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## Current Appointment

2010-present Assistant Professor, Legal Studies Program, Faculty of Social Science & Humanities, UOIT

## Past Appointments

2005-2010 Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy,  
Memorial University  
2002-2005 Adjunct Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University  
2003 Sessional Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto  
1999-2001 Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Law, University of British Columbia  
2000 Sessional Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of  
British Columbia  
1998-2000 Killam Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of British Columbia

## Education

2011 D.Jur., Osgoode Hall Law School of York University  
1997 Ph.D., *ad personam* joint degree in Political Science and Philosophy,  
Dean's List, McGill University  
1991 M.A., Political Science, McGill University  
1988 B.A. with High Distinction, specialist program in Political Science, University of  
Toronto

### Areas of Specialization

Human rights & globalization  
Philosophy of law  
Political/social philosophy & theory  
Law and society

### Areas of Competence

Ethics  
Public international law  
Indigenous studies – legal & political  
dimensions

## Publications (peer-reviewed)

"Could R2P Justify a No-Fly Zone in the Absence of Security Council Approval?" scholarly blog, *Opinio Juris* (17 March 2011), online: *Opinio Juris* <<http://opiniojuris.org/2011/03/17/could-rtop-justify-a-no-fly-zone-in-the-absence-of-security-council-approval/>>.

"Human Security and Hannah Arendt's 'Right to Have Rights,'" (Sept. 2010) 9 *Journal of Human Rights*.

"The Responsibility to Prevent': A Remit for Intervention?" (July 2009) 22 *Canadian Journal of Law & Jurisprudence*.

ALégitimer l'intervention humanitaire: une assise philosophique d'une 'responsabilité de protéger' d'un état," sous la direction de Jean-François Rioux, *L'intervention armée: peut-elle être juste?* (Montréal: Editions Fides, 2007).

ATheories of Intercultural Negotiation,@ in Cathy Bell and David Kahane, eds., *Intercultural Dispute Resolution in Aboriginal Contexts* (Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 2004).

AThe Role of Recognition in the *Delgamuukw* Case,@ in Jill Oakes et al., eds., *Sacred Lands: Aboriginal World Views Claims, and Conflicts* (Canadian Circumpolar Institute & University of Alberta, 1998).

AOn the Universalizability of Human Rights@ (1996) 1 *The European Legacy* (Journal for the International Society for the Study of European Ideas).

## Draft Publications & Current Projects

"International Legal Sources of the Responsibility to Protect," draft to be submitted to *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law*

Book proposal in development – *The Responsibility to Protect in International Law*.

"Are We Obligated to Ensure the Human Security of Strangers?: Onora O'Neill on 'Distant Others,'" draft to be submitted to the *Journal of Global Ethics*.

## Teaching

As Lecturer at UOIT, Legal Studies Program

**Legal Theory**, undergrad, fall 2011

**Aboriginal Issues & the Law**, undergrad, winter 2012

**International Law**, undergrad, fall 2010, winter 2012

**Censorship & Freedom of Expression**, undergrad, winter 2011, fall 2011

As Lecturer at Memorial University, Dept. of Philosophy:

**Critical Thinking**, introductory undergraduate, winter 2010

**Ethics & Political Philosophy: Legal & Political Membership**, joint grad/  
undergrad, fall 2009

**Ethics & Political Philosophy: International Law & Constitutionalism**,  
graduate, winter 2009

**Contemporary Issues: Human Rights**, undergraduate, winter 2009

**Global Governance**, advanced undergraduate, winter 2008

**The Political Philosophy of Hannah Arendt**, joint grad/undergrad, winter 2007

**Moral Philosophy**, introductory undergraduate, winter '09, fall '07/'09

**Political Philosophy**, advanced undergraduate, fall 2006, 2007

**Ethics & Political Philosophy: Diversity & Legitimacy in Law & Politics**,  
graduate seminar, winter 2006

**Introduction to Philosophy**, introductory level, fall '05/'06/'08, winter '06/'08  
/'10, spring '09

As Lecturer at other institutions:

