** has been actively reaching out to alumni across Canada and internationally to get acquainted with former students of Windsor Law and solicit their support and suggestions. Events were held in the following locations, with more to come:

Canadian Law School Alumni Reception
London, England - June 8, 2016

Meet the Dean Receptions
London, Canada - October 6, 2016
Hamilton, Canada - November 9, 2016
Toronto, Canada - November 10, 2016
Ottawa, Canada - February 2, 2017
Edmonton, Canada - March 3, 2017
Toronto, Canada - March 22, 2017

Canadian Law School Alumni Reception
New York, USA - April 19, 2017

Enterprising Alumni Meet and Greet
Toronto, Canada - April 28, 2017

Dual JD Alumni Meet and Greet
Windsor, Canada - May 25, 2017

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WINDSOR LAW STUDENTS STUDY COMPARATIVE CLASS ACTION LAW WITH LAW STUDENTS ON TWO CONTINENTS

Thanks to video conferencing technology and a unique collaboration between Windsor Law's **Professor Jasminka Kalajdzic**, Stanford Law's **Deborah Hensler**, and Tilburg University's **Ianika Tzankova**, Windsor Law students had the opportunity to learn about class action regimes in Canada, the U.S., the Netherlands and Germany, and to engage with students in each jurisdiction — all without leaving Windsor.

Planning for the collaboration began in 2013 and a three-class module was tested in 2014. In the fall of 2014, Kalajdzic and her teaching partners at Stanford and Tilburg rolled out the inaugural Comparative Collective Redress course. Students enrolled in Kalajdzic's Class Action seminar and spent one hour a week

for seven weeks "meeting" with their Dutch and American counterparts. Professors Hensler and Tzankova taught parts of the course relevant to their jurisdictions, and all three professors engaged in live discussions. Kalajdzic calls it, "comparative law in action." Students at the three universities also had the opportunity to use social media and other platforms to engage with each other.

In 2016, the course was offered again, this time bringing a new partner school on board: Leuphana University in Germany, with Dr. Axel Halfmeier. The course will be taught a third time in the fall of 2017, and talks are underway to widen the collaboration to include other jurisdictions.

Technologies like video conferencing and social media provide practical mobility that allows students and faculty to globally connect with other knowledge institutions. Windsor Law students have found the Comparative Collective Redress course to be immensely interesting and a fitting way to learn about the law and practices of other jurisdictions. In this way, students gain a deeper understanding of their own jurisdiction's policies.

Kalajdzic says that while the unique teaching approach takes resources, IT assistance, and tremendous coordination, it works well, and it's fun. "It opens doors that were previously inaccessible to us." ■

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