

## **Natalie Oman**

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### **Areas of Specialization**

Public international law, Philosophy of law, Indigenous law & politics, Political theory, Human rights, Ethics

### **Appointments**

2018-present Associate Professor, Legal Studies Program, Faculty of Social Science & Humanities, University of Ontario Institute of Technology, Canada  
2010 Assistant Professor, Legal Studies Program, Faculty of Social Science & Humanities, University of Ontario Institute of Technology, Canada  
2005-2010 Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Memorial University  
2002-2005 Adjunct Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University  
2003 Sessional Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto  
1999-2001 Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Law, University of British Columbia  
2000 Sessional Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of British Columbia  
1998-2000 Killam Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of British Columbia

### **Education**

2011 D.Jur., Osgoode Hall Law School of York University  
1997 Ph.D., *ad personam* joint degree in Political Science and Philosophy, Dean's List, McGill University  
1991 M.A., Political Science, McGill University  
1988 B.A. with High Distinction, specialist program in Political Science, University of Toronto

### **Current Research**

My present work falls into two converging streams. The first examines the sources of international law from a legal pluralist perspective, with a focus on the democratizing potential of general principles and customary international law as avenues of inclusion for non-state political

communities. The second explores non-state agents' roles as subjects and makers of transnational legal norms such as *free, prior, and informed consent* and the *responsibility to protect*.

## **Honours**

- 2018 UOIT Students' Choice Teaching Award Nomination
- 2018 Women in International Security (WIIS) Canada Distinguished Guest Speaker
- 2015-16 Commission, United Nations Office of the Special Advisers on Genocide Prevention and on the Responsibility to Protect (accepted pro bono, with USD 10,800 funding for research assistantships)
- 2016 UOIT Teaching & Learning Centre Teaching Award Nomination
- 2015 Visiting Fellow, European Research Council GlobalTrust Research Project, *Sovereigns as Trustees of Humanity*, Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law (USD 7,000 stipend)
- 2014 Senior Fellow, Canadian Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, University of Toronto Munk School of Global Affairs

## **Awards**

- 2019 UOIT Social Science & Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Small Research Grant (CDN 4,929)
- 2015 UOIT Strategic Priority Funding Award, *Negotiating Justice Research Group and Aboriginal Consultation Initiative for Ontario*, lead researcher Dr. Rachel Ariss, (CDN 50,000)
- 2011 Social Science & Humanities Research Council of Canada Standard Research Grant Award to New Scholars, *Democratic Governance Norms and the British Columbia Treaty Process* (current equivalent: Insight Development Grant) (CDN 24,492), deferred from 2010 award
- 2009 Special Grant for SSHRC Proposal Development, VP Research/Dean of Arts, Memorial University, 4A Grant based on SSHRC-SRG proposal ranking
- 2007 SSHRC/Vice-President's Research Grant, Memorial University
- 2007 SSHRC Travel Grants Competition: Paper Presentation at Scholarly Conferences Award, Memorial University
- 2004 Human Security Doctoral Fellowship, Canadian Consortium on Human Security
- 2004 Hon. Willard Z. Estey Graduate Fellowship, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
- 2003 Harley D. Hallett Graduate Scholarship, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
- 2003 Hon. Willard Z. Estey Graduate Fellowship, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
- 2002 Co-investigator, Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada
- 2005 Strategic Research Grant, *Ethics of International Intervention* (CDN 150,000)
- 2002 York University Scholarship for Graduate Studies, York University
- 2002 Hon. Willard Z. Estey Graduate Fellowship, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
- 1997 Izaak Walton Killam Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of British Columbia (24-month tenure)

- 1997 Robert & Mary Stanfield Canadian Studies Dissertation Fellowship, McGill University
- 1996 Multiculturalism Program Dissertation Fellowship, Secretary of State, Government of Canada
- 1996 Association for Canadian Studies Graduate Student Research Scholarship
- 1996 Graduate Faculty Dissertation Research Award, Humanities Research Grants Sub-Committee, McGill University
- 1996 Margaret Gillett Graduate Research Award, McGill Centre for Research and Teaching on Women, McGill University
- 1994 Graduate Faculty Travel Award, Humanities Research Grants Sub-Committee, McGill University
- 1991 Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship -1995

### **Selected Publications**

#### **Books & reports**

*The Responsibility to Protect in International Law: Philosophical Investigations* (Routledge, 2019).

*Final Report on Drivers and Recommendations for Prevention of Atrocity Crimes Targeting Indigenous Peoples in Latin America*, report commissioned by the United Nations Office of the Special Advisers on Genocide Prevention and on the Responsibility to Protect (December 2016)

#### **Journal articles**

“Human Security and Hannah Arendt’s ‘Right to Have Rights,’” (Sept. 2010) 9 *Journal of Human Rights*.

“The Responsibility to Prevent’: A Remit for Intervention?” (July 2009) 22 *Canadian Journal of Law & Jurisprudence*.

“On the Universalizability of Human Rights” (1996) 1 *The European Legacy* (Journal for the International Society for the Study of European Ideas).

#### **Book chapters**

"Private Ordering and Transnational Social Justice: The Forest Stewardship Council's Advocacy of Free, Prior and Informed Consent," in Stepan Wood, et. al, *Transnational Business Governance Interactions: Empowering Marginalized Actors and Enhancing Regulatory Quality* (Edward Elgar, 2019).

