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Who We Are

Breakthroughs in the health sciences offer tremendous hope to patients and the public. But with progress come new legal, policy, and ethical challenges. The University of Ottawa Centre for Health Law, Policy and Ethics is a hub for interdisciplinary research and training. The Centre is housed in the Faculty of Law but draws its members from Law, Social Sciences, Health Sciences, Management, and Medicine. With 23 faculty and over 180 trainees, fellows, and research assistants and associates this year, it is the largest centre of its kind in Canada and one of the largest in the world. It is ideally located in Canada's capital to export ideas and evidence to policy makers and other stakeholders.



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Events

Each year the Centre runs a long roster of events. All are open to the public—if you would like to sign up for notifications please email healthlaw@uottawa.ca. Video archives of many events are also available from our home page at ottawahealthlaw.ca. Following is a brief recap of 2016–17:

Ottawa Conference on Medical Assistance in Dying

Our annual Health Law Day is a two-day conference aimed at engaging health care providers in a discussion of the legal and policy aspects of a timely issue. This year the Centre hosted the Ottawa Conference on Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD), addressing the implications of the recent legalization of MAiD in *Carter v. Canada*. Keynote speakers were Justice Lynne Smith, trial judge in the *Carter* case, and Dr. Gerrit Kimsma, a developer of the program in the Netherlands that provides guidance to physicians responding to patient requests for MAiD. Speakers addressed *Carter*, the federal legislative response, liability and regulatory issues for professionals, provider and institutional conscientious objections, and vulnerable patient groups. The conference drew 130 attendees.

Panel videos are available here: [<Video 1>](#), [<Video 2>](#), [<Video 3>](#).

An Afternoon of Interdisciplinary Conversation between Health and Law Researchers

This event was held at the Faculty of Medicine and brought together medical and legal researchers to present snapshots of their work, discuss interdisciplinary directions, and field questions from the audience. The event drew 100 attendees.



Colleen M. Flood
Director

Comparative health law and policy •
Health care finance



Lorian Hardcastle (Outgoing)
Associate Director

Government liability in health care •
Hospital governance



Yvonne Boyer (Incoming)
Associate Director

Aboriginal and treaty law •
Aboriginal health



Lori Beaman (Incoming)
Classics and Religious Studies

Impact of nonreligion on health care
ethics and institutions



Speaker series

The Centre hosts a lively series of lunchtime seminars by academics and professionals invited from Canada and abroad. This year's talks included:

Israel's Successful Strategies for Controlling Pharmaceutical Costs: Relevance to Canada?

Bruce Rosen, Matthew Brougham

A Human Right to Health

Michael Da Silva, Colleen M. Flood

Tobacco Plain Packaging: Public Policy, Private Rights?

David Sweanor, Teresa Scassa [<Video>](#)

Reproductive Labour: Reflections on the Law and Policy of Surrogacy

Bronwyn Parry, Pam MacEachern, Erin Lepine

A View from Abroad: How Can Australia's Experience Inform the Architecture of Pharmacare?

Ruth Lopert, Danielle Martin, Marc-André Gagnon

Trans-Pacific Partnership, Intellectual Property and Health – What's at Stake?

Thana de Campos, Marc-André Gagnon, Michael Geist, Ronald Labonté [<Video>](#)

The German System of Universal Long-Term Care, Vouchers-for-Care, and Lessons for Canada

Lorraine Frisina Doetter, Colleen M. Flood

Conceptualizing Political Trust in the Modern Welfare State

David Vitale, Patrick Fafard [<Video>](#)

Mapping Refugees' Access to Health Care: How Well Is the IFHP Working Now?

Students from International Migration and Health, Michael Casasola

Artificial Human Reproduction Technologies and the Search for Regulatory Legitimacy

Colin Gavaghan

Rethinking Interventions to Address Social Determinants of Health

Gemma Carey [<Video>](#)

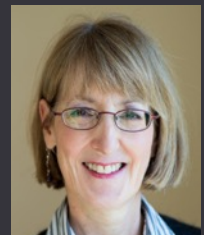
Grant-writing workshop

The Centre hosted a workshop on grant-writing aimed at both established and early-career academics as well as graduate students. Centre members Jennifer Chandler, Steven Hoffman, Ian Kerr, and Kumanan Wilson have had marked success in obtaining large grants and contributed their thoughts and advice.

