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BAR ADMISSION

Admitted to the Law Society of Ontario, Canada, June 2023

EDUCATION

OSGOODE HALL LAW SCHOOL, Toronto, ON

PhD Student (expected May 2027)

Honors: Ontario Graduate Scholarship (2025-26)
Harry W. Arthurs Fellowship (2024-25)

Activities: Osgoode Institute for Feminist Legal Studies, *Member* (2024-26)
Graduate Law Student Association, *Tenure and Promotions Committee Representative* (2025-26)
Graduate Law Student Association, *Equality Committee Representative* (2024-25)

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Legal Theory, May 2024

Honors: Dean's Graduate Award

Activities: Black Law Student Association, *Member*
Women of Color Collective, *Member*

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA, Ottawa, ON

Juris Doctor (J.D.) (French Common Law), May 2022

Honors: Graduated *Cum Laude*

Activities: Black Law Student Association, *Member*
Tennis Team, *Member*

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA, Ottawa, ON

Bachelor of Social Sciences, major in Sociology, minor in Women's Studies, May 2017

Honors: Graduated *Summa Cum Laude*

Awarded the Faculty Plaque in Sociology as the highest-ranking graduate in Sociology

MCGILL UNIVERSITY, Montreal, QC

Bachelor of Arts (completed at the University of Ottawa) in Sociology, September 2012 - April 2014

Activities: STAND McGill (Student led movement to end mass atrocities in the Congo), *Member*
Amnesty International, *Member*

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

YORK UNIVERSITY, Toronto, ON

Teaching Assistant for Professor Dena Demos' "Law & Society" Course, September 2025 – April 2026

I plan, lead, and teach tutorials on the complex relationship between law and society twice a week. We explore how laws are created, interpreted, and enforced. I also hold weekly office hours for students, assist them in developing their writing skills, and grade their assignments.

YORK UNIVERSITY, Toronto, ON

Teaching Assistant for Professor Jay Ramasubramanyam's "Human Rights in a Socio-Legal Context" Course, September 2024 – April 2025

Plan, led, and taught tutorials on human rights in the Canadian and international law contexts twice a week (two groups of 25 students). I also held weekly office hours for students, assisted them in developing their writing skills, and graded their assignments.

SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE, Ottawa, ON

Judicial Law Clerk, August 2022 – July 2023

Assisted Superior Court judges with numerous law related tasks in the areas of Criminal Law, Family Law, Civil Law, and Administrative Law: reviewed and summarized trial records, researched discrete points of law and prepared legal memoranda on the latter, edited judicial decisions in both French and English, and attended hearings and trials.

NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT LLP, Ottawa, ON

Summer Student, May 2021 – August 2021

Conducted legal research and prepared legal memoranda in the areas of business, employment, and labor law.

SENATE OF CANADA, Ottawa, ON

Intern, May 2020 – April 2021

Performed legal and social science research; drafted letter responses to prisoners and speeches for the Senator; contributed to the management of the Senator's twitter account; and co-produced the Senator's podcast, which involved identifying and securing high quality guests, conducting research, crafting research driven interview questions, conducting interviews, editing, engineering, and refining the audio, and promoting the podcast on various social media platforms.

PARLIAMENTARY INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME (PIP), Ottawa, ON

Parliamentary Intern, September 2018 – June 2019

Worked for Members of Parliament (MPs) Greg Fergus and Rachel Blaney; attended the Indigenous and Northern Affairs and Finance Committee meetings with the MPs and documented key discussion points; drafted correspondence to MPs' constituents in French and English; participated in legislative study tours to Europe, Washington, Quebec City, Toronto, and Iqaluit; and wrote a [research paper](#) on the lack of diversity in Canada's federal parliament, for which I was awarded the Alfred Hales Prize for best research paper in my cohort.

RESEARCH AND EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY, Halifax, NS

Research Assistant for Professor Rachel Zellars, May 2025 – August 2025

Conducting legal research and writing in employment, labor, and human rights law, with a focus on Canada's federal public service.

CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS & GLOBAL JUSTICE, New York, NY

Junior Research Scholar, July 2024 – August 2024

Assisted Haitian advocates, academics, and lawyers fighting anti-Black laws and policies that hinder Haitian migration around the world. I also conducted interviews with advocates regarding their work and wrote biographies on them to uplift their advocacy efforts. These bios will be posted online.

