

Imagining the Future of LGBTQ Human Rights

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Resume

Across the globe, we stand at a critical juncture in the history of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) human rights. The continuing struggle for LGBTQ human rights is evident around the world, from controversy surrounding the Sochi 2014 Olympics in Russia, to the use of laws in a number of countries that criminalize the lives of LGBTQ people, to the bullying of LGBTQ youth. But while there have been struggles and setbacks, there have also been extraordinary accomplishments. From the introduction of same-sex marriage in countries including Argentina, France, New Zealand, South Africa, the United States, and Uruguay, to the push for greater human rights protections for transgender communities in Canada, to the integration of LGBTQ rights in the foreign policies of nations worldwide, we are witnessing a watershed moment in the history of global LGBTQ human rights.

This two-day international seminar led by established and emerging global thinkers will be a dynamic, interdisciplinary, comparative discussion of the contemporary global LGBTQ human rights movement.

MONDAY 6 OCTOBER 2014

8h00 Registration

8h30/8h40 **Session Chair: Morris Rosenberg**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation

Introduction and words of welcome by the session chair

Words of welcome by Alan Shepard, President, Concordia University



Alan Shepard is an emerging voice among university leaders who is rethinking how universities adapt to the changing needs of society while continuing to foster innovation and entrepreneurship in support of research and higher education. President Shepard previously served as Ryerson University's provost and vice-president academic, where he had oversight of academic affairs, strategic planning and the budget. There he led a series of transformational initiatives, including the establishment of Ryerson's Digital Media Zone, bringing student-driven projects to market, and the Centre for Urban Energy, a centre for research collaboration with the public and private sectors. As associate vice-president academic at the University of Guelph, he led a university-wide curriculum initiative, strengthened retention measures for first-year undergraduates, and promoted the internationalism of academic programs. In the United States, he taught and held administrative roles at the University of Virginia and TCU. He has contributed as a volunteer in community organizations throughout his career. As an undergraduate student, he worked in hospital emergency services in Minnesota. In Virginia, he was a leader in the LGBT community. President Shepard lives in Montréal with his partner and their two sons.

SESSION 1: The Internationalization of LGBTQ Human Rights

8h40/9h15 **Session Chair: Morris Rosenberg**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation

Throughout the world, states, international governmental organizations, and nongovernmental organizations are recognizing LGBTQ rights. Meanwhile, activists are advocating for LGBTQ communities within their cultural contexts. This keynote will examine these trends, discussing the possibilities and limitations of greater international recognition of LGBTQ rights.



Morris Rosenberg was Canada's deputy minister of foreign affairs from 2010 to 2013. Prior to this appointment, he served as deputy minister of Health Canada from 2004 to 2010. Mr. Rosenberg began his public service career with the Department of Justice in 1979. From 1989 to 1993, he served as assistant deputy minister of corporate affairs and legislative policy in the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. From 1993 to 1996, he served as assistant secretary to the Cabinet for economic and regional development policy at the Privy Council Office. He was appointed deputy secretary to the Cabinet (operations) in 1996. From 1998 to December 2004, Mr. Rosenberg was the deputy minister of justice and the deputy attorney general of Canada. He holds a BA from McGill University, an LLL from the Université de Montréal, and a LLM from Harvard University.



Joke Swiebel is the president of the Centre International d'information et d'archive homosexuel et lesbien and a former member of the European Parliament. She studied political science in Amsterdam and worked for many years as a femocrat (a civil servant for women's equality policies) for the Government of the Netherlands. Inter alia, she has been the vice-chairperson of the UN Commission on the Status of Women and took part in the Netherlands' governmental delegation to the UN Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, 1995). From 1999 to 2004, Ms.

Swiebel was a member of the European Parliament. Her work included human rights and non-discrimination, migration issues, and the enlargement of the European Union. She has also been the chair of the European Parliament's Intergroup for Gay and Lesbian Rights. In 2006, Joke Swiebel was the co-president of the International Conference on LGBT Human Rights of the 1st World Outgames in Montréal. This conference adopted the Declaration of Montréal, an attempt to summarize the main demands of the international LGBT movement. Joke Swiebel has published numerous articles and papers on subjects such as gender equality policies, anti-discrimination legislation, and human rights. In 2007, the Dutch LGBT organization COC awarded her the Bob Angelo Award for her contributions to the national and international LGBT movement.