**International Human Rights Law**, intermediate LLB;

Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, winter 2005, fall 2003

**Aboriginal Peoples and the Canadian State**, joint grad/undergrad

Dept. Of Political Science, University of Toronto, winter 2003

**Philosophy of Law: Judgement & Multiculturalism**, intermediate LLB

Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, fall 2002

**Philosophy of Law: The Problem of Legal Judgement**, advanced LLB

Faculty of Law, UBC, fall 2000

**Political Theory**, introductory level

Dept. of Political Science, UBC, winter 2000

**International Human Rights Law**, advanced LLB;

Faculty of Law, UBC, winter 2000

**Philosophy of Law**, advanced LLB;

Faculty of Law, UBC, winter 1999

## Papers Presented

- 2011 "Can Prepolitical Communities Be Democratically Legitimate?" Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco
- 2010 "Freedom as Non-Domination?" Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago
- 2010 "Is International Law Really Law?" St. John's Public Lectures in Philosophy
- 2009 "Our Responsibility to Distant Others: O'Neill & Human Security," Memorial Philosophy Colloquium
- 2009 "Human Rights & Cosmopolitan Constitutionalism," visiting speaker, Dept. of Law & Politics, Algoma University
- 2008 "The Philosophical Plausibility of Legal Pacifism," Joint Meeting of the Canadian and American Law & Society Associations, Montréal
- 2007 "Hannah Arendt and the Concept of Human Security," International Conference on Philosophy and the Social Sciences, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague
- 2007 "Sharing Horizons: The Gitksan-Wet'suwet'en Model of Intercultural Negotiation & The Ideal Speech Situation," Memorial Philosophy Colloquium
- 2007 "Hannah Arendt's 'Right to Have Rights' and International Law," Canadian Consortium on Human Security Roundtable, Munk Centre for International Studies, Toronto, Canada
- 2006 "Human Security and the Construction of International Legal Norms," Canadian Law & Society Association, Congress of the Humanities & Social Sciences, Toronto, Canada
- 2006 "The *Sensus Communis* in Kant, Arendt, and Habermas," Memorial Phil. Colloquium
- 2005 "Three Dangers Posed by the Responsibility to Protect," International Studies Association, Honolulu, U.S.A.
- 2005 "The Responsibility to Protect," guest lecture, Osgoode Hall Law School of York University, Toronto, Canada
- 2005 "Human Security and the Responsibility to Protect," Atlantic Regional Philosophy Association Conference, St. John's, Canada
- 2005 "Jean-Jacques Rousseau, "'Common Space' and the Need for Recognition in Rousseau," Memorial Philosophy Colloquium
- 2004 "The Susceptibility of Preventive Intervention Schemes to Abuse: Ethical and Legal Dimensions," Ethics of International Intervention Conference, Key Centre, Brisbane, Australia
- 2004 "A Critique of the 'Responsibility to Protect,'" workshop on the Ethics of Intervention SSHRC research project, Toronto, Canada
- 2004 "Philosophical Foundations for Humanitarian Intervention - Nussbaum's Argument for Human Flourishing," International Studies Association Conference, Montréal, Canada
- 2003 "International Law and the Purpose of a Proposed Right of Humanitarian Intervention," Ethics and Intervention Conference, Montréal, Canada
- 2003 "Legitimizing Intervention on Humanitarian Grounds," Canadian Political Science Association Conference, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada
- 2000 "Pascal's Moral Psychology and the *Raison d'Etat* Tradition," American Political Science Association Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 1998 "Traditionalists vs. Proceduralists? The Role of Rhetoric in the Evolution of Self-Governance Institutions," Congress of the Social Sciences & Humanities, University of Ottawa

1997 AThe Effectiveness of Court Challenges as a Bargaining Tactic in Land Claims Negotiations: The *Delgamuukw* Appeal,@ guest lecture, Native Studies Department & School of Government, Dartmouth College, New Hampshire