[<Video>](#)

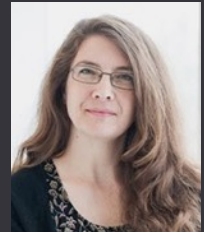
Café Scientifique on Mental Disorder and Criminal Justice

Held in local cafés or pubs over dinner, “Cafés Scientifiques” draw members of the general public to hear a panel of experts and ask questions on a trending issue. This year the Centre hosted a Café on Mental Disorder and Criminal Justice. On the panel were Jennifer Chandler (Centre member) speaking on solitary confinement, Robin Whitehead (Centre Ph.D. student) on policing, Constance MacIntosh (Health Law Institute, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University) on Aboriginal mental health care in prisons, and Justice Richard Schneider on mental health courts.



Louise Bélanger-Hardy
Law

Psychiatric injury •
Hospital adverse events



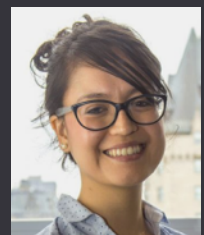
Ivy Lynn Bourgeault
Management

Gender and health human resources •
Gender and health professions



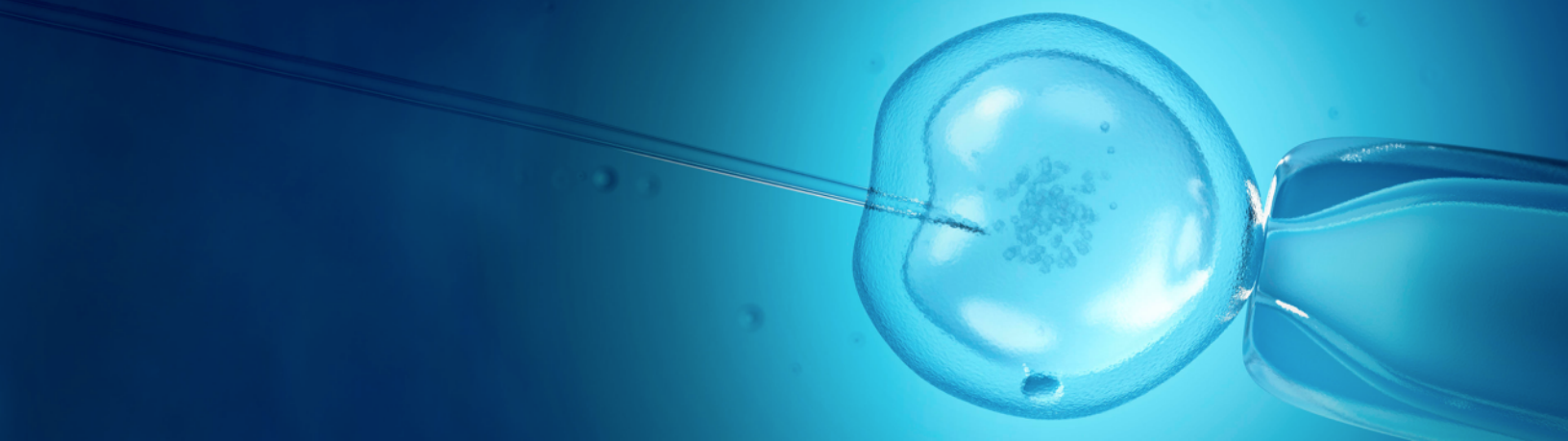
Angela Cameron
Law

Social justice and gender •
Reproductive technologies



Thana de Campos (Outgoing)
Law

International law, intellectual
property law, and the right to health



Research

The breadth of our faculty's research programs reflects the interdisciplinary reach of the Centre. In Law they include government liability in health care; the intersection of law, psychiatry, and neuroscience; medical assistance in dying; reproductive technologies and family law; health technology regulation; personal health information and privacy; comparative health law and health care governance; occupational health and safety; bioethics; global health; and more. Researchers in Social Sciences complement these areas with work on population health, policy and economics, and critical social theory and studies. Faculty from Medicine and Health Sciences approach many of these issues from scientific, clinical, and technological angles.