9h15/ Question-and-answer period
9h30

SESSION 2: Colonial Legacies and Global LGBTQ Human Rights

9h30/ **Session Chair: Germano Vera Cruz**, Professor of psychology at Eduardo Mondlane University,
10h30 Maputo, Mozambique

For some scholars and activists, the LGBTQ human rights movement has the potential to improve the lives of gender and sexual minorities in countries across the globe. Others remain skeptical, arguing that the LGBTQ human rights movement — which finds its roots in the West — is little more than a new form of colonialism. This panel will analyze the relationship between colonialism and global LGBTQ human rights, exploring the historical and contemporary dynamics and tensions between the Global North and the Global South.



Germano Vera Cruz was born in Mozambique in 1976. Between 1994 to 1996, having received his journalism license at the École de Communication de Maputo, he worked as a journalist for the journal *Diário de Moçambique* (*Quotidien du Mozambique*). Between 1996 and 2001, he studied literature, linguistics and humanities at the Université de Poitiers in France. Between 2001 and 2005, he pursued a doctorate in psychology at the Université de Picardie Jules Verne in France. Between 2007 and 2010, he worked as a psychology professor at the

Université Eduardo Mondlane, in Mozambique, and as an animator on a show on human sexuality and reproduction health on Miramar Record Mozambique and TIM. During this period, he also served as a correspondent for Agence France Presse and Radio France Internationale in Mozambique. Between 2010 and 2013, he was a teacher-researcher in psychology at the Université de Toulouse II in France. Currently, he is a psychology professor at the Université Eduardo Mondlane in Mozambique and is conducting a temporary research study as an associated researcher at the Université du Québec à Montréal.



Fernando Chang-Muy is the Thomas O'Boyle Lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania School of Law, where he teaches refugee law. He also teaches courses on non-profit management and immigration for social workers at Penn's Graduate School of Social Policy and Practice. In addition to teaching, Professor Chang-Muy combines his experience in academia and operations as the principal and founder of Solutions International, which provides independent management consulting, facilitation, and training to philanthropic institutions, nonprofit organizations, and government entities. His areas of expertise include designing and facilitating large-group, task-focused strategic planning, board governance, staff internal communications and performance, and resource development. He is author of numerous articles on diverse topics dealing with immigration and refugees, public health and management, and is the co-editor of the text *Social Work with Immigrants and Refugees* (NY: Springer Publication, 2008). He is a graduate of Loyola, Georgetown, Antioch, and Harvard Law School's Program on Negotiation. He is a 2011 recipient of the Penn Law Public Interest Supervisor/Advisor of the Year Award honoring outstanding project supervisors and advisors.



Trudeau Scholar **Nehraz Mahmud** is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Anthropology at Memorial University of Newfoundland. She completed undergraduate and graduate level education in anthropology in the University of Rajshai, Bangladesh. In 2006, she was nominated for the Fulbright Scholarship offered by the United States' Department of State and attended Brandies University in Massachusetts to earn a joint MA in anthropology and women's studies. In 2004, she joined the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, Bangladesh's premier organization for social research. As a member of the community of Muslim women, Nehraz hopes to help discover ways to counter the persistent inequality that subverts women's socioeconomic position.



David Paternotte is a sociology professor at the Université libre de Bruxelles, where he co-directs the Atelier Genre(s) et Sexualité(s) and the journal *Sextant*. His research mainly addresses LGBT movements in Europe. After writing his PhD on the fight for same-sex marriage in Belgium, France, and Spain, he became interested in the process of Europeanization, globalization, and the NGO-isation of LGBT activism. Dr. Paternotte is a member of the Conseil bruxellois de l'égalité des femmes et des hommes and he codirects the research network Gender and Sexuality Council for European Studies and the working group Gender and Politics of the Association belge de science politique. He has been a visiting professor or researcher at such universities as the University of Montréal, the University of Cambridge, the London School of Economics and Political Science, the European University Institute, the Universiteit van Amsterdam and the Universidad Academy of Humanism Cristiano (Chile).