### Awards

- 2010 SSHRC Award to New Scholars
- 2009 MUNSU Award for Outstanding Contribution to Student Life
- 2009 Special Grant for SSHRC Proposal Development, VP Research/Dean of Arts, Memorial University (4A Grant based on SSHRC-SRG proposal ranking)
- 2007 SSHRC/Vice-President's Research Grant, Memorial University
- 2007 SSHRC Travel Grants Competition: Paper Presentation at Scholarly Conferences Award, Memorial University
- 2004 Human Security Doctoral Fellowship, Canadian Consortium on Human Security
- 2004 Hon. Willard Z. Estey Graduate Fellowship, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
- 2003 Harley D. Hallett Graduate Scholarship, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
- 2003 Hon. Willard Z. Estey Graduate Fellowship, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
- 2002 Co-investigator, Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada  
-2005 Strategic Research Grant, *Ethics of International Intervention*
- 2002 York University Scholarship for Graduate Studies, York University
- 2002 Hon. Willard Z. Estey Graduate Fellowship, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
- 1997 Izaak Walton Killam Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of British Columbia (24-month tenure)
- 1997 Robert & Mary Stanfield Canadian Studies Dissertation Fellowship, McGill University
- 1996 Multiculturalism Program Dissertation Fellowship, Secretary of State, Government of Canada
- 1996 Association for Canadian Studies Graduate Student Research Scholarship

- 1996 Graduate Faculty Dissertation Research Award, Humanities Research Grants Sub-Committee, McGill University
- 1996 Margaret Gillett Graduate Research Award, McGill Centre for Research and Teaching on Women, McGill University
- 1994 Graduate Faculty Travel Award, Humanities Research Grants Sub-Committee, McGill University
- 1991 Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship -1995

Selected Professional Activities

- 2010-present UOIT Research Ethics Board committee specialist in ethics & in law
- 2009-2010 Graduate Studies Committee, Faculty Council of Memorial University
- 2009 External examiner, University of Victoria Faculty of Law Ph.D. dissertation
- 2008-2010 Founder & co-organizer, HOT Topics interdisciplinary public discussion series, Memorial University
- 2008 Public panel speaker, *Darfur and the Responsibility to Protect*, Memorial University
- 2008 Lecturer & organizer, advanced undergrad/grad reading group (uncredited) on Ludwig Wittgenstein's *Philosophical Investigations*
- 2008 Public panel speaker *Afghanistan and International Law*, Memorial University
- 2007 Public panel speaker, The Learning Co-op Series: *Newfoundland Independence*, Memorial University
- 2007 Manuscript reviewer, University of Toronto Press.
- 2007 Organizer, Henrietta Harvey Lectureship for fall 2009; lecturer - Charles Taylor
- 2006 Coordinator, Diploma in Applied Ethics Program, Memorial University
- 2002-2005 Co-organizer of joint faculty-grad student seminar on post-colonialism, indigenous law, and political philosophy since January 2002, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
- 2004 Reparations for War panel, *Reparations: An Interdisciplinary Examination of Some Philosophical Issues in International Law* Conference, Queens University, Kingston
- 2002 Organizer, ad hoc visiting speakers series on *Aboriginal Peoples and the Canadian State: Reimagining Our Relationships*, University of Toronto
- 2002 Chair, Intercultural Modalities panel, Osgoode Hall Law School Graduate Law Students Association Conference, York University
- 2000-2002 Organizer and facilitator, joint faculty-graduate reading group on legal theory and indigenous law, Osgoode Hall Law School
- 2000 Chair, The Nation State and International Legal Instruments panel, UBC Faculty of Law Graduate Students Conference, UBC
- 1998 Commentator, Aristotle on Deliberation panel, Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, UBC

1997 Chair, Resolving Disputes of Membership session, *Conference on the Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples*, McGill University

D.Jur. Thesis

Title: “A Philosophical Investigation of the Responsibility to Protect in International Law”

Dissertation Committee

Members: Obiora Okafor, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University  
Craig Scott, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University  
Jennifer Nedelsky, Dept. of Political Science and Faculty of Law  
University of Toronto

Ph.D. Thesis

Title: ASharing Horizons: A Paradigm for Political Accommodation in Intercultural Settings@

Advisers: Charles Taylor, Dept. of Philosophy, McGill University  
James Tully, Dept. of Political Science, University of Victoria  
Frank Kunz, Dept. of Political Science, McGill University

M.A. Thesis

Title: “Forms of Common Space in the Work of Jean-Jacques Rousseau”

Adviser: Charles Taylor, Depts. of Political Science & Philosophy,  
McGill University