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New Director

Prof. Audrey Macklin, a renowned expert in immigration and refugee law, has been serving as Director of the Centre since January. Prof. Macklin's main appointment is at the Faculty of Law but she has participated on Centre committees for many years now. She said that "in the first year of law school [at U of T], I was taught by Prof. John Edwards, the founder of the Centre. He was a lovely man and daunting in his intellect. I am delighted to be the director of the centre he started."

Prof. Macklin started her academic career teaching criminal law, but soon shifted to immigration and related issues, studied in an interdisciplinary manner. She teaches a graduate course on migration in the School of Public Policy and Governance.

In terms of practical work, she was involved in the high-profile case of Omar Khadr, the Canadian imprisoned and tried by a US military court in Guantanamo. Prof. Macklin served as counsel for Human Rights Watch in their intervention at the Supreme Court appeal launched by Khadr and traveled twice to the facility.

Her main current research project, undertaken with the support of a recently awarded prestigious Trudeau Fellowship, focuses not on migrants but on the members of private sponsorship groups who provide financial and personal support to refugees who resettle to Canada from abroad. Her project poses the question, 'how does the project of making refugees into citizens remake the citizenship of refugee sponsors?' In the best tradition of the Centre, the study is interdisciplinary and the research team includes not only legal scholars but two sociologists and a geographer.

Prof. Macklin believes that her position as Director is all about "supporting and enhancing what is already a great place." Although the Centre has a stellar international reputation, Prof. Macklin wants to ensure that the U of T community appreciates the Centre's value. That means developing our capacity to communicate about the Centre to university colleagues beyond the Centre, prospective students and faculty, alumni, civil society and public institutions.

The Centre's collaborative and supportive ethos was one of the qualities that attracted her to the Centre, and it is evident in the many events that Centre faculty and students initiate. For example, in September, a forum was held at the Centre at which faculty recently hired to teach criminology and sociolegal studies at U of T's Mississauga campus introduced themselves to Centre faculty and graduate students, after which a collective discussion about possible future collaborations ensued. Also in September, a forum on urban justice issues, held at Innis College, was co-sponsored with the

undergraduate Urban Studies program. Over this coming winter the Centre will also be formulating practical mechanisms to respond to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action in regard to educational practices.

Strengthening connections between the Centre and other units at the university, as well deepening the Centre's links to community groups working on justice issues, are priorities for the coming year. But maintaining and enhancing the Centre's reputation as an internationally renowned centre of research excellence is also important. An external review, part of the university's regular process, will be taking place in the winter, and Prof. Macklin looks forward to proudly "showcasing our work."



Professor Audrey Macklin

Catherine Evans on Joining the Centre



I'm delighted to have joined the Centre this fall as a new Assistant Professor. I grew up in Montreal, and have vivid memories of cutting through the pathology department, its hallways lined with body parts floating in jars of formaldehyde, on the way to my dad's office at the Montreal Neurological Institute at McGill. Convinced I'd seen more than enough brains, I completed a B.A. in History at McGill in 2008. From there, I went on to University College, Oxford, where I received a second B.A., this time in Jurisprudence, in 2010. While in England, I slowly circled back to questions of the mind, especially as they appeared in my criminal law reading. The legal definition of insanity seemed so arbitrary and out of step with what I knew about contemporary psychiatry. The legal origins of our current understanding of insanity were in the nineteenth century, so I figured that was the century for me.

I left Oxford in 2010, and completed my PhD in History at Princeton in January of 2016. My dissertation, "Persons Dwelling in the Borderland: Responsibility and Criminal Law in the Late-Nineteenth-Century British Empire," used criminal cases drawn from over a dozen archives on three continents in order to explore how late-Victorian ideas about the mind, expounded by psychiatrists, race theorists and criminal anthropologists, inflected approaches to criminal responsibility in England and its colonies.

To my surprise, my research pulled me back to Canada, and I spent months researching Louis Riel and the 1885 North-West Resistance in archives in Saskatchewan and Ontario. The result was an article, "Heart of Ice: Indigenous Defendants and Colonial Law in the Canadian North-West," forthcoming in *Law and History Review*. Over the next few years, I'll be working on a book manuscript, tentatively titled *Unsound Empire: Guilt and Responsibility in British Imperial Law*, based on my dissertation research. I'll also be pursuing other research interests, including the history of magic in the courtroom and legal careering.

This year, I am teaching "Introduction to Sociolegal Studies" (undergraduate) in the fall, and then in the winter term, "The History of Criminal Justice in the Common Law World" (undergraduate) and "Guilt, Responsibility and Forensics" (graduate).

It's great to be back in Canada after nearly a decade away. I'm new to Toronto, but everyone at the Centre has been so welcoming that it feels like a true homecoming. I'm looking forward to the year ahead!