10h30/ Question-and-answer period
11h00

11h00/ Coffee break
11h30

SESSION 3: The Criminalization of LGBTQ Communities

- 11h30/** **Session Chair: Louise Charron**, Trudeau Mentor and former Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada
12h10 This keynote address will examine criminal laws designed to target and incarcerate LGBTQ people worldwide. They include laws against sodomy, gross indecency, obscenity, and HIV non-disclosure. The keynote will address the role of law and legal discourse in shaping understandings of LGBTQ identity, along with the experiences of LGBTQ communities in prison.



*Trudeau mentor **Louise Charron** received her BA from Carleton University in 1972 and her LLB from the University of Ottawa in 1975. Called to the Ontario Bar in 1977, she practised law with the firm of Lalonde & Chartrand from 1977 to 1980, mostly in civil and criminal litigation. An educator at heart, she has been actively involved in moot courts and in continuing education for judges and lawyers, and was associate director of the National Judicial Institute from 1994 to 1996. Justice Charron was appointed judge of the Ontario Court of Appeal in 1995 and deputy judge of the Nunavut Court of Justice from 1999 to 2004. She was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada on 30 August 2004 and retired on 30 August 2011. The honourable Louise Charron has received honorary LLDs from the Law Society of Upper Canada in 2004, from Nipissing University in 2005, and from Sudbury's Laurentian University in 2006. Madame Charron is a Companion of the Order of Canada.*



***Kyle Kirkup** is a Trudeau scholar and a doctoral candidate at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Law where he is a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Canada Graduate Scholar. Born in Saskatchewan and raised in Manitoba and Ontario, he is a lawyer, academic and writer. Before joining the University of Toronto, Kyle completed graduate studies at Yale Law School. He also holds degrees from the University of Ottawa's Faculty of Law and the College of the Humanities at Carleton University. In 2010-2011, Kyle served as a law clerk to the Honourable Madam Justice Louise Charron at the Supreme Court of Canada. He has also taught in the Department of Law and Legal Studies at Carleton University and worked at McCarthy Tétrault LLP in Toronto. He is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada and was the principal investigator of Best Practices in Policing and LGBTQ Communities in Ontario. Commissioned by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, the project is the first of its kind in Canada. Kyle is also a member of the Egale Canada Legal Issues Committee, and he served on the Organizing Committee for The WorldPride Human Rights Conference 2014.*

- 12h10/** Question-and-answer period
12h30

- 12h30/** Lunch break
13h30

SESSION 4: LGBTQ Youth Activists: The New Frontier

- 13h30/** **Session Chair: Steve FOSTER**, Executive Director of the Conseil québécois LGBT
14h30 For several years, LGBTQ advocacy groups have had trouble recruiting young activists to ensure their succession. Today's LGBTQ youth seems to be more involved in the environmental movement,

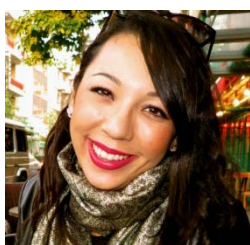
in the anti-globalization movement, and in other movements, than in the LGBTQ movement per se. What role do LGBTQ youth play as activists in these contexts? Does their involvement educate their heterosexual colleagues, or are LGBTQ issues being overlooked? Is the future of LGBTQ social and political rights at risk?



Steve Foster was elected to the Board of Directors of the *Table de concertation des lesbiennes et des gais du Québec* in December 2005. There he worked to reorganize the organization now known as the *Conseil québécois LGBT (CQ-LGBT)*, which he now serves as executive director. Throughout the years, Mr. Foster successfully regrouped LGBT organizations, coordinated and encouraged exchanges within the community and political sector, denounced homophobic statements made by the media and gave a voice to the people most vulnerable to discrimination, including transsexual and transgender people. His involvement in the heart of LGBT communities was recognized in 2008 when he was awarded the medal of the National Assembly, and in 2010, when he was awarded the *prix Personnalité publique* during the *Gala Phenicia* of the *Chambre de commerce gaie du Québec*. Over the years, Steve Foster made sure to promote and valorize the accomplishments of LGBT communities, and he ensured the presence of a diversity of voices in the public sphere. In December 2013, the *Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse* awarded him the *Prix Droits et Libertés* for his leadership, his dedication, his contribution to the defense of social and political rights of communities and the evolution of Quebec society.



