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Professional Information

Current (post retirement) appointments/honours

Appointments

Emerita Professor (1 July 2015),
Awarded by Dalhousie University Board of Governors
Professor Emerita, Faculty of Law, Dalhousie University

Adjunct Professor (July 2015- June 2021) Faculty of Graduate Studies (Schulich School of Law)

Adjunct Professor (July 2015- June 2020 reappointed July2020- June 2025) Faculty of Graduate Studies (Interdisciplinary PhD) Dalhousie University

Adjunct Professor (July 2015- June 2020) Faculty of Graduate Studies (Marine Affairs Program) Dalhousie University

External Examiner (January 2016 - Dec 2019, Reappointed: January 2020 – December 2021)
World Maritime University (WMU) (a United Nations University), Malmo, Sweden

Academic Fellow & International Advisory Board member (December 2019)
Mediterranean Programme for International Environmental Law and Negotiation (MEPIELAN)
Panteion University, Athens, Greece

Consultant on Law of the Sea and International Labour Law (October 2019- March 2020)
International Seabed Authority
Kingston, Jamaica

Graduate Student (Masters/PhD) supervisor, dissertation examiner (January 2018 –)
International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI)Malta

Honours

Honorary Fellow (August 2015)

Marine & Environmental Law Institute (MELAW),
Dalhousie University

Named to Riva Spatz Womens' Wall of Honour (July 2015)

Mount St. Vincent University,
<http://www.womenswallofhonour.ca/en/home/default.aspx>

Inducted to Bertha Wilson Honour Society (October 2020)

Schulich Law School,
Dalhousie University
<<https://www.dal.ca/faculty/law/alumni/alumni-awards.html>>

Professional Information

***Professor of Law (1989 - 2015) on retirement appointed as a Professor of Law Emerita (July 2015 –)
(Appointed Full Professor 1998)***

Faculty of Law, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Barrister and Solicitor (retired member status as of July 2018) , Nova Scotia, Canada, August 1990 – present

Appointments over 26 years at Dalhousie (either at the University or on an approved appointment/ secondment)

Director, Marine & Environmental Law Institute (1999 (prior programme- MELP); 2003-2007; Associate Faculty Member, 2007- 2012) Associate Director, Marine & Environmental Law Institute, Dalhousie University (January 2013 for a 3 year term – on leave Sept 2014 - June 2015 Honorary Fellow appointment (on retirement July 2015 to present);

Faculty of Law

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Senior Legal Officer, (Maritime Standards Coordinator,) International Standards Department, International Labour Organization (ILO), Geneva (September- December 2014 – on leave from Schulich School of Law)

ILO

Route des Morillons 4

CH-1211 Geneva 22

Switzerland

***Expert/Visiting Faculty/MBA Advisor (2001; 2002; 2003; 2005; 2006 – ongoing as requested)
Executive MBA Programme (Shipping Logistics)***

& MBA Programme, International Summer University Programme (2001-2003)
Copenhagen Business School
Dalgas Have, 15
Frederiksberg, 2000, Denmark

Professor of Maritime Affairs
(Seconded from Dalhousie University June 2000-June 2002)
World Maritime University (UN-IMO)
S-201 24, Malmö
Sweden

Executive Director of the Law Reform Commission of Nova Scotia (1992-1996)
(Seconded from Dalhousie University)
Law Reform Commission of Nova Scotia
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Chair Nova Scotia Film Development Corporation (1992-1995) and Co-CEO (Interim) (July 1996-October 1996)
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Co-Director, Marine Affairs Programme (1991-1992)
Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada

Lecturer (1987-1988)
Faculty of Law, University of Sydney, Australia

Articled Clerk (1984-1985) to the Hon. Bertha Wilson
Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Ottawa, Canada

Academic and Professional Training

2003 Certificate, Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance Environmental Management System Lead Auditor Training
1999 Certificate, Harvard Law School, Lawyer as Negotiator Workshop
1996 Certificate, Harvard Law School, Negotiation Workshop
1990 Admitted to the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society
1989 Ph.D. Faculty of Law, University of Sydney, Sydney, NSW, Australia
1984 LL.B. Dalhousie Law School, Halifax, NS, Canada
1978 B.A. (First Class) English and History, University of Victoria, BC, Canada

