

Summer Law Institute 2024 - About the Speakers

Digital Privacy: Best Practices In Designing Online Consent

David Gelb

David Gelb, Associate Professor in the Department of Design at York University. His research focuses on ethical interfaces and design pedagogy. He teaches user-centred design, visual communication design and interaction design theory at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Central to his design practice is user experience research for clients in the health sciences, education and cultural sectors.

Jonathan Obar

Jonathan Obar, Associate Professor in the Department of Communication & Media Studies at York University. His research and teaching focus on communication and information policy, and relationships between technologies, civil liberties, and the inclusiveness of public cultures. Publications address big data and privacy, online consent interfaces, privacy transparency, and social media governance.

2SLGBTQI+ Issues and the Law: Progress, Pitfalls and Paths Forward

Johanna Macdonald

Johanna is a queer, lesbian, cisgender second-generation white European settler and the current director of public interest and legal initiatives at the 519 in Toronto. She lives and works in Toronto, the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples, covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.

Johanna has over 12 years of experience working as a lawyer providing direct legal services and within community legal clinics leading programs aimed at addressing injustices and inequities. She has held positions including Clinic Director at Parkdale Community Legal Services, Health Justice Program Lawyer at ARCH Disability Law Centre, and Street Youth Legal Services Lawyer at Justice for Children and Youth. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Johanna gained experience in community legal advocacy internationally at the Khmer Institute of Democracy in Cambodia supporting victim participation at the Khmer Rouge Tribunal, at student legal clinics, and in the non-profit service sector at the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Johanna received her B.A. Hons in Criminology at Carleton University (2003), LL.B. from the University of British Columbia (2006) and LL.M. from Osgoode Hall Law School (2014). Johanna is an “access to justice” nerd and is deeply committed to working with communities and the intersecting legal world to break down systemic barriers to equality. Working at The 519 with 2SLGBTQI+ communities is deeply meaningful to Johanna. She is thrilled to be a part of the Access to Justice team and 519 staff and community.

Solomon McKenzie

Solomon is an associate at McCarthy Tétrault’s Litigation Group in Toronto. He is building a general litigation practice with a focus on commercial disputes, international and domestic arbitrations, class actions, public law and infrastructure and construction disputes. Solomon has assisted with a variety of hearings, trials, arbitrations and a public inquiry.

Solomon McKenzie received his JD from the University of Toronto Faculty of Law in 2019. Solomon was the Class of 2019 Valedictorian, as well the recipient of the Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Award, John Willis Award & Gina Caldarelli Memorial Prize for School Spirit and the Dean’s Leadership Award. At the University of Toronto Faculty of Law Solomon served as the President of the Students’ Law Society, the Black Law Students’ Association and Out in Law. While in law school Solomon was a research assistant for Dean Brunnée and worked as a Criminal Law Division Lead at Downtown Legal Services.

Before pursuing a law degree, Solomon received his Master’s and Bachelor of Arts (with Distinction) from McGill University in 2015 and 2013, respectively.

Solomon was called to the Ontario bar in 2020. He is a member of the Advocacy Committee of the Canadian Association of Black Lawyers, an advisor at Hard Feelings and a board member of the Canadian Association of LGBTQ2S+ Lawyers (CALL/ICAL). He is a member of the Ontario Bar Association and the Canadian Bar Association.

Sierra Savedra

Sierra is the manager of outreach and training at the LGBT YouthLine. They are a non-binary, second/third generation settler half Anglo-Indian half-Gujarati queer. They grew up in Toronto and Brampton – coming from a mixed race and mixed religion background while growing up in Canada has made for a layered experience. They continue to have “home” relationships with multiple places, spaces, and people. They have been involved

in volunteering and supporting queer and trans communities for many years – most recently, they co-organized zine and arts fairs for the 2SQTBIPOC community. They love climbing, being outside, and making spaces for people to be recognized and appreciated as their full selves.