Odélie Joly trains young people in human rights for the Quebec chapter of Amnesty International. She has also represented youth groups at Amnesty's Administrative Council and has been part of the National Youth Committee since 2010. An activist in Quebec's 2012 student movement, she helped organize demonstrations and strikes at her high school. Odélie has volunteered with the YMCA as well as with travellers. She was also a member of the *Comité féministe de l'association générale étudiante* at the *Cégep du Vieux Montréal*, where she completed a diploma in humanities with the "world" profile. Her program concluded with an internship in Ecuador. She is dedicated to promoting equality among diverse peoples and between people with different sexual orientations and identities.



Gina Metallic is a two-spirited Mi'gmaq woman from Listuguj, Quebec; she is currently residing in Montréal. Metallic is a recent graduate of the master's of social work program at McGill University, where her graduate thesis focused on two-spirit identity development. Today, Metallic is actively involved in creating safe(r) spaces for two-spirit individuals by giving workshops in the community, public speaking, and providing consultations for community organizations. Metallic also has a strong interest in practicing anti-oppressive/anti-racist child welfare and is dedicated to improving the lives of Aboriginal families who are involved in youth protection agencies by providing cultural appropriate services. Metallic is an active member of the *Professional Order of Social Workers of Quebec*.



A Vanier graduate scholar, **Edward Ou Jin Lee** is a doctoral candidate at the McGill School of Social Work in Montréal, where his doctoral project examines the social organization of queer migrations through the everyday lives of queer and trans migrants with precarious status. Ed was recently awarded a two-year FQRSC post-doctoral fellowship that will be held at the Simone de Beauvoir Institution at Concordia University. Ed's area of interest is the relationship between sexuality and migration, in particular within the context of colonialism. Grounded in anti-oppression and critical race feminism, Ed engages in community, media and participatory-based research methodologies. Ed also served as the coordinator for the Speak Out! LGBTQ refugee research project. Ed has recently taught anti-oppression and queer migration oriented courses at McGill and Concordia University. As a scholar-activist, Ed is involved in a number of community-based initiatives, including Qouleur, an arts-based queer and trans people of colour collective, and AGIR, a community organization which focuses on supporting queer and trans migrants.

14h30/ Question-and-answer period
15h00

15h00/ Coffee break
15h30

15h30/ Session Chair: Marie-France Bureau, Professor of Law, Université de Sherbrooke

16h30 In the last three decades, the LGBTQ rights movement has focused considerable resources and energy advocating for the legal recognition of same-sex marriage. Canada is one of the leading countries to implement same-sex marriage, having recognized it 10 years ago; France, parts of the United States, New Zealand, Uruguay, England, and Argentina recently recognized same-sex marriage as well, but in France in particular, the question of parental rights rendered the debate particularly controversial. Meanwhile, the queer community has deconstructed marriage as something that erases relationship that do not (or cannot) fit into a "wedding" model. Two leading academics — one from North America and one from Europe — will discuss the history and the prospects for same-sex marriage (or not) and parental rights for LGBTQ people.



Marie-France Bureau is a law professor at the University of Sherbrooke. A member of numerous research groups, she has received scholarships and research grants from major granting agencies including the Fonds de recherche sur la société et la culture du Québec and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. Professor Bureau's research in family law, human rights, and the study of sexuality is diffused in Quebec and abroad. She is particularly interested in issues related to parenthood and reproduction. She pursued her doctoral studies at McGill University, and

in 2007 she defended her thesis on filiation law (La filiation entre ciel et terre : étude du discours juridique québécois), written with the guidance of the honorable Nicholas Kasirer. In 2009, her thesis appeared as an essay in the Éditions Yvon Blais.