In 2016–17 Centre faculty published or have forthcoming 93 peer-reviewed articles, 31 peer-reviewed book chapters, 5 books (edited or authored), and gave 198 academic presentations at conferences, seminars, and similar events. Of particular note are special editions of three Canadian law journals that grew from the Seventh National Health Law Conference hosted by the Centre in 2015: the [Ottawa Law Review 47:2 \(2016\)](#), the *Dalhousie Law Journal* 39:2 (2016), and the [Alberta Law Review 54:3 \(2017\)](#).

Following are a few examples drawn from open-access publications in these special editions and elsewhere.

I.L. Bourgeault, R. Labonte et al., "Knowledge and Potential Impact of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel: Does It Matter for Source and Destination Country Stakeholders?" (2016) 14 (Sup 1) Human Resources for Health – special supplement on the WHO Code. [<Link>](#)

J.A. Chandler, "The Impact of Biological Psychiatry on the Law: Evidence, Blame and Social Solidarity" (2017) 54:3 Alberta Law Review 831. [<Link>](#)

Y.Y.B. Chen, "The Future of Precarious-Status Migrants' Right to Health Care in Canada" (2017) 54:3 Alberta Law Review 649. [<Link>](#)

K. Eltis, "La surveillance des personnes atteintes de démence par les appareils équipés de la technologie GPS et l'utilisation des « mesures les moins contraignantes » : une interrogation sur le plan juridique et éthique" (2016) 47:2 Ottawa Law Review 339. [<Link>](#)

A. Ferron Parayre, C. Régis, and F. Légaré, "Informed Consent from the Legal, Medical and Patient Perspectives: The Need for Mutual Comprehension" (2017) 22 Lex Electronica 1. [<Link>](#)

V. Gruben and A. Cameron, "Donor Anonymity in Canada: Assessing the Obstacles to Openness and Considering a Way Forward" (2017) 54:3 Alberta Law Review 665. [<Link>](#)

S.J. Hoffman et al., "International Law's Effects on Health and Its Social Determinants: Protocol for a Systematic Review, Meta-Analysis, and Meta-Regression Analysis" (2016) 5:64 Systematic Reviews 1. [<Link>](#)

K. Lippel, "L'avenir du droit de la santé et de la sécurité du travail dans le contexte de la mondialisation" (2016) 47:2 Ottawa Law Review 535. [<Link>](#)

B. Wilson et al., "Supporting Genetics in Primary Care: Investigating How Theory Can Inform Professional Education" (2016) 24:11 European Journal of Human Genetics 1541. [<Link>](#)

K. Wilson, K. Atkinson, and N. Crowcroft, "Teaching Children about Immunization in a Digital Age" (2017) 13:5 Human Vaccines & Immunotherapeutics 1155. [<Link>](#)



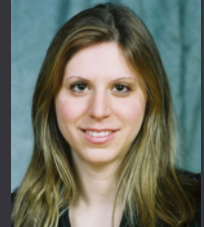
Jennifer Chandler
Law

Mind, brain, and law •
Assisted dying • Organ donation



Y.Y. Chen
Law

Health and international migration •
Medical tourism



Karen Eltis
Law

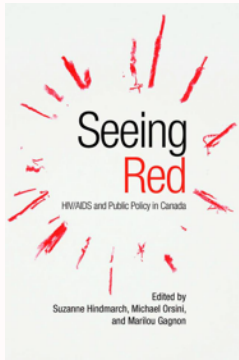
New technologies • Human rights •
Health and genetic information



Patrick Fafard
Public and International Affairs

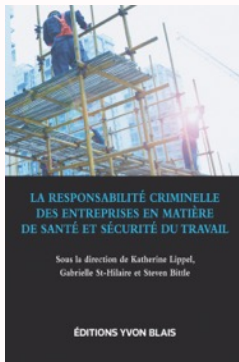
Health policy and governance •
Population health