Selected Academic Research/Consultancy/ Public Interest Activities

- External Examiner, World Maritime University, Malmo, Sweden (appointed in 2015 and reappointed for a 3 year term 2016-2019 reappointed for January 2020- December 2021)
- *Expert/consultant*, International Seabed Authority, UN, Jamaica (Research study regarding potential health and safety standards for workers engaged in international seabed activities, 1919-2020)
- *Special Advisor*, International Labour Office (UN- ILO), Geneva (Project - drafting/research related to the *Maritime Labour Convention,2006* and other International Labour Standards matters)

(February 2003- August 2015)

- Co-Editor, *Ocean Yearbook*, (Martinus Nijhoff (Brill)) (1998- ongoing)
- Associate Editor, *Yearbook of International Environmental Law*, (Oxford University Press) (2006-ongoing)
- Editorial Board, *Journal of Arbitration and Mediation* (2010 - 2014)
- Editorial Board, *WMU Journal of Maritime Affairs* (2011- ongoing;)
- Advisory Board, *Global Journal of Comparative Law* (2011- ongoing)
- Member, IUCN Commission on Environmental Law (renewed 2021-2025)
- Member (Associate) International Academy of Comparative Law (elected 2009 – 2021)
- Advisory Board Member, International Commission of Jurists (Canadian Section)
- Board Member, East Coast Environmental Law Association 2007 (ECELAW) (2012-2015)
- Member, Canadian Maritime Law Association (- 2020), (& Committee on Maritime Labour and Immigration (2018 – 2020))
- Member, Women in Shipping and Transport Association (Canada) (WISTA)

Selected* Academic Research and Consultancy Activities

***A comprehensive list of all publications is available on request.**

- Book chapter- “A brief reflection on deconstruction, “digital disruption” and the employment of seafarers” in eds. Alexandre Charbonneau, Olga Fotinopoulou-Basurko et François Mandin, *Le travail et la mer. Liber amicorum en hommage a Patrick Chaumette* (Editions A. Pedone, Paris, France, 2021) 287-293.
- Commissioned Technical Study/Presentation- “*A Scoping Study on the Interface of the Competencies of the International Seabed Authority and the International Labour Organization the Application of International Labour Instruments to Activities in the Area* and a proposal text for a “Draft Health and Safety Plan” for exploitation activities in the Area for consideration by the Legal and Technical Commission (LTC) of the International Seabed Authority (ISA), 26th Session, 2020, Kingston, Jamaica. Published by ISA as *Technical Study 26: Competencies of the International Seabed Authority and the International Labour Organization in the context of activities in the Area*. ISA, Jamaica, 2021.
<https://www.isa.org.jm/wpcontent/uploads/2023/04/ISA_Technical_Study_26.pdf>
- Book chapter - “ITLOS and the Tenacious Genuine Link” chapter 8 in Øystein Jensen, ed., *The Development of the Law of the Sea. The Role of International Courts and Tribunals*, (Edward Elgar Publishing, Cheltenham, UK, 2020) 190-216.
- Presentation/Webcast “The ILO’s Maritime Labour Convention, 2006: Any Lessons?” Panel on *The Persisting Relevance of Early Examples of the Transnational in International Labour Law*, Faculty of Law, McGill University, Montreal, 31 January 2019.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GoMFbvdMSJo&feature=emb_title
- Section editor and author of “Introduction to Part 3. “The Law of the Sea and Principled Ocean Governance” in The International Ocean Institute - Canada ed., *The Future of Ocean Governance and Capacity Development. Essays in Honor of Elisabeth Mann Borgese (1918- 2002)* (Leiden/Boston: Brill/Martinus Nijhoff, in press 2018) at p.115.
- Book chapter- “The ILO’s Seafarers’ Identity Documents Convention (Revised), 2003 (C.185) after more than a decade: Ahead of its time or case of good intentions gone wrong?” chapter 11 in Patrick Chaumette (coordinator) *Seafarers: an international labour market perspective* (University of Nantes, Gomylex, 2016) 119-173.

