



**CANADIAN LAW AND SOCIETY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
PRELIMINARY PROGRAM (3 April 2025)**

**All sessions will be held at the University of Saskatchewan College of Law.**

**WEDNESDAY 11 June 2025**

**Session 1: 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

**1.a. Indigenous Peoples, Incarceration and Sentencing**

Philippe Boucher (Carleton, Université de Montréal): How is Gladue Applied? The (non-) Transformation of Judicial Decision-Making in the Criminal Sentencing Process for Indigenous People

Olive Bensler (Independent Scholar): Colonial Paradoxes: Sentencing Indigenous Offenders under Sections 718.04 and 718.201

Laura Beach (Carleton): Leveraging Human Rights Law Towards Access to Indigenous Spiritual Practices in Canadian Prisons: Affordances, Limitations, and Ambivalence

Chair: Sania Chaudhry

**1.b. Why Litigate Climate Change? Reimagining Law's Role in an Unprecedented Crisis**

Erin Dobbelsteyn (Dalhousie): Fundamental (In)justice and the Existential Threat of Climate Change

Adebayo Majekolagbe (Alberta): Dark Innovations, Climate Change, and the Canadian Charter

Martin Olszynski (Calgary): Sufficiently Connected? Laws and Regulations and their Effect on the Climate Crisis under the *Charter*

Benjamin Ralston (Saskatchewan) and Christie Tetreault (Saskatchewan): Testing the Limits of Climate Litigation as a Climate Communication Strategy

Chair: Funmi Abioye (Saskatchewan)

**Health Break 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**

**Session 2: 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**2. a. Bigamy in Australia: Motives, Harms and Laws**

Mariana Castillo Arce (Alberta): Divorcing Your Illegitimate Husband: A Bigamist's Surprising Move

Parmida Beedle (Alberta): Learning About Jewish Bigamists in Australia: 'Two' Many Laws for the Courts

Thanhhai Nguyen (Alberta): "No Harm Done": A 1935 New South Wales Bigamy Case

Chair: Sylvia Rich

**2.b. Immigration and Refugee Law**

Jamie Chai Yun Liew (Ottawa), Pierre-André Thériault (Moncton), Prasanna Balasundaram (Toronto) and Jennifer Stone (Toronto) : The Effectiveness of "Safety Valves" in the Immigration and Refugee Law Context: A Report from the Ground

Sania Chaudhry (UBC): Unmasking the Reality of Racial Bias: Using Critical Race Theory and Cognitive Heuristics to Expand the Reasonable Apprehension of Bias Test in Immigration Decisions

Neela Hassan (Waterloo) and Sarah Turnbull (Waterloo): A Genealogy of Immigration Detention Reform in Canada

Chair: Robert Fantina

**Lunch Break 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**Joint Plenary Session – Law Commission of Canada**

**Session 3: 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**3.a. Contemporary Issues in Health Law**

Thomas McMorrow (Ontario Tech): Cruel Choice: Law's Path to Assisted Death

Emily Snyder (UBC Okanagan): STIs in Canadian Legal Decisions: Surveying Mentions and Discourse about non-HIV STIs

Mugambi Jouet (Southern California): A History of Post-*Roe* America and Canada: From Intertwined Abortion Battles to *Dobbs*

Chair: Rachel Ariss

### **3.b. Queer Ethics, Colonial Legacies and Gender**

Rine Vieth (Laval): A Legal Agnotology of Gender

Chika Maduakolam (York): Intersecting Masculinities and Colonial Legacies: Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) Against Men in Nigeria's Contemporary Conflict

Pierre Cloutier de Repentigny (Carleton): Queer Ethics and the Practice of Law

Marianna Lovenko (Waterloo): (In)Visible Warriors: The Role of NGOs in Amplifying the Voices of Victims/Survivors of Wartime Sexual Violence in Ukraine

Chair: Neela Hassan

**Health Break 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Session 4: 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canadian Journal of Law and Society: A Roundtable

**6:30 p.m. Joint Awards Banquet with CALT (Location TBD)**

**THURSDAY 12 JUNE 2025**

**Session 5: 8:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.**

### **5.a. Gender, Equality, and Relational Constitutionalism**

Kerri Froc (UNB and Saskatchewan): The Tell-Tale Heart of Equality

Sarah Burningham (Saskatchewan): Relational Constitutionalism in Canada

Bruce Ryder (Osgoode): The Notwithstanding Clause, Legislative Deliberation and Executive Power