Books



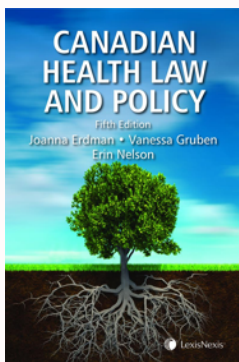
What does it mean to think about HIV/AIDS policy in a critical manner? *Seeing Red: HIV/AIDS and Public Policy in Canada* examines challenges such as the over-representation of Indigenous people among those living with HIV; HIV criminalization and barriers to HIV/AIDS services for marginalized populations; and aging with HIV. It brings together scholars, activists, and community representatives as contributors. Michael Orsini is an editor.

Coming in 2017.



Workers in Canada are sometimes seriously injured or even die on the job in cases where health and safety laws were not respected. Yet it is rare that criminal charges against companies or senior executives follow, let alone result in conviction. *La Responsabilité criminelle des entreprises en matière de santé et sécurité du travail* investigates the reasons for the apparent ineffectiveness of legislation, while comparing the Canadian situation to that of similar countries. Katherine Lippel is co-editor.

[See on Éditions Yvon Blais.](#)



Canadian Health Law and Policy (5th Ed.) draws together the legal and policy issues relevant to human health in Canada. Vanessa Gruben is one of three editors as well as author of a chapter on reproduction. Seven other members of the Centre contribute chapters on medicare, access to health care, artificial intelligence in health care, medical negligence, informed consent, mental health, and social determinants of health and marginalized populations.

[See on LexisNexis.](#)



J. Paul Fedoroff
Medicine

Forensic psychiatry •
Sexual and paraphilic disorders



Audrey Ferron Parayre
Law

Right to health • Informed consent



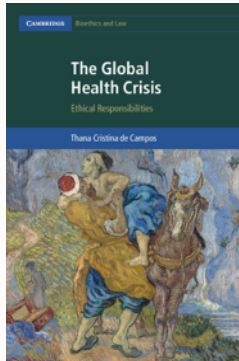
Daphne Gilbert (Incoming)
Law

Equality rights • Reproductive rights •
Medical assistance in dying



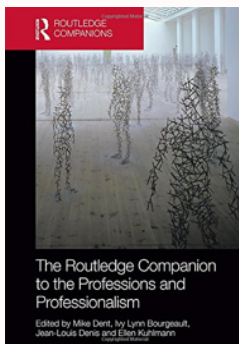
Michelle Giroux
Law

Assisted reproduction •
Children's rights • End of life care



The Global Health Crisis: Ethical Responsibilities by Thana de Campos presents a discussion of the key ethical values in contemporary medicine and health in relation to neglected diseases like malaria, Ebola, and Zika. It addresses the urgent need for reforms to the international legal rules on bioethics, notably the system of intellectual property rights.

[See on Amazon.](#)



The Routledge Companion to the Professions and Professionalism is a state of the art reference work which maps out the developments and debates around the sociology of the professions and how they relate to management and organizations. Ivy Lynn Bourgeault is an editor.

[See on Amazon.](#)



Students and Training

New LL.M. Concentration in Health Law, Policy and Ethics

This year we announced a new concentration in Health Law, Policy and Ethics in the Master of Laws (LL.M.) program. The concentration allows graduate students to plug directly into the many opportunities offered by the Centre, including the Graduate Student Colloquium (see below); interdisciplinary workshops; and contacts, collaborations, and co-supervisions across faculties. We accept applications for both LL.M. and Ph.D. on an ongoing basis and financial support is available—for more information see our [brochure](#).

Annual Graduate Student Colloquium

The Graduate Student Colloquium is jointly organized and alternately hosted by the Centre and McGill University, with this year's held at McGill. Graduate students in health law and policy present their research to an audience of academics, practitioners, and policy makers. For students this is an opportunity to showcase their work and receive critical feedback. For audience members it is an opportunity to see snapshots across the front line of research.

Health Law Students' Association

The Health Law Students' Association (HLSA) is busy each year connecting with students, professors, and other professionals. They also organize an annual "Careers in Health Law and Policy" panel for students. See the HLSA website at uottawa-hlsa.weebly.com.