- Book chapter- A delicate balance: The seafarers' employment agreement, the system of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 and the role of flag States", chapter 5 in Patrick Chaumette (coordinator) *Seafarers: an international labour market perspective* (University of Nantes, Gomylex, 2016) 285-334.
- "(Forgotten) Humans at Sea and Law of the Sea" MELAW 40th Anniversary. Virtual conference presentation June 2015, <http://www.dal.ca/faculty/law/melaw/news-events/melaw-40th-anniversary-conference.html>
- Book chapter- "Maritime Labour Standards" , 2nd edition of *Maritime Law* (Toronto: Irwin Law, 2016)
- Book chapter, " Forging or Foregoing "the Genuine Link"?: A reflection on the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 and other strategies", in *The Regulation of International Shipping: International and Comparative Perspectives. Essays in Honor of Edgar Gold*. Eds., Aldo Chircop, Norman G. Letalik, Ted L. McDorman, and Susan J. Rolston (Leiden/Boston: Martinus Nijhoff, 2012).
- Moira L. McConnell, Dominick Devlin, Cleopatra Doumbia- Henry *The Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 A Legal Primer to an Emerging International Regime* (Leiden/Boston: Martinus Nijhoff, 2011).
- *General Reporter* for the XVIIIth International Congress of Comparative Law at Washington, D.C. from 25 to 31 July 2010 section III D. (Air and maritime law) dealing with the topic Le droit applicable sur le plateau continental et dans la zone économique exclusive/ The law applicable on the continental shelf and in the exclusive economic zone.
- Co-investigator Donner Foundation Grant, Canadian and Russian Approaches/Challenges in Arctic Ocean Governance (shipping) (2008- 2013).
- Advisor, Resource Person, Co-editor, Mediterranean Programme on International Environmental Law and Negotiation, Co-editor MEPIELAN, Publication Series (MEPIELAN, Panteion University, Athens, Greece (February 2002- ongoing)
- Member, and Working Group Leader (International Ocean Governance) Ocean Management Research Network (OMRN) (2008-2010)
- Co-investigator, NSERC Grant, Environmental Public Health: Connecting Public Health with Environmental Quality to Ensure Safe Environments for the Public: A CREATE Programme (2010- 2012)
- Co-Investigator, "Strengthening Canada's Regional Fisheries Management Arrangements in Light of Sustainability Principles": 4-year (2005-2009 (publication 2010)) SSHRC Research Grant.
- Co-investigator, "Principles in Practice " Project (implementing sustainable development principles) TIER I (Canada, Vietnam, Philippines) CIDA project (2004-2009 completed)
- Co-investigator "Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment Governance of the Arctic Ocean" (A Contribution to AMSA Chapter 2) Arctic Council's Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment Initiative (Transport Canada, completed November 2008)
- Co-investigator "Understanding and Strengthening EU-Canada Relations in Law of the Sea and Ocean Governance" European Commission (January 2008-December 2008)
- Co-Investigator on Places of Refuge Study for Transport Canada (2004 Final Report submitted October 31, 2004) (MEL Institute and MAP project)
- Investigator, European Commission Consortium project for ecological ports (ECOPORTS) 2002 –2004)
- Investigator, AQUANET (Canadian government research study on aquaculture development - concluded Spring 2004)
- Legal & Management Consultant, Fisheries Forum Agency, Solomon Islands, (April 2003- August 2003)

- Rapporteur, Straddling Stocks Consultation, February 2003, Department of Fisheries and Oceans
- Nominator, Expert Panel, Pew Foundation Ocean Conservation Fellowships (2003)
- Principal Investigator, International Regulatory Development (Seabed minerals), project for Korean Ocean Research & Development Institute and the International Ocean Institute (completed January 2003)
- Lead Legal Consultant/Project Coordinator, GEF/IMO/UNDP Global Ballast Water Management Programme (GloBallast) (completed 2002)
- Expert Reviewer/Editor, IUCN- World Conservation Union Study on International Trade and Biodiversity (2000-2001)
- Chair, Canadian Bar Association National Committee on Legal Education to Assist in Implementing a Multi-option Civil Justice System in the 21st Century, (Final Report published August 2000).
- Facilitator, Funding Issues, Canadian-US Coast Guard, Transboundary Response Workshop, 1994
- M.L. McConnell & E. Gold, *Comparison of State Responses To Oil and Chemical Spills With Respect to Damages, Liability and Response Planning*. Report for Transport Canada (Oceans Institute of Canada 1989).
- C. Lamson, M.L. McConnell, D. Russell & D. VanderZwaag, *Canadian Options Regarding Conservation of Straddling Stocks Outside 200 Mile EFZ*. Report for the Fisheries Council of Canada (Oceans Institute of Canada 1989; released 1990).