In Conversation with Nader Hasan: His Life, His Career and the Umar Zameer Trial

Nader Hasan

Nader practises criminal, regulatory and constitutional law at the trial and appellate levels. He defends clients accused of white-collar crime (fraud, money laundering, foreign corruption), violent offences (homicide, terrorism, sexual assault), drug offences, and professional misconduct. He has an expertise in digital privacy law and search and seizure law, and has appeared in many of the leading cases in this area.

He has appeared in more than 20 cases at the Supreme Court of Canada, including as lead counsel to the successful appellants in *Clyde River v. Petroleum Geo-Services Inc.*, 2017 SCC 40, a landmark Indigenous rights decision.

Nader is a veteran Adjunct Professor at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law, where he has taught the Law of Evidence and currently teaches a popular class on crime and punishment. He also serves on the Advisory Board of UofT's David Asper Centre for Constitutional Rights and is a past Constitutional Litigator-in-Residence at the Asper Centre (2020). Nader is a co-author of *Search & Seizure* (Emond Publishing, 2021), a co-author of *Sentencing*, 9th edition (LexisNexis, 2017), a co-author and co-editor of *Digital Privacy: Criminal, Civil and Regulatory Litigation* (LexisNexis, 2018), and author of numerous articles on criminal and constitutional law.

Nader brings a cross-border perspective to his practice. He previously practised with a leading litigation firm in New York. He regularly advises Canadian citizens in relation to criminal and regulatory issues with a multi-jurisdictional dimension, and regularly advises Canadians detained abroad.

Nader acts regularly for clients seeking to vindicate their constitutional rights in high-profile cases. He has acted for the wrongfully convicted and asylum seekers. He acts for Indigenous groups and environmental NGOs in environmental and constitutional cases. He also acts for civil liberties groups, including the Criminal Lawyers' Association, the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association, and the David Asper Centre for Constitutional Rights.

Nader is a graduate of Harvard University (B.A.), the University of Cambridge (M.Phil), and the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law (J.D.). Upon graduation from law school, Nader clerked for the Honourable Marshall Rothstein of the Supreme Court of Canada.

Education Advocacy at the Toronto North West Justice Centre

Kaffie Abdirashid

Kaffie joined JFCY as the Education Advocate for the Toronto Northwest Justice Centre following her call to the bar in July 2021. As a lawyer and trained social worker, Kaffie assists young people who are at the intersection of youth criminal justice and education law to access, and successfully navigate, the school system. She advocates with young people and their families for their right to attend school, access special education supports and appeal disciplinary measures. She also works with families and schools to promote student (re)engagement and success. Prior to joining JFCY, Kaffie articulated at a boutique litigation firm where she assisted with complex civil litigation matters involving professional liability.

Alicia Lam

Alicia is a Social Worker who joined JFCY as the Education Navigator for the Toronto Northwest Justice Centre. She works alongside the Education Advocate Lawyer to assist young people navigate their right to attend school and access special education supports.

The Gladue Court and Indigenous Learning Centre: Tour and Discussion

David Spence-Valenzuela

David Spence-Valenzuela is an Assistant Crown Attorney with the Ministry of the Attorney General in Toronto where he specialises in the prosecution of child abuse and internet child exploitation offences. Prior to joining the Crown Attorney's Office, David was a litigator at Stikeman Elliott LLP where he practiced civil litigation with an emphasis on professional liability and regulatory law.

Justice Brock Jones

Justice Brock Jones was appointed a judge of the Ontario Court of Justice on December 30, 2021. Prior to his appointment, Justice Jones was an Assistant Crown Attorney in the Scarborough Crown Attorney's office. From 2012-2018 he was also an adjunct professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, where he taught a course on the Youth Criminal Justice Act. In 2020 he won the Ontario Bar Association's Award for Excellence in Criminal Justice. Justice Jones is a co-author of Prosecuting and Defending Youth Criminal Justice Cases (3rd edition) and Modern Criminal Evidence from Emond Publishing.

Lysandra Moreno

Lysandra Moreno is Métis and Anishinaabe, and a member of the Métis Nation of Ontario. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Honours degree in Criminology at the University of Toronto Mississauga. Ms. Moreno completed her Master of Arts in Criminology at the University of Toronto with a research focus on the over-representation of Indigenous peoples in the criminal justice system and the use of Gladue reports at sentencing.