Santéships

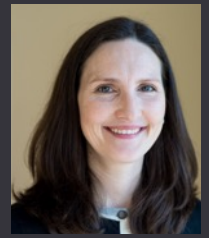
The Centre funds a number of internships for first-year law students to work with professors, giving them a head-start outside the classroom. This year's students worked on projects including mind and brain law, organ donation law, the regulation of assisted reproductive technologies, and global health law.

Mind, Brain, and Law Reading Group

How does our developing perspective on the brain change our notions of moral and legal culpability? How do new psychiatric treatments impact criminal law and offenders with mental disorders? Professor Jennifer Chandler leads a monthly reading group for J.D. and graduate students that explores such questions at the intersection of psychiatry, neuroscience, law, and ethics. If you are interested in participating please email healthlaw@uottawa.ca.

Global Health Law Clinic

This year the Global Strategy Lab in the Centre again ran the Global Health Law Clinic, an experiential opportunity for J.D. students. Students worked in teams to provide a government or NGO client with research and advice. This year's topics included global access to medicines, Canada's legalization of cannabis in light of U.N. treaties, antimicrobial resistance, and epidemic preparedness. You can read the reports of the clinic at globalstrategylab.org/clinic/reports.



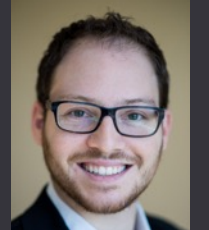
Vanessa Gruben
Law

Regulation of assisted reproduction •
Privacy • Access to health care



Simon Hatcher
Medicine

Psychiatry • Depression and suicide



Steven Hoffman (Outgoing)
Law

Global health law • Transnational
health threats • Right to health



Martha Jackman
Law

Socioeconomic rights •
Equality and marginalized groups

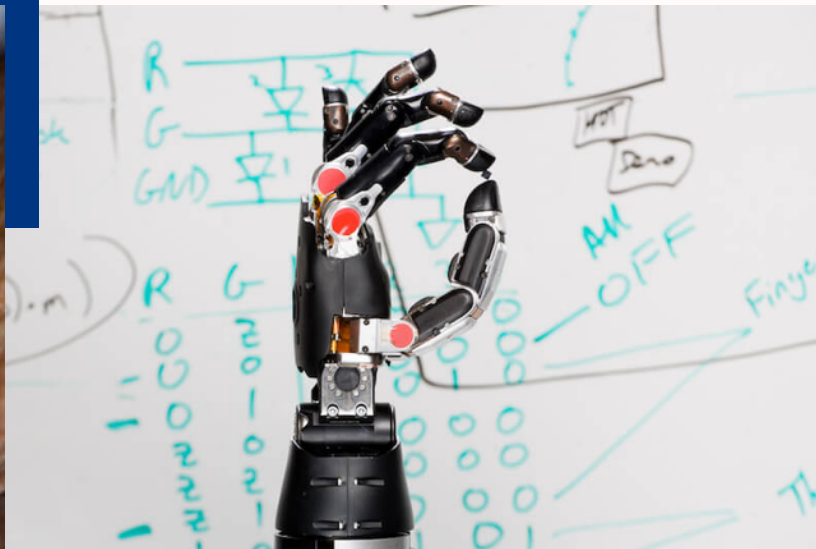
Public Service and Innovation

Many of the Centre's scholars lend their time outside the university in contexts where their expertise can make a difference. This work takes many forms, including serving on boards and committees of organizations, providing advice or expert testimony in court or before Parliament, the citation of published research in jurisprudence, drafting technical or policy reports, pro bono professional work, community outreach, and technology development. What follows are just a few examples.

This year the Centre organized a "Policy Salon" at Health Canada on the topic of financing home care and long-term care as Canada's population ages. Led by Colleen Flood, this brought together a number of Centre members as well as collaborators from Toronto to workshop policy options with Health Canada analysts and decision makers.