Indigenous Perspectives On Justice And Law: Centre Initiatives

A year ago, the Centre inaugurated two new courses: a third-year course on "Indigenous Issues in Criminal Justice", developed and taught by teaching-stream assistant professor Kerry Taylor, and a fourth-year seminar on "Indigenous Law", taught by Adriel Weaver, who did graduate work at the Centre but is a lawyer with experience in indigenous litigation. Both courses are being taught again this year to full classrooms.

We have now expanded this to our graduate program, with a new course on indigenous issues in criminal justice being added to our offerings. This will be taught by Jennifer Bolton, Policy Advisor in the Indigenous Justice Division of the Ministry of the Attorney General. We are very pleased with these innovations. As a result of these changes, which have been received with enthusiasm, our students, whether they are Canadian or international, will be not only more knowledgeable about the legacies of settler colonialism but also more up to date for purposes of future employment.

On the research front, doctoral student Jacqueline Briggs initiated an Indigenous justice research group that met monthly during the 2016-17 academic year. PhD students from other departments, such as Political Science and Law, are regular attendees, as are people from the Centre (faculty and graduate students) and about half a dozen lawyers and policy researchers from the provincial Ministry of the Attorney General's Indigenous Policy Unit (some of whom have impressive scholarly credentials as well). About 15-20 people usually attend. In October the group will focus on helping everyone improve their knowledge of Indigenous pedagogies and approaches.

This year the Centre welcomed a diverse and talented group into the PhD program. Here they are,

Victoria Baker

After completing both my BA and MA in Criminology at Wilfrid Laurier University, I decided to pursue my doctoral studies at the Centre for Criminology and Sociological Studies at the University of Toronto, supervised by Kelly Hannah-Moffat. My SSHRC-funded MA thesis explored Ontario provincial correctional officers' perceptions of the political, organizational, and cultural factors that are perceived to negatively affect employee stress and well-being. My research interests are structured around mental health, posttraumatic stress disorder, careers in law enforcement, policing, and organizational policy analysis. I look forward to my time at the University of Toronto!



Jessica Bundy

Jessica Bundy joins the Centre from the East Coast, where she completed her MA in Sociology in 2017 at Acadia University. Her past work focused on African Nova Scotian experiences and perceptions of the criminal justice system. Using community narratives, her doctoral research centers on racialized bodies within the justice system while acknowledging other axes of oppression. Scot Wortley is her supervisor.



Sabeen Kazmi

I am a Pakistani-Canadian Muslim woman. My research focuses on ways in which the Muslim diaspora living in Canada perceives, navigates and accesses the Canadian Justice system and the impact on their social, political and material well-being. Beatrice Jauregui is my supervisor.

I am here because so many powerful and fiercely talented Women of Colour paved the path that allowed me to exist in this academic space. I continue to do the work that I do to resist for the many powerful and fiercely talented Women of Colour to come.



Alex Luscombe

Alex Luscombe completed his BA degree at the University of Victoria and MA at Carleton University, both in Sociology. After spending the past two years working as a research associate on a SSHRC-funded project, examining police paid duty and corporate sponsorship, he comes to the Centre to pursue his PhD under the supervision of Matthew Light. His research interests include policing, social networks, organizational secrecy and deception, institutional corruption, and freedom of information law.



Dikla Yogev

Dikla Yogev holds a Master's degree in Sociology (concentration in surveys and public opinion research) from Tel Aviv University. She has over ten years of program evaluation experience in the fields of education, social services, and policing. Her PhD work will focus on comparative analysis of crime and police practices, with Matthew Light as supervisor.

New Doctors!

While new doctoral students are coming in, as reported on page 3, others are completing their dissertations and moving on with their careers. The new doctors are:

Lysandra Marshall, who in late 2016 defended a dissertation entitled “Racial Disparities in Police Stops in Kingston, Ontario: Democratic Racism and Canadian Racial Profiling in Theoretical Perspective”. Lysandra has long had a permanent position at the University of the West of England in Bristol, but she is currently back in Toronto and the Centre is fortunate that she is teaching qualitative methods to our graduate students while Beatrice Jauregui, who would normally teach that course, is on maternity leave. Scot Wortley was Lysandra’s supervisor.



Seyun Maria Jung’s thesis, “The Relationship Between Immigration and Crime in Canada: 1976-2011” was successfully defended in January of 2017 – when Maria had already secured a tenure track position in the criminology department at Ryerson. Rosemary Gartner was Maria’s supervisor. Maria continues to participate in the publication of the Centre’s [Criminological Highlights](#) and attends Centre events, for which we are grateful.

Meghana Rao defended a thesis entitled “Troubling Suicide: Law, Medicine and Hijra Suicides in India” under the supervision of Mariana Valverde, in April 2017. In the summer Meghana made the decision to return to India, where her partner, a recent graduate of the doctoral program in geography, had been offered a tenure track job. Meghana is currently turning the dissertation into articles, exploring academic career possibilities, and starting a new research project on local nuisance law as it is used to resolve complaints about ‘bad smells’, focusing on law’s cultural, religious, caste and class dimensions.