Corey McKibbin (Carleton): Constitution as Ecosystem: Revisiting the Living Tree Metaphor

Chair: Dwight Newman

### **5.b. Panel Discussion: Histories of Business Corporations and Contemporary Business and Human Rights Initiatives**

Ibironke Odumosu-Ayanu (Saskatchewan)

Robin Hansen (Saskatchewan)

Funmilola Ayotunde (Victoria)

Charis Kamphius (Thompson Rivers)

Chair: Eleni Arvantis-Zorbas (Saskatchewan) – needs to be confirmed

**Health Break: 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.**

**Session 6: 10:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

#### **PLENARY**

**Constance Backhouse (Ottawa) in conversation with Greg Marchildon (Toronto) about *Tommy Douglas and the Quest for Medicare in Canada* published by University of Toronto Press in 2024.**

**12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**CLSA Annual General Meeting and Awards Ceremony – Lunch Provided**

**Session 7: 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

#### **7.a. Coercive Control and Parenting Disputes: A Feminist Review of the Case Law**

Janet Mosher (Osgoode): Coercive Controlling Behaviour Under the *Divorce Act*

Jennifer Koshan (Calgary): “Parental Alienation” and Gendered Discrimination in Family Law

Wanda Wiegers (Saskatoon): Family Violence, Exposure and Harm to Children

Chair: Brea Lowenberger (Saskatchewan) to be confirmed

### **7.b. Law and Resistance**

Amar Khoday (Manitoba): Defying Colonialism: Indigenous Resistance, Political Crimes and the Ts'Peten Standoff of 1995

Mélanie Séguin (Victoria): Community-led Legal Training in the Resistance to Land Dispossession in Guatemala

Mohammed Jahirul Islam (Carleton), Nikhil Chandra Nath (New Haven), and Rebang Dewan (Bangladesh Indigenous Students' Action Forum): Political Violence against Indigenous Political Activists in Bangladesh: An Analysis from Carceral Archipelago Perspectives

Rachel Ariss (Ontario Tech): Aboriginal Title: A Receding Future

Chair: Jamie Liew

### **7.c. Just Methods: Decolonizing Research Methods**

Teddy Atim (York): Experience of undertaking collaborative research to support victims' justice needs, northern Uganda

Sylvie Bodineau (Independent Scholar): How participative research using smartphones allowed former child soldiers from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) documenting their situation 17 years after being demobilised

Annie Bunting (York): Mobilizing 'Difficult Knowledge' and difficult knowledge mobilization  
Presenter

Chika Maduakolam (York): Meaningful Collaboration - Conducting Research in connection with Civil Society  
Presenter

Heather Tasker (Dalhousie): Collaborations across borders: ethics, methodology, and justice

Chair/ Discussant: Margot Young, Allard School of Law, UBC

**Health Break: 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Session 8: 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**8.a. Social Programs and Technology**

Simon Wallace (Osgoode): Law School Goes Back to the Laboratory: Using Computational Methods to Model Employment Insurance Jurisprudence

Aurazu Ghani (Ontario Tech): Through the Lens of Dignity: A Photovoice Exploration of Structural Violence within Ontario Works

Ari Kaplan (Western): Thinking of Pension Law Within an Emotional Frame

Chair: Debbie De Girolamo

**8.b. Contesting Criminal Justice: Exploring Identity, Expertise, and Responsibility**

This panel bring together different perspectives on Canadian criminal law to explore the interrelated issues of identity, expertise, and responsibility in achieving criminal justice. Doing so from the angles of race, gender, sexuality, neurodivergence, and economic status, this panel questions historic and contemporary approaches to criminal law.

Sylvia Rich (Ottawa), Anoosheh Majidi (Ottawa), Constance Backhouse (Ottawa), Sonia Anand Knowlton (Ottawa), Reakash Walters (California)

**5:00 p.m. CLSA Board Meeting (for members of the CLSA Board of Directors)**

**FRIDAY 13 JUNE 2025**

**Session 9: 8:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.**

**9.a. Indigenous Processes, Voices, and Sovereignty**

Debbie De Girolamo (Queen Mary): Dispute Resolution Processes and the Indigenous Repatriation Claim: Exploring Sources of Conflict and Processes for Resolution

Carrie Robinson (Osgoode): The Impact of the Indian Act on Indigenous Women's Voices:  
Rereading Sex-Based Discrimination Case Law Against Indigenous Feminist Theatre  
Movement Literature