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA, Ottawa, ON

Research Assistant for Professor Constance Backhouse, June 2022 – July 2022

Assisted in creating a law school course on the history of racism in the law. Assisted with the creation of the syllabus: read, evaluated, and summarized the literature and prepared a final report with my recommendations regarding which material should form part of the curriculum.

CANADIAN JOURNAL OF WOMEN AND THE LAW, Ottawa, ON

Junior Editor, January 2022 – April 2022

Reviewed and corrected legal citations to ensure compliance with the McGill Citation Guide.

PROFESSOR ANNE LEVESQUE, Ottawa, ON

Research Assistant, May 2020 – August 2020

Conducted research and drafted research memoranda on human rights law issues.

PARLIAMENTARY INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME (PIP), Ottawa, ON

Committee Member, May 2020 – August 2020

Contributed to the drafting and review of PIP's anti-harassment and anti-discrimination policy.

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA LAW REVIEW, Ottawa, ON

Assistant Editor, September 2019 – April 2020

Reviewed and gathered citations for the journal.

PARLIAMENTARY INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME (PIP), Ottawa, ON

Writer/Editor, July 2019 – August 2019

Wrote, edited, translated (French and English), and created content for PIP's website and newsletter.

VOLUNTEER AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

BLACK LAW STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA, Toronto, ON

Judge for the Julius Alexander Isaac Moot, January 2025, January 2026

Read and analyzed students' facts and heard, assessed, and evaluated students' oral arguments.

TORONTO NATURE STEWARDS, Toronto, ON

Nature Steward, July 2025 – September 2025

Removing invasive plants from Toronto's forests.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, New York, NY

Research Assistant for Professor Carol Gilligan, July 2024 – August 2024

Read and analyzed interviews Professor Gilligan conducted with female students aged 7 to 14 to understand female socialization and how young girls and teenagers navigate patriarchy.

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA EQUALITY LAW CLINIC, Ottawa, ON

Student Intern, September 2021 – December 2021

Attended meetings, prepared a successful funding application for a client, and conducted research and prepared memoranda on human rights and anti-discrimination law issues.

FOOD SECURE CANADA, Montreal, QC

Student Researcher, January 2021 – April 2021

Conducted research on civil society proposals for addressing food insecurity and government responses to food insecurity and prepared a research paper on the topic. Assisted with the upkeep of a database that tracks developments in the world of food insecurity.

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA COMMUNITY LEGAL CLINIC, Ottawa, ON

Student Caseworker – Tenant Division, September 2020 – April 2021

Carried my own caseload of clients (under the supervision of a lawyer): conducted client intake and follow-up interviews, maintained client files, and conducted legal research and prepared research memoranda on landlord and tenant law issues.

ELIZABETH FRY SOCIETY, Ottawa, ON

Volunteer, September 2014 – December 2014

Assisted with client files and attended client interviews at the Ottawa Courthouse.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Reverse Onus in Racism Cases with Police Respondents to Resolve Evidentiary Injustice [work in progress].

Stories as Evidence [revising to submit for journal publication].

Time: A Tool Used to Hinder Racial Justice at the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario [work in progress].

MAiD for Mental Illness in Prisons and Disproportionate Black Death [work in progress, revising to submit for journal publication].

PRESENTATIONS

“An Introduction to the Ontario Human Rights System’s Handling of Race-Based Discrimination Cases” Guest Lecture for Professor Faisal Bhabha’s Anti-Discrimination Seminar, (January 2026).

“An Introduction to the Ontario Human Rights System” Guest Lecture for Professor Sonia Lawrence’s *Critical Race Theory* Course, Osgoode Hall Law School, (January 2026).

“Excluding Evidence under Section 24(2) of the Charter,” Guest Lecture for Professor Benjamin Berger’s *Evidence Law* Course, Osgoode Hall Law School, (November 2025).

“Stories as Evidence,” 10th Biennial Conference on Applied Legal Storytelling, University of Michigan Law School, (July 2025).

“Proving Race-Based Discrimination,” Guest Lecture for Professor Janet Mosher’s *Legal Process* Course, Osgoode Hall Law School, (March 2025).

“Different Temporalities as Evidence,” Law and Society in an Age of Connection and Distraction, Canadian Law and Society Association, Ontario Tech University, (February 2025).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: English (native), French (native), and Spanish (beginner)

Citizenship: Canada

Interests: I enjoy playing tennis, learning new languages, singing, reading, writing, and travelling (I have travelled to France, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Australia, Mexico, South Africa, and have backpacked through Indonesia, India, Vietnam, Laos, Sri Lanka, among other places).