Holly Pelvin defended her thesis in early September, under Rosemary Gartner’s supervision: “Doing Uncertain Time: Understanding the Experiences of Punishment in Pre-Trial Custody”. Holly succeeded in winning a SSHRC post-doctoral fellowship, and through that will be working with former Centre faculty member Sandra Bucerius in Alberta, documenting the experiences of Indigenous people in Alberta’s remand/detention centres.

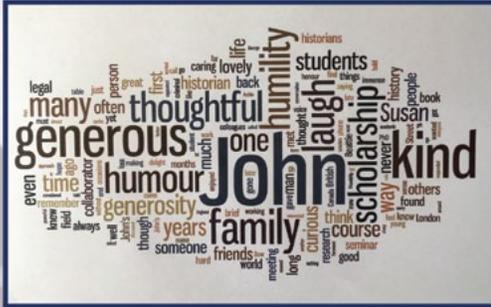


Marianne Quirouette, who had been a ‘junior fellow’ at the Centre (that is, a doctoral student from another department whose research fits with the Centre’s mandate and has links with Centre faculty) also completed her dissertation in August 2017, under the supervision of Kelly Hannah Moffat. The title was: “Risk, Needs and Reality Checks: Community Work with Multiply Disadvantaged Justice-Involved Individuals”. Marianne was awarded a Banting post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Ottawa, where she is working with Prof. Marie-Eve Sylvestre on a large-scale socio-legal project on marginalized urban populations, policing, and the courts.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of John Maurice Beattie wishes to express our sincere gratitude for your thoughtful tributes about his friendship, teaching and scholarship during our time of bereavement.

A celebration of life honouring the life and work of University Professor Emeritus



"This word cloud has been generated out of all the letters and messages sent to the Beattie family. The more often a word is mentioned, the larger it appears on the cloud."

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Thursday September 28th, 2017

5:00pm

Debates Room - 2nd Floor, Hart House

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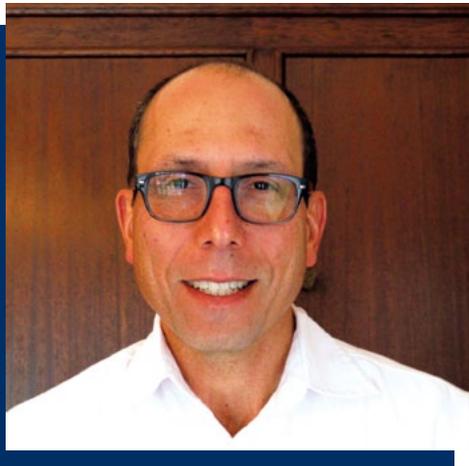


John Maurice Beattie

(March 7th, 1932 – July 12th, 2017)

On September 28th a 'Celebration of Life' was held at Hart House for our late colleague, eminent criminal justice historian John M. Beattie. Speakers included John and Susan's three children, Katherine, Allison and Roger, former Centre director Jim Phillips, former law dean and Centre faculty Martin Friedland, and a star-studded cast of historians, including Joanna Innes from Oxford, Doug Hay and Nick Rogers from York University, Donna Andrew from University of Guelph, Allyson May from Western University and Simon Devereaux -- one of the 'junior fellows' that John brought into the Centre from the history department. Simon was a constant and positive presence at the Centre, along with his colleague Greg Smith, during the mid-1990s. Opening the speeches, Tony Doob, long-serving Centre Director, recounted John's long and fruitful interactions not only with Centre faculty and students but also with criminal justice practitioners. Tony also noted that after he retired from the history department, John continued to teach a graduate course in the history of criminal justice in Britain at the Centre and to take part in Criminological Highlights, the research group that produces a regular newsletter of research relevant to practitioners. Centre staff as well as faculty remember John fondly. Since he stopped coming in due to illness, no faculty member has cultivated the habit of announcing their presence by happily whistling Mozart arias.

2017 John Ll. J. Edwards Lecture



Berkeley criminal law and criminology scholar **Jonathan Simon** has long been a friend of our Centre, most recently serving as external examiner for Holly Pelvin's PhD dissertation, on the experience of remand prisoners in Ontario. He has visited here for special workshops and also served as external examiner, many years ago, for Kelly Hannah-Moffat.

Prof. Simon is visiting once again to deliver the 2017 John Ll. Edwards lecture (the annual lecture named in honour of the Centre's founder).

Simon, who is the Adrian A. Kragen Professor of Law and the Faculty Director of the Center of the Study of Law and Society at UC Berkeley, is presenting his new research, under the title of: **"THE ARCS OF MASS INCARCERATION: Four Turning Points in the History of US Penalty and their Legacy for the Contemporary Penal State."**

The lecture is at 5 pm Thursday October 26, at the Centre, and in keeping with tradition it will be followed by a reception, at 6:30.