Daniel Borrillo is a professor and researcher at the Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense and an associate researcher at the National Center for Scientific Research. He has published many works on rights associated with sexuality and the discrimination against LGBTQ people. Professor Borrillo established the European Commission on Sexual Orientation Law and a network of Latin legal jurists specialized in law and sexual orientation. He has been a visiting professor at the University of Bologna, the University of

Buenos Aires, and the Université catholique de Comillas à Madrid.



A former Trudeau scholar, Robert Leckey is a professor of law and William Dawson Scholar at McGill University, where he teaches constitutional law and family law, and conducts research in those fields as well as in comparative law. From 2002 to 2003, he served as law clerk for Justice Michael Bastarache of the Supreme Court of Canada. From 2003 to 2006, he undertook doctoral studies in law at the University of Toronto. Professor Leckey's dissertation, which received the Alan Marks Medal for best graduate thesis in 2006, was published

as "Contextual Subjects: Family, States and Relational Theory" by the University of Toronto Press in 2008. In 2005-2006, he worked as a visiting scholar at the Centre de recherche en éthique de l'Université de Montréal (CRÉUM). He joined McGill's Faculty of Law in July 2006. He has been a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada since 2003 and is a member of the Legal Issues Committee of Egale Canada and of the editorial board of the Canadian Journal of Law and Society. He has received the Prix de la Fondation du Barreau du Québec (2007), the Canadian Association of Law Teachers' Scholarly Paper Prize (2009), the McGill Law Students' Association's John W. Durnford

Teaching Excellence Award (2009), and the Canada Prize of the International Academy of Comparative Law (2010).

16h30/ Question-and-answer period
17h00

17h00 Closing of the first day of proceedings

9h00/10h00 **Session Chair: Geneviève Rail**, Principal of the Simone de Beauvoir Institute, Concordia University, Montréal

Across the globe, members of trans communities experience disproportionate levels of discrimination, unemployment and underemployment, poverty, harassment, and violence. From fighting to add “gender identity” and “gender expression” to human rights codes to advocating for better access to healthcare, trans people are witnessing a watershed moment in the history of human rights activism both in Canada and abroad. Some scholars and activists, however, remain skeptical about the utility of human rights frameworks for improving the experiences of trans communities. Instead, they argue in favour of focusing on improving conditions of poverty, joblessness, and social isolation for trans people. This panel will explore the perils and possibilities of trans human rights activism worldwide.



Geneviève Rail, PhD, is a professor and the principal of the Simone de Beauvoir Institute at Concordia University. She is known as a feminist critic of body-related institutions (e.g., health industries and systems, media, sport) and favors poststructuralist, postcolonial, and queer approaches. With funding from the Canadian Institutes for Health Research, she is currently conducting projects involving women from varying sexuality, race, ethnicity, ability, and socioeconomic milieus. Interested in these women’s discursive constructions and embodied experiences of the body and health, she

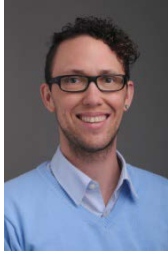
investigates discourses and issues related to fatness, HPV vaccination, and breast and gynaecological cancer care for LBQ women and trans persons.



Nora Butler Burke has been involved in migrant and prisoner justice, feminist, and anti-colonial social movements in Montréal for over a decade. She has spent the last six years working at Action santé travesti(e)s et transsexuel(le)s du Québec, a Montréal harm reduction project working with low-income and sex working trans people. She is currently a master's student in Concordia University's Individualized Program, where she works under the supervision of Dr. Viviane Namaste. Her research examines the impacts of 'double punishment' and state surveillance on the lives of migrant trans women in Montréal.



Jake Pyne is a Trudeau scholar and a doctoral candidate in social work at McMaster University. He has spent the past 13 years as an advocate and community-based researcher in Toronto’s transgender community. Alongside a host of committed colleagues, Jake has worked on initiatives to improve access for transgender people to emergency services, health care and family law equality, and more recently, to support gender-independent children and transgender youth. As an advocate, Jake led a team of trainers and policy consultants from 2001–2008 at the 519 Church Street Community Centre in Toronto to improve transgender access to homeless shelters. In 2004, this team received a provincial award for “Outstanding Work on Behalf of Homeless People” and in 2008, received a City of Toronto “Public Service Award of Excellence.” Jake has been the recipient of 20 academic and community-based awards. He holds both a bachelor’s and a master’s degree of social work from Ryerson University.