Amy Swiffen (Concordia): From Territorial Claims to Legal Frames: Biopolitics, Violence and  
Settler Colonial Beginnings

Jennifer Heaven Mike (DePauw): Echoes of Empire: Decolonizing Legal Systems to Reclaim  
Indigenous Sovereignty and Identity

Chair: Joao Velloso

### **9.b. Law and History**

Greg Marquis (UNBSJ): When Chivalry Failed: The Trial and Execution of Elizabeth Tilford, 1935

Lyndsay Campbell (Calgary): The Law and Politics of Parliamentary Printing: Conundrums over  
Privilege, 1785-1830

Nicole O'Byrne (UNB): Why History Matters in Constitutional Law: A Tribute to W.H. McConnell

Chair: Greg Marchildon

### **9.c. Gender Equality and Sexual Abuse in Sports**

Jennifer Del Riccio (Toronto): Fairer Play: An Opportunity for Workplace Gender Equality for  
Female Professional Athletes

Curtis Fogel (Brock), Andrea Quinlan (Waterloo), Emily Beuhlow (Brock): Unsafe Ice: Group  
Sexual Assault in Junior Hockey in Canada

Chair: Phil Boyle

**Health Break 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.**

**Session 10: 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**

### **10. a. Prisons, Policy, and the Rule of Law**

Sam Ghebrai (Western): "Overriding health and safety concerns": Vague Correctional Policies  
and Targeted Trans Feminine Governance

Theresa McGee (Tribunals Ontario): "The Rule of Law is Absent, Although Rules are  
Everywhere": Prisoner Isolation as a State of Exception in Canadian Public Law Culture

Chair: Nicole O'Byrne

### **10.b. Social Programs, Public Policy, and Activism**

Leanna Kata (McGill): Finance, Law, and Childcare: A Comparative Perspective

Alexandra Flynn (UBC): The Right to Housing: Contracts as Instruments of Justice

Joseph Young (Ontario Tech): Engagement Capital: Modernizing Bourdieu's Theory of Practice within the Context of Contemporary Climate Activism

Chair: Greg Marquis

### **10.c. Hidden in Plain Sight: Spectacles of Power and the Racialized Gaze**

Alanah Broomfield (York): Racialized Impacts of Surveillance at the 2024 Paris Olympics

Amanda Glasbeek (York): Body-Worn Cameras, Affective Intertextuality, and the Impossibility of Seeing Racial Profiling in the Courtroom

Safiyah Rochelle (York): Apprehending Aafia: The Imperceptibility of Justice after Violence

Britney Andrews (York): Shifting our Gaze from the Spectacle to the Specter: Bearing Witness to Police Violence Against Black Women

Chair: Meray Sedak (Waterloo)

**Lunch Break 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**Session 11: 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

### **11.a. New Directions in Public Health Law**

This panel will examine the role of advancing law and access to justice as crucial social and structural determinants of health.

Participants: Emmanuelle Bernheim (Ottawa), Michele Leering (Queen's), Robin Nobleman (Toronto), Jennifer Stone (Toronto)

### **11.b. Policing, Technology, and Freedom of Expression**

Philip Boyle (Waterloo): The Offence of Interference: Policing Critical Infrastructure

Luiza Correa (PUCRS): Technology, Race, and Control: A Case Study of Body-Worn Cameras in Brazilian Law Enforcement



Chair: Lyndsay Campbell

**Health Break 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Session 12: 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**12.a. Legal Controversies on Canadian University Campuses**

Michael Asres (York): Framing Free Expression: Media, Student Discipline, and Campus Controversies in Canada

Andrea Quinlan (Waterloo): Institutional Failure and Betrayal: A Critical Inquiry into Sexual Violence Prevention and Responses at Canadian Universities

Joao Velloso (Ottawa): On the Heterogeneity of (Legal) Responses to Pro-Palestinian Encampments on Canadian University Campuses

Chair: Kerri Froc

**12.b. Immigration and Human Rights**

Richa Oza (Osgoode): Navigating Insaaf – South Asians at the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario

Robert Fantina (Waterloo), Neela Hassan (Waterloo) and Meray Sadek (Waterloo): Unveiling the Myth of Multiculturalism: Systemic Racism, Islamophobia, and Othering in Canadian Contemporary Refugee Policies

Chair: Carrie Robinson