Steven Hoffman was appointed Scientific Director of CIHR's Institute of Population and Public Health (IPPH). In this role he works with the public, the research community, and other stakeholders to identify research priorities and translate evidence into practice.

Patrick Fafard is a member of the Prevention Policy Steering Committee of the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (partnershipagainstcancer.ca). The Partnership is an organization that bridges the gap between research evidence and cancer control strategies.



Louise Bélanger-Hardy's research and recommendations on recognizing mental injury in negligence law was cited extensively in the Supreme Court decision [Saadati v. Moorhead](#). In this case the Court changed the Canadian common law approach by shifting the focus from psychiatric diagnostic categories to demonstrable symptoms, thereby achieving consistency with the threshold for recognizing physical injury.

Kumanan Wilson led a team of students in graphic design, interactive multimedia, and mobile app design to create a digital comic aimed at educating children about vaccination (immunitywarriors.com; Ottawa Sun, Jan 1 [<Link>](#); CBC News Ottawa radio, Jan 24 [<Link>](#)). Dr. Wilson was also part of a collaboration that developed *RecoverNow*, a tablet-based intervention to help patients recover language and motor skills after stroke (CTV News, Jan 5 [<Link>](#)).

Colleen Flood and Jennifer Chandler were appointed to the [Council of Canadian Academies \(CCA\) Expert Panel on Medical Assistance in Dying](#). The CCA is the main NGO rendering science policy advice to the federal government. The panel is tasked with undertaking reviews of complex aspects of MAiD policy, including the issues of mature minors, advance requests, and mental illness.

Katherine Lippel was commissioned by the International Labour Organization (ILO) to draft a report informing ILO constituents leading up to the negotiation of an international convention on occupational violence. [<Link>](#)

Jennifer Chandler was elected to the Board of Directors of the [International Neuroethics Society](#), the leading global organization devoted to research and dialogue on the responsible use of advances in the brain sciences. In addition to her role on the Board, Professor Chandler chairs the Emerging Issues Working Group, responsible for monitoring scientific and technological developments that have social, legal, ethical and policy implications.



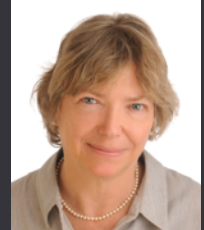
Ian Kerr
Law

Health technology •
Robot and artificial intelligence ethics



Jamie Chai Yun Liew (Incoming)
Law

Immigration and refugee law •
Poverty law



Katherine Lippel
Law

Occupational health and safety law
and policy



Isabelle Marcoux
Health Sciences

End-of-life decision making •
Psychology of suicide

Research Funding

In 2016–17 Centre faculty together with collaborators secured 43 new grants and awards totalling \$16,765,000 for research over the coming years. Here are a few highlights.

Ivy Lynn Bourgeault (co-investigator), “Seniors: Adding Life to Years”. Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). \$1,398,000 over 4 years.

Audrey Ferron Parayre (co-investigator), “Impact du genre sur les interventions d’AC”. CIHR. \$450,000 over 3 years.

Colleen M. Flood (principal investigator), “Long Term Worries: Testing New Policy Options for Financing Long Term Care”. CIHR. \$400,000 over 3 years.

Michelle Giroux (co-investigator), “L’expérience de la séparation parentale et de la recomposition familiale dans la société québécoise: acteurs, enjeux et parcours”. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). \$2,499,000 over 7 years.

Steven Hoffman (principal investigator), “Optimizing the Design of Public Health Institutions in Canada and Globally”. CIHR. \$2,000,000 over 5 years.

Katherine Lippel (principal investigator), “Policy and Practice in Return to Work After Work Injury for the Precariously Employed or Geographically Mobile Workforce: A Four Province Study”. CIHR/SSHRC. \$149,000 over 2 years.

Michael Orsini (co-investigator), “Bodies in Translation: Activist Art, Technology and Access to Life”. SSHRC. \$2,500,000 over 7 years.

Kumanan Wilson (co-investigator), “Improving the Health of Immigrant and Refugee Women and Children through Immunization”. CIHR. \$200,000 over 1 year.