Ms. Moreno completed her law degree at Osgoode Hall Law School in 2021 and was called to the Bar of Ontario in 2022. While at Osgoode Hall, Ms. Moreno was awarded the Community & Legal Aid Services Programme (CLASP) award for social justice in 2020 and was one of the recipients of the Dean's Gold Key award in 2021. She worked as a Criminal Division Leader of CLASP and served on the clinic's Board of Directors in 2021. Ms. Moreno also worked as a caseworker at Osgoode's Innocence Project clinic.

Dorothy Peters

I am a Anishnawbe grandmother from a small community in Northern Ontario, Seine River First Nations. I have been an active member in the Toronto community for over 30 years. I currently work at Aboriginal Legal Services as a Traditional Teacher. I am a council member of the Gijwedinanang Council and sit in on the Circles with the Dreams for Growing Children, which is a traditional parenting program through Aboriginal Legal Services. I work in the courts, facilitating sentencing circles for those that are going through the legal system. I support individuals from the various programs at Aboriginal Legal Services and the community.

New Resources from OJEN and CCLET

Nat Paul

Nat Paul is the current Director of Education at the Canadian Civil Liberties Education Trust and former Director of Educator Support at the Ontario Justice Education Network (OJEN).

Bryn Reiger

Bryn Rieger works at OJEN as the Director of Educator Support. He has a background as a criminal defence lawyer and is passionate about plain language, criminal justice reform, and helping young people to build legal capability and see themselves as agents of change within legal systems in Canada.

Jean-Paul Bevilacqua

Jean-Paul Bevilacqua is a lawyer and works in all three of OJEN's principal departments, in schools, communities and with the organization's wide network of justice- and education-sectors volunteers. He is a graduate of Osgoode Hall Law School and has a certificate in Addiction Studies from George Brown College.

Herman Wong

Herman Wong is an incoming litigation associate at Torkin Manes LLP. Herman is dedicated to pursuing his law career with a focus in litigation and dispute resolution. He is a former Justice Education Fellow with OJEN and the 2023 recipient of the Tate Herbert Post-Secondary Volunteer Award.

MAID: Making Changes, Moving Forward and Mitigating Harm

Dr. K. Sonu Gaiind

Dr. Gaiind is a Professor, Governor and member of the University Executive at the University of Toronto and Chief of Psychiatry at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, one of Canada's top medical academic institutions. His clinical expertise is psycho-oncology. He is an Executive Member and Medical Practice & Tariff Chair of the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Section on Psychiatry and Chair of the OMA Relativity Advisory Committee, a Past-President of the Canadian Psychiatric Association, the Ontario Psychiatric Association and of PAIRO, and now President of the fledgling Society of Canadian Psychiatry and of the Ontario District Branch of the American

Psychiatric Association. He represented Canada internationally as a Board Member of the World Psychiatric Association from 2017 to 2020 (and in the more distant past represented the country on Canada's two first International Physics Olympiad teams!).

Dr. Gaiend has been actively involved in health policy development and advocacy since residency, and has been recognized with numerous regional, provincial, national and international awards for his teaching, advocacy and impact. He has helped form health policy and engaged medical colleagues and the public to be more aware of and advocate against policies that stigmatize and discriminate against the mentally ill.

As Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) policies have been evolving in Canada, Dr. Gaiend has testified before numerous parliamentary and senate committees, chaired his former hospital's MAID team, chaired the time-limited CPA Task Force on Assisted Dying, was selected to sit on the Council of Canadian Academies Expert Panel on Mental Disorders and Assisted Dying, was retained as an expert by the former Attorney General of Canada in the Quebec Truchon and the BC Lamb cases, and has spoken across the country and internationally on issues relevant to mental health and mental illness that need to be considered in any MAID framework. He believes medical experts have an obligation to help guide health policies with evidence, not just ideology, and to consider the impacts of public policies on the most marginalized to avoid perpetuating policies of privilege.

Dr. Gaiend is a graduate of the University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine, a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and an Honorary Member of the World Psychiatric Association.