Alecs Recher holds a diploma in remedial education and social pedagogy from the University of Fribourg and a master's in law from the University of Zurich. His master's thesis on legal gender recognition in Switzerland was awarded a semester prize. Currently, he is writing his doctoral thesis at the University of Lucerne on the topic of orphan drugs. Mr. Recher is the author of several publications on the rights of trans people, including a national report for the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe's study on discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity, and on the legal situation of queer families. As an activist, his first focus was on gay rights, in particular the campaign around the popular vote for registered partnership in Switzerland. In 2009, he founded the Swiss Trans Association Transgender Network Switzerland (TGNS) and led it until 2012, when he became a member of Transgender Europe's (TGEU) Steering Committee. Today, he heads the TGNS free legal advice service and is co-chair of TGEU. Besides his academic work and activism, Alecs was an elected member of parliament for the City of Zurich from 2004 to 2014 and the first trans parliamentarian in his country.

10h00/10h30 Question-and-answer period

10h30/11h00 Coffee break

SESSION 7: Intersectional Approaches to LGBTQ Activism

11h00/12h00 **Session Chair: Rosemary Thompson**, Trudeau mentor and Director of Communications and Public Affairs, National Arts Centre

This panel will explore intersectional approaches to global LGBTQ activism. While some scholars and activists argue in favour of seeking human rights protection from the state, others suggest that these frameworks have done little to decrease the systemic inequality, violence, and isolation experienced by those who dwell at the intersection of multiple categories of identity and experience. This panel will approach global LGBTQ activism from three vantage points: disability, race, and religion.



Rosemary Thompson is a Trudeau mentor and was one of Canada's best-known journalists. As a correspondent for CTV and CBC, she has covered some of the biggest stories of her generation. Ms. Thompson has reported on the careers of five prime ministers and has covered seven election campaigns as a field reporter. After all of that time on the road, Ms. Thompson believes she's seen nearly every corner of Canada. Her work has also allowed her to travel the world, going to Europe, Asia, Latin America, and across the United States.

As the first woman ever to be named Washington correspondent for CTV in 2000, she covered the contested election between Al Gore and George W. Bush. On the morning of September 11, 2001, she was on the lawn of the White House, covering the terrorist attacks and their aftermath. Ms. Thompson joined the National Arts Centre in 2009 as director of communications and public affairs and corporate secretary. Since her arrival, she has coordinated a royal visit to the National Arts Centre when the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh unveiled a statue of Canadian jazz great, Oscar Peterson. She has also re-introduced the Centre's tradition of screening great Canadian films, including *Barney's Version*, *Monsieur Lazhar*, and *Genius Within: The Inner Life of Glenn Gould*.



Marie-Hélène Bourcier is a professor at the Université de Lille III, where she teaches cultural studies, feminist theory, and queer theory. She is also an activist and a queer theorist. She has published many articles dealing with the media, gender, sexualities, pornography and post pornography, cultures, and queer politics. She is the author of the trilogy *Queer Zones* : *Queer Zones 1, Politique des identités sexuelles et des savoirs* (2001); *Queer Zones 2, Sexpolitiques*, (2005); and *Queer Zones 3, Identités, Cultures, Politiques*, (2011) and *de Comprendre le féminisme* (2012). Her next title will deal with the connection between sex and neoliberalism, and the politics of LGBT rights.



Hassan El-Menyawi is a Trudeau scholar and a doctoral candidate in sociology at the University of New York. In his previous work in human rights law, he was the Kemp Visiting Assistant Professor at Davidson College and the International Law and Human Rights Assistant Professor at the United Nations University for Peace. Trained in Islamic scholarship and having memorized Quran and studied Islamic law, he has written work that bridges women's rights and gay rights with Islamic law. As a result of his work on human rights, the Egyptian authorities imprisoned, tortured, and exiled him from Egypt. He has since been working on advancing women's rights and gay rights through his scholarship, publishing work in human rights, gay rights, gender and sexuality, and the Middle East. He has also lectured worldwide on issues of human rights, gay rights, and Islamic law and has taught courses on human rights, international law, family law, gender and religion, gender and sexuality, foreign policy, HIV/AIDS, Islamic law and theories of justice.



