Sara L Seck, Associate Professor, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University
Publications, Conference Presentations, and Other Scholarly Activities (July 2017)
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1. Law Journal/Review Articles (published; in press):


“Canadian Mining Internationally and the UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights” (2011) 49 Canadian Yearbook of International Law 51-116.


“Strengthening Environmental Assessment of Canadian Supported Mining Ventures in Developing Countries” (2001) 11 Journal of Environmental Law & Practice 1-82.

"Environmental Harm in Developing Countries Caused by Subsidiaries of Canadian Mining Corporations: The Interface of Public and Private International Law" (1999) 37 Canadian Yearbook of International Law 139-221.

2. Book Chapters and Conference Symposia (published; in press)

a. Book Chapters


b. Conference Proceedings


“Keynote Address: Exploding the Myths; Why Governments are Reluctant to Regulate” in *Regulating Canadian Mining Companies Operating Internationally: Materials for a Conference held in Ottawa, October 20, 2005* (MiningWatch Canada; Ottawa, October 2005).
4. Discussion Papers/Technical Writings:


(contributor), International Law Association Study Group on Due Diligence in International Law, Report, presented at the International Law Association’s 77th Biennial Conference August 2016 in South Africa.


(with Antony Crockett), Discussion Paper for International Law Association Study Group on Business and Human Rights, presented at the International Law Association’s 76th Biennial Conference (ASIL/ILA), April 7-12, 2014, Washington DC.

(contributor), Discussion Paper for International Law Association Study Group on Due Diligence in International Law, presented at the International Law Association’s 76th Biennial Conference (ASIL/ILA), April 7-12, 2014, Washington DC.


5. Book Reviews:

Review of *Chinese Contemporary Perspectives on International Law: History, Culture and International Law (Pocketbooks of The Hague Academy of International Law)*


**6. Other Significant Unpublished Works:**

**PhD Dissertation**


**7. Presentations to Professional Meetings and Conferences:**

2017:

“Climate Change, Corporate Social Responsibility, and the Extractive Industries”, Journal of Environmental Law and Practice Conference We’ll always have Paris: Climate Change Law & Policy following the Paris Agreement, Dalhousie University, Halifax Nova Scotia June 16-17, 2017.

“Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Social License to Operate in the Natural Resources Industry”, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Natural Resources Law Teachers Institute, May 31-June 2, 2017, Banff Alberta

3rd Annual Conference of Sustainability Legal Educators, Arizona State University, May 2017


“Devoir de Vigilance: A Canadian Perspective” Université Paris-Dauphine, Institut Droit Dauphine, Paris, France, March 8, 2017 (invited)

“A Gender Perspective on Business, Human Rights, and Sustainable Mining” Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Mining and Exploration, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, February 8, 2017 (invited).

“Relational Autonomy and the Bounded Sovereign State: Implications for Business and Human Rights in the Anthropocene”, Relationality, Place and Time panel, *Relational Autonomy Workshop*, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, January 27-28, 2017

2016:

"An Environmental Perspective," Labour Regulation in the Global Value Chain: An Exploratory Workshop, Transnational Law Institute, The Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London, UK, November 11-12, 2016


Panelist, Western Environment and Sustainability Enviro Con, Inspiring Change, Education, and Awareness, Western University, London, ON, March 9, 2016.

2015:

Sara Seck and Stephen Pitel, CPD for Siskinds LLP, Business and Human Rights, and the Professional Responsibilities and Ethical Duties of Lawyers (December 2015).


Organized (with Kirsten Stefanik), Sustainable Mining, International Law, and the Rights of Women and Girls (September 2015), workshop report available at: [http://ir.lib.uwo.ca/lawevents/6/](http://ir.lib.uwo.ca/lawevents/6/)


*Resilience: From Ecology to Law* (workshop participant) Faculty of Law, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, April 20, 2015 (invited).


2014:


(with Stephen Pitel) “The Role of Lawyers under the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights,” Canadian Association of Legal Ethics Conference, Faculty of Law, Western University, October 24-25, 2014.


“The Role of Non-State Actors in International Law-making” and “Environmental Assessment, Territory and Sovereignty,” Law’s Encounters: Co-existing and Contradictory Norms and Systems, Canadian Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, June 6-8, 2014.


“Property Theory, Environment and the International,” Roundtable, Canadian Law and Society Association, Midwinter Meeting, Centre of Criminology and Social Legal Studies, University of Toronto, January 11, 2014.

2013:


“Impact of International Extractive Industries: The Challenge of Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC)” The International Impact of Extractive Industries, Loyola University Chicago, School of Law, February 8, 2013 (invited)

2012:


“Extractive Industries, Environmental Justice and Human Rights: Jurisdictional Implications for International Law” Fourth Biennial Ingram Colloquium on International Law and Development, as part of the Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law and the Asian Society of International Law, Joint Conference on International Law and Justice, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, October 25-26, 2012.
“Regulation of Canadian companies operating internationally” 42nd Annual Workshop on Consumer and Commercial Law, Dalhousie University, Schulich School of Law, Halifax, NS, October 12-13, 2012 (invited).