Professor Trudo Lemmens

Trudo Lemmens, CandJur, LicJur (KULeuven), LLM bioethics, DCL (McGill), is Professor and Scholl Chair in Health Law and Policy. He is cross appointed to the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, the Temerty Faculty of Medicine, and the Joint Centre for Bioethics. His research focuses on the interaction between law, governance tools, and ethical norms and values in the context of health care, biomedical research, pharmaceutical and other health product development, and knowledge production.

Since joining the Faculty of Law, professor Lemmens has been a member of the School of Social Science of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, a visiting fellow of the Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for Science and the Arts, a visiting professor at the K.U.Leuven (Belgium), the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana (Bogota, Colombia), the University Torcuato di Tella (Buenos Aires, Argentina), and the University of Otago

(Dunedin, New Zealand) ; a Plumer Visiting Fellow at Oxford's St. Anne's College, and an academic visitor at the Faculty of Law and the HeLEX Center for Health, Law and Emerging Technologies of the University of Oxford.

Professor Lemmens' publications include the co-authored books *Medical Law in Canada* and *Reading the Future? Legal and Ethical Challenges of Predictive Genetic Testing*, the co-edited volumes *Regulating Creation: The Law, Policy and Ethics of Assisted Human Reproduction*, and *Law and Ethics in Biomedical Research: Regulation, Conflict of Interest, and Liability*, as well as numerous chapters and articles in national and international law, policy, science, medicine and bioethics journals. He has been consulted widely by national and international organizations and has presented in the area of his expertise before a variety of parliamentary committees. He is currently a member of the Advisory Committee on Health Research of the Pan American Health Organization. In the last five years, he was a member of two expert panels of the Council of Canadian Academies: one on access to health data, the other on advance requests and medical assistance in dying.

Dr. Thomas McMorrow

Thomas McMorrow is an Associate Professor and Undergraduate Program Director of Legal Studies in the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities at Ontario Tech University. Thomas received Ontario Tech University's 2023 Award for Excellence in Teaching, as well as the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities 2023 Advanced Career Teaching Award. He has been a visiting professor at the Université Bordeaux Montaigne and the École Normale Supérieure de Lyon in France. He was a visiting scholar at the University of Trento Faculty of Law in Italy and a visiting fellow at the Trinity Long Room Hub at TCD, Ireland. He holds a doctorate and master's degree in law from McGill University, and a Bachelor of Law and French from Trinity College Dublin, Ireland. His research embraces legal theoretical, doctrinal and qualitative methods. His work has been published in academic journals, such as the *Alberta Law Review*, the *Canadian Journal of Disability Studies*, the *Dalhousie Law Journal*, the *Queens Law Journal*, and the *Windsor Yearbook of Access to Justice*. He has also published opinion-editorials in such publications as *Policy Options*, *The Toronto Star*, *Le Devoir* and *La Presse*. He appeared as a witness before the Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs and was an invited participant at the Federal Roundtable Consultation Meeting on Medical Assistance in Dying. Thomas is Co-Editor-in-Chief (English Manuscripts) of the *Canadian Journal of Law & Society*.

Top 5 Cases:

Professor Sonia Lawrence

Professor Sonia Lawrence joined the faculty at Osgoode Hall Law School in 2001. She graduated from the University of Toronto's joint LLB/MSW program, went on to serve as law clerk to Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin of the Supreme Court of Canada, and pursued graduate work at Yale Law School. Her work centers on critical analyses of legal conception of equality.

Sonia has served in a number of administrative roles at Osgoode including Assistant Dean of First Year and Director of the Institute for Feminist Legal Studies. Her current teaching includes a first year public and constitutional law, a seminar in critical race theory, and serving as the academic director/instructor for Feminist Advocacy, a clinical legal education opportunity offered in partnership with the Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic in Toronto. In the past she has served as the academic director for Osgoode's Anti-Discrimination Intensive Program (offered in partnership with the Human Rights Legal Support Centre [Ontario]), and taught seminars in gender equality, graduate research and research methods, among others. Sonia is serving two terms as the President of the Canadian Association of Law Teachers / Association Canadienne des Professeurs de Droit.