Prizes

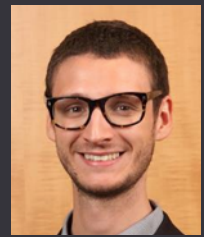
Several Centre members won major prizes this year. Following are a few examples:

Colleen Flood was elected to the Royal Society of Canada, which encompasses scholars, artists, and scientists chosen by their peers as leaders in their field. Professor Flood's research has brought new insights in Canadian and global debates on the role for and regulation of private finance in health care, the best legal architecture for health governance, and how courts can help achieve access for patients while ensuring accountability for providers.

Paul Fedoroff was recognized as a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. This title is awarded to psychiatrists who have made significant contributions to the profession ranging across clinical work, teaching, scientific and scholarly publication, and public service.

Lori Beaman was awarded the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Insight Award, recognizing research that has significantly contributed knowledge and understanding about people, societies and the world. Professor Beaman is recognized for her research in religion, law and society, and her emphasis on new frameworks for living together in diverse societies.

Katherine Lippel was awarded the SSHRC Gold Medal. This is SSHRC's highest research honour, awarded to persons who have advanced their field as well as contributed to Canada's cultural and intellectual life. Professor Lippel is holder of the Canada Research Chair in Occupational Health and Safety Law. Her research focuses on regulatory challenges, looking at prevention of injury and disease, compensation for disability, and support in return to work after disability. Her work has affected policy and practices relating to mental health at work, doctors' roles in compensation systems, and protections for the precariously employed.



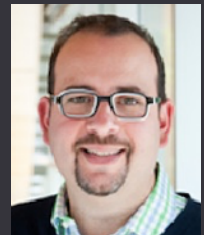
Jason Nickerson
Medicine

Global public health • Health systems
in post-conflict and post-crisis areas



Chidi Oguamanam
Law

Global knowledge governance •
Biotechnology law



Michael Orsini
Political Studies

Critical disability studies •
Health policy • Gender and policy



Christine Straehle (Incoming)
Public and International Affairs;
Philosophy

Health ethics • Health access

Advisory Committee

This year the Centre assembled its external advisory committee. The committee is composed of senior professionals and leaders and is responsible for advising the Centre on strategic directions.



David Swenor (Chair)
Public Health Leader and Advocate



Kwame McKenzie
Director of Health Equity
Centre for Addiction and Mental
Health (CAMH)



Daniel Boivin
Partner
Gowling WLG



Maureen McTeer
Public Health Leader and Advocate



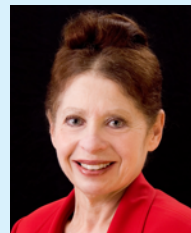
Patricia Kosseim
Senior General Counsel
Privacy Commissioner of Canada
(OPC)



Marcel Saulnier
Associate Assistant Deputy Minister
Strategic Policy Branch
Health Canada



Peter Liu
Chief Scientific Officer and
Vice-President of Research
Ottawa Heart Institute



Sharon Sholzberg-Gray
Former CEO
Canadian Healthcare Association

Media

Centre faculty contribute opinion editorials and radio and television interviews throughout the year on topics that intersect with their expertise. Following are a few examples. You can follow us on Twitter [@OttawaHealthLaw](#).

Steven Hoffman and Colleen Flood, "Forging a New Deal for Doctors Requires a New Approach". Toronto Star, Aug 28 2016. [<Link>](#)

Colleen M. Flood interviewed on Radio Canada International, "Major Case: Canada's Public Health Care System on Trial". Sept 6 2016. [<Link>](#)

Vanessa Gruben interviewed on CBC Radio, The Current, "Advocates Call for Public Registry for Sperm Donors and Offspring". Sept 15 2016. [<Link>](#)

Vanessa Gruben and Pamela White, "Surrogacy in Canada Should Give Us Cause for Concern". Globe and Mail, Sept 28 2016. [<Link>](#)

Daphne Gilbert, "Catholic Hospitals Have No Right to Refuse Assisted Dying". Globe and Mail, Oct 7 2016. [<Link>](#)

David Sweanor, "Dragons and Dragonslayers". TEDxHongKong, Dec 3 2016. [<Link>](#)