2011:


“Environment, Human Rights, and (Extra)-territorial Regulation”, International Law and Environmental Law Joint Speaker Series, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa, February 3. 2011. (invited)

2010:


2009:


“A Transnational Dimension to Multilevel Sustainability Governance”, *Symposium on Sustainability Governance, organized by the Global Ecological Integrity Group and the Law Department of the European University Institute*, European University Institute, Firenze, Italy, June 25, 2009.


2008:


2007:
“The State Duty to Protect Human Rights”, *The Role of States in Regulating and Adjudicating the Activities of Corporations with respect to Human Rights, Experts Meeting with the Special Representative to the UN Secretary-General on Business and Human Rights*, Copenhagen, Denmark, November 2007. (invited)


2006:


2001-2005:


“Transnational Class Actions and South-North Tort Litigation”, Canadian Bar Association Third Annual International International Law Conference, Ottawa, May 2002. (invited)

“Examining Responsibility: Perspectives on Business and Human Rights”, *Challenging Our Understanding Human Rights Symposium (CHORUS)*, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, March 2001. (invited)

8. OTHER SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

a. Multi-stakeholder Expert Consultations

- Participant, Meeting with members of the United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights, Offices of Lenczner Slaght LLP, May 26, 2017 (invited)


- Participant, Multi-stakeholder consultation, Canadian proposals for extractive industry disclosure of payments to foreign governments, International Human Rights Program, University of Toronto Law School, November 10, 2011. (invited)


o Co-Convenor of Corporate Law Tools international multi-stakeholder consultation for Professor John Ruggie, Special Representative to the UN Secretary-General on Business and Human Rights, (Toronto, November 2009).

o Participant in New York meeting of representatives from corporate law firms participating in the Corporate Law Tools Project, with Professor John Ruggie, Special Representative to the UN Secretary-General on Business and Human Rights, (New York, New York, June 2009).

o Participant in experts meeting with the Special Representative to the UN Secretary-General on Business and Human Rights, The Role of States in Regulating and Adjudicating the Activities of Corporations with respect to Human Rights, Copenhagen, Denmark, November 2007. (invited)

o Participant in multi-disciplinary academic experts meeting on the attribution of obligations to corporations under international law, with Professor John Ruggie, Special Representative to the UN Secretary-General on Business and Human Rights, sponsored by the Ethical Globalization Initiative and the NYU Center for Human Rights and Global Justice, November 2006. (invited)

b. Media and Related Activities:


o Citation of Corporate Social Responsibility course, in the online tool, Teaching Business and Human Rights Handbook, chapter ‘OECD National Contact Point Complaints’ written by Elizabeth Umlas: http://tbhrforum.org/teaching-notes/oecd-ncp-complaints/#_ftn26

o Law Society of Upper Canada Rule of Law Event – Climate Justice: The Way Forward Post Paris Agreement, Interview with Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland, former United Nations High Commission for Human Rights (June 20, 2016)


Matthew Hill, “Guatemalan widow’s lawsuit against HudBay could be precedent setting” in *Mining Weekly* (February 2011) (interviewed).


c. Other (Miscellaneous)

- Co-Director (with Neil Craik), CIGI- ILRP/BSIA International Law Summer Institute, (June 2015, June 2016) (program for Canadian-based non-law global governance students)

- Member, Advisory Group, Canadian Network on Corporate Accountability (2015 – present)

- Member, Governance Committee, Teaching Business and Human Rights Forum, Columbia University (New York) (2014 – present)

- Member of the Board, Canadian Council of International Law (CCIL) (2014 – present)
  - Member, CCIL Academic Outreach Committee

- Member of the Board, International Law Association, Canadian branch (2014-present)
  - ILA Canada, Program Coordinator (2014-2015)

- Member, Study Group on Business and Human Rights, International Law Association (2013-present)

- Member, Study Group on Due Diligence in International Law, International Law Association (2013-2016)
• Invitation to speak at international conference on extractive industries and human rights, University of Frankfurt and the University of Erlangen's newly established Centre for Human Rights Erlangen-Nürnberg (CHREN), part of the research project "Human Rights as Standards of Transnational Economic Law, July 2016 (declined)

• Invitation to participate in panel discussion on human rights and environment at Gonzaga Law School, Spokane, Washington, April 2015 (declined)

• Invitation to participate as conference speaker at Peace of Utrecht Conference on Human Rights and Climate Change, October 2013 (declined)


• Participant, Scholarly meeting to review draft book chapters by Penelope Simons & Audrey Macklin, The Governance Gap, University of Toronto, January 2012