Danielle Peers is a Trudeau scholar and a doctoral candidate of disability studies at the University of Alberta. In 1999, she walked away from the sporting world to which she had always belonged, and began competing as an able-bodied athlete in wheelchair sport. Three years later, Danielle walked into a doctor's office "able-bodied" and walked out "disabled". In the years to come, Paralympic medals, wheelchair use, athletic awards, heart surgery, encounters with the press, and engagement with scholarship would further contribute to her shifting experiences of both disability and sport, and to her growing engagement with the ways that disability sport has impacted, and continues to impact, upon the rights and lives of Canadians who experience disabilities. For Danielle, it is difficult to distinguish between social engagement, academic analysis, sport leadership and creative pursuits. Her successes, lessons and struggles in each of these areas are integral to her work in each of the other. Danielle looks forward to bringing all these aspects of her life together through her doctoral research project, entitled "From eugenics to Paralympics: Disability sport, human rights and the government of disability in Canada."

12h00/12h30 Question-and-answer period

12h30/13h30 Lunch break

SESSION 8: LGBTQ Refugees and Foreign Policy

13h30/ 14h30 Session Chair: **Fernando Chang-Muy**, Thomas O'Boyle Lecturer in Law, University of Philadelphia Law School

With the internationalization of human rights, nation-states have started to adopt foreign policies to address the treatment of LGBTQ people abroad. This panel will examine the unique opportunities and challenges that foreign policy tools offer for the advancement of LGBTQ rights. This includes an examination of refugee and internally displaced persons policy and an assessment of foreign policy practices pertaining to LGBTQ people.



Fernando Chang-Muy is the Thomas O'Boyle Lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania School of Law, where he teaches refugee law. He also teaches courses on non-profit management and immigration for social workers at Penn's Graduate School of Social Policy and Practice. In addition to teaching, Professor Chang-Muy combines his experience in academia and operations as the principal and founder of Solutions International, which provides independent management consulting, facilitation, and training to philanthropic institutions, nonprofit organizations, and government entities. His areas of expertise include designing and facilitating large-group, task-focused strategic planning, board governance, staff internal communications and performance, and resource development. He is author of numerous articles on diverse topics dealing with immigration and refugees, public health and management, and is the co-editor of the text *Social Work with Immigrants and Refugees* (NY: Springer Publication, 2008). He is a graduate of Loyola, Georgetown, Antioch, and Harvard Law School's Program on Negotiation. He is a 2011 recipient of the Penn Law Public Interest Supervisor/Advisor of the Year Award honoring outstanding project supervisors and advisors.

Kerry Buck, Political Director and Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development and Trade, Canada



Over the last five years, **Bruno Selun** has managed the European Parliament's Intergroup on LGBT Rights. With 175 elected members from 25 countries and 6 political groups, the Intergroup was the largest caucus group in the European Parliament and advanced the rights of LGBT people in both EU law and policy. Bruno has worked closely with members of the European Parliament, with EU institutions and with civil society to help modify EU asylum law to include gender identity, and strengthen procedural protections afforded to all LGBT asylum-seekers. He also helped elected officials adopt strong policies on sexual orientation and gender identity in the EU's foreign affairs, and helped bring about the EU's guidelines to promote and protect the enjoyment of all human rights by LGBTI persons. Bruno has been active in the field of equality and human rights for over 10 years. He now works as a consultant.