Katherine Lippel on asbestos and occupational health, interviewed on CBC Television, Enquête, March 23 2017. [<Link 1>](#) [<Link 2>](#)

Jennifer Chandler interviewed on CBC Radio, Quirks and Quarks, "Could Brain Scans Determine Guilt?". Apr 1 2017. [<Link>](#)

Y.Y. Chen and Jamie Chai Yun Liew, "Refugees Once Again Have Full Health Benefits, but Some Practitioners Still Don't Know That". CBC News, May 9 2017. [<Link>](#)



Bryan Thomas
Law

Health systems governance •
Health and human rights



Brenda Wilson
Medicine

Public health genomics •
Genetic information



Kumanan Wilson
Medicine

Public health innovation •
Blood safety • Immunization



Michael Wolfson
Medicine

Computer simulations of population
health • Populomics

Looking Ahead

We are looking forward to what's in store for 2017–18. Regular events like the lunchtime speaker series, academic workshops, and Cafés Scientifiques will continue. In addition, here are a few unique items planned so far:

Welcome to Yvonne Boyer, Associate Director

The Centre is excited to welcome Professor Yvonne Boyer as incoming Associate Director. Yvonne is former Canada Research Chair in Aboriginal Health and Wellness at Brandon University and a former Canadian Human Rights Commissioner. She has over 20 years of experience practicing and publishing on how Aboriginal and treaty law intersects with the health of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit.

Goodbye to Lorian Hardcastle and Steven Hoffman

Yvonne succeeds Lorian Hardcastle as Associate Director, who has been a lynchpin in building the Centre in its first two years. Lorian moves on to a tenure-track position at the University of Calgary Faculty of Law. Also departing is Steven Hoffman, who is taking up a full professor position at York University, cross-appointed between Osgoode Hall Law School and the Faculty of Health, and nominated for a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair. We wish both Lorian and Steven the best and look forward to future collaborations.

Welcome visiting scholars: Sam Halabi, Michel Grignon, Liu Rengui, and Yu Wende

The Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Health Law, Policy and Ethics provides funding for a top researcher in health law from the United States to work at the Centre for four months. This year we welcome our first visitor, Professor Sam Halabi of the University of Missouri School of Law. Sam will examine U.S. and Canadian national strategies on infectious diseases, including policies that affect civil rights like isolation and quarantine.

The Centre also welcomes sabbatical visitor Michel Grignon, Professor in the Department of Economics and Department of Health, Aging and Society at McMaster University. Michel will work on

simulations of financing options for long-term care. Feeding these simulations are three topics of interest: the equilibrium cost of long-term care services; who provides informal care, starting with a better understanding of spouse and union survival; and how marginal utility of consumption varies with health.

Lastly, the Centre welcomes two visiting scholars from the Department of Philosophy at Jishou University, China. Liu Rengui's main research interest is metaethics. His book forthcoming is entitled, *On Moral Identity*. Yu Wende's primary area of scholarship is public health and political ethics. He is the author of *An Ethical Inquiry of Public Health* and, forthcoming, *Culture at the Dining Table: Food Safety and Ethical Responsibility*.

Taking Stock: The State of Food Law and Policy in Canada

The Centre is co-sponsor of this year's Annual Canadian Food Law and Policy Conference on November 2–4 2017 at the University of Ottawa. The conference will bring upwards of 70 speakers, including two public keynote panels. Go to foodlaw.ca for more information.

Is Two-Tier Care the Future? Private Finance in Canadian Medicare

Next year's Health Law Day will be held on April 6 and 7, 2018. The conference will look at the possible repercussions of *Cambie Surgeries Corporation et al. v. Medical Services Commission et al.*, a constitutional challenge to bars on private finance in Canadian medicare. If the complainants in *Cambie* are successful, Canadians with means will have greater freedom to buy faster and sometimes better health care with their own money. But other Canadians could experience just the opposite through various direct and indirect effects. The conference will explore the spectrum of possible effects, discuss legal and policy options, and engage speakers from other countries with existing two-tier systems. For details on this and other events, stayed tuned to ottawahealthlaw.ca.



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