Miriam Smith is a professor of law and society in the Department of Social Science at York University. She received her BA in political science in 1982 from McGill University and her PhD in political science from Yale University in 1990. Previously, she held full-time faculty positions in political science at Carleton University (1989-2004) and Trent University (2004-2007). She is a former president of the Canadian Political Science Association. Her research

focuses on public policy, public law and social movements, especially the LGBTQ movement in Canada and the U.S. Among other works, she is the author of Lesbian and Gay Rights in Canada: Social Movements and Equality-Seeking, 1971-1995 (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1999) and Political Institutions and Lesbian and Gay Rights in the United States and Canada (New York: Routledge 2008) and editor of Group Politics and Social Movements in Canada, 2nd ed. (Toronto: University of Toronto Press Higher Education, 2014).

14h30/ Question-and-answer period
14h50

SESSION 9: Synthesis: Imagining the Future of LGBTQ Rights

14h50/ **Session Chair: Morris Rosenberg**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Pierre Elliott Trudeau
16h00 Foundation



Gabrielle Bouchard is the coordinator at the Centre for Gender Advocacy at Concordia University. Recipient of the 2014 Christine Jorgensen award for her involvement in the betterment of the trans community, she was actively involved in the legislative process leading to the adoption in December 2013 of a bill to amend the Civil Code Quebec for trans people. Gabrielle is also spokesperson for the Centre in the proceedings pending against the Quebec government to eliminate legal discrimination against trans and intersex people in Quebec and is the instigator of a research project on trans prevalence in Quebec. Her work led her to share her expertise on trans realities with organizations such as the Royal Victoria Hospital Foundation, the Jeanne Sauvé Foundation, the McGill University's Programs in Whole Person Care, as well as guest speaker in several post-secondary institutions and community education. She is currently completing a degree in women's studies at the Simone de Beauvoir Institute at Concordia University.



Line Chamberland teaches in the Department of Sexology and is Research Chair in the Study of Homophobia at the Université du Québec à Montréal. Committed to the community and voluntary sectors for over 25 years, she has acquired a strong reputation within the LGBT community and among researchers. A sociologist and an experienced researcher, she is involved in many activities that aim to develop teaching and research in the field of sexual diversity and the multiplicity of gender. The quality of her expertise has earned her research grants in the areas of homoparental families, homophobic violence in schools and its impact on the academic success of young people, homophobic discrimination in the workplace, and the adaptation of social and health services to the needs of sexual minorities. Director of the research team Sexualités et genres : vulnérabilité, résilience and member of Réseau québécois en études féministes, her current projects focus on aging and access to social and health services for LGBT people, and the history of struggles for LGBT rights in Quebec.



Danielle Peers is a Trudeau scholar and a doctoral candidate of disability studies at the University of Alberta. In 1999, Danielle Peers walked away from the sporting world to which she had always belonged, and began competing as an able-bodied athlete in wheelchair sport. Three years later, Danielle walked into a doctor's office "able-bodied" and walked out "disabled." In the years to come, Paralympic medals, wheelchair use, athletic awards, heart surgery,

encounters with the press, and engagement with scholarship would further contribute to her shifting experiences of both disability and sport, and to her growing engagement with the ways that disability sport has impacted, and continues to impact, upon the rights and lives of Canadians who experience disabilities. For Danielle, it is difficult to distinguish between social engagement, academic analysis, sport leadership and creative pursuits. Her successes, lessons and struggles in each of these areas are integral to her work in each of the other. Danielle looks forward to bringing all these aspects of her life together through her doctoral research project, entitled "From eugenics to Paralympics: Disability sport, human rights and the government of disability in Canada."



*Over the last five years, **Bruno Selun** has managed the European Parliament's Intergroup on LGBT Rights. With 175 elected members from 25 countries and 6 political groups, the Intergroup was the largest caucus group in the European Parliament and advanced the rights of LGBT people in both EU law and policy. Bruno has worked closely with members of the European Parliament, with EU institutions and with civil society to help modify EU asylum law to include gender identity, and strengthen procedural protections afforded to all LGBT asylum-seekers. He also helped elected officials adopt strong policies on sexual orientation and gender identity in the EU's foreign affairs, and helped bring about the EU's guidelines to promote and protect the enjoyment of all human rights by LGBTI persons. Bruno has been active in the field of equality and human rights for over 10 years. He now works as a consultant.*

16h00 Closing remarks: **Morris Rosenberg**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation

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