“Légitimer l’intervention humanitaire: une assise philosophique d’une ‘responsabilité de protéger’ d’un état,” sous la direction de Jean-François Rioux, *L’intervention armée: peut-elle être juste?* (Montréal: Editions Fides, 2007).

“Theories of Intercultural Negotiation,” in Cathy Bell and David Kahane, eds., *Intercultural Dispute Resolution in Aboriginal Contexts* (Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 2004).

“The Role of Recognition in the *Delgamuukw* Case,” in Jill Oakes et al., eds., *Sacred Lands: Aboriginal World Views Claims, and Conflicts* (Canadian Circumpolar Institute & University of Alberta, 1998).

### **Scholarly blog posts**

“Could R2P Justify a No-Fly Zone in the Absence of Security Council Approval?” scholarly blog, *Opinio Juris* (17 March 2011), online: Opinio Juris <<http://opiniojuris.org/2011/03/17/could-rtop-justify-a-no-fly-zone-in-the-absence-of-security-council-approval/>>.

### **Op-eds**

“Should we remove Sir John A. Macdonald’s name from Ontario schools?” UOIT website comment on ETFO Resolution recommending renaming of Sir John A. Macdonald namesake schools (28 August 2017)

“Indigenous Studies is Central to Liberal Arts Education in Canada,” op-ed, *Ottawa Citizen* (21 December 2015), jointly authored with Rachel Ariss and Thomas McMorrow.

### **Book reviews**

Book review, David Milward, *Aboriginal Justice & the Charter* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2012), *Canadian Journal of Political Science* (2014), vol. 47.2, pp. 403-5.

Book review, Anne Orford, *International Authority & the Responsibility to Protect*, (Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2011), *Osgoode Hall Law Journal* (2012), vol. 50.1.

### **Research Presentations**

- 2019 “Rethinking the Codification of International Law: The Permanent Court of International Justice’s Advisory Committee of Jurists and the Inclusionary Potential of General Principles, The League of Nations Decentred conference, Faculty of Law, Melbourne University, Australia, July 2019
- 2018 “Transnational Business Governance Mechanisms and the Evolution of Indigenous Free, Prior & Informed Consent (FPIC),” Law & Society Association conference, Toronto, Canada, June 2018
- 2018 “The Implications of the Indigenous Right of Physical and Cultural Survival for Free, Prior and Informed Consent,” co-presented with Nelcy Lopez-Cuellar, Canadian Law & Society Association midwinter meeting, UOIT, January 2018
- 2017 “Free, Prior and Informed Consent as a Transnational Legal Norm,” Law & Society Association conference, Mexico City, Mexico, June 2017
- 2017 “Private Ordering and Transnational Social Justice,” Transnational Legal & Political Theory conference, Faculty of Law, Bar-Ilan University, Israel, May 2017

- 2016 “Agents of Justice? Transnational Governance Mechanisms & Human Rights Advocacy,” workshop on Transnational Business and Governance Interactions, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, May 2016 (*funded participation*).
- 2015 “Non-State Actors and Indigenous Rights,” ICON-S conference of the International Society of Public Law, NYU School of Law, New York, July 2015 (*funded participation*)
- 2015 “The ‘Conscience of Mankind’ as a Source of General Principles: The Legal Normativity of Human Rights Protection Norms,” visiting speaker, Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law, April 2015
- 2015 “Non-State Actors as Norm Entrepreneurs: The Case of Indigenous Rights,” ICON-S-IL Israel conference of the International Society of Public Law, The College of Law and Business, Tel Aviv, Israel, May 2015 (*funded participation*)
- 2014 “Transnational Forestry Standards as a Site of Jurispersuasion: The Transformation of the Canadian “Duty to Consult” Indigenous Peoples,” Transnational Standards in the Domestic Legal Order: Authority and Legitimacy Workshop, The Architecture of Postnational Rulemaking Project, The Bazel, Amsterdam (sponsored by The University of Amsterdam Faculty of Law), October 2014 (*funded participation*)
- 2014 “International Law as a Deliberative Practice: Rethinking the Sources of Public International Law,” ICON-S conference of the International Society of Public Law, European University Institute, Florence, June 2014.
- 2014 “The Role of Non-State Actors in International Law Creation: General Principles,” Canadian Law & Society Association conference, University of Manitoba, June 2014
- 2014 “General Principles and the Role of Non-State Actors in the Creation of International Law,” Canadian Law & Society Association Midyear Meeting, U of Toronto, Jan. 2014.
- 2013 “‘Am I My Brother’s Keeper?’: The Ethics of Legislating for Humanity,” Canadian Law & Society Association conference, UBC, July 2013.
- 2012 “The Responsibility to Protect: A *Legal* Obligation?” International Studies Association, Conference on Protecting Human Rights: Duties & Responsibilities of States and Non-State Actors, University of Glasgow, June 2012
- 2012 “Non-State Actors & the Responsibility to Protect,” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu, June 2012
- 2012 “Contested Valuations of Democracy and Post(?) -Colonial Treaty-Making,” Congress of the Social Sciences & Humanities, Waterloo, May 2012
- 2011 “Democratic Legitimacy & Identity-Based Citizenship,” American Society of International Law Research Forum, Los Angeles
- 2011 “Can Prepolitical Communities Be Democratically Legitimate?” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco
- 2010 “Freedom as Non-Domination?” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago
- 2010 “Is International Law Really Law?” St. John’s Public Lectures in Philosophy
- 2009 “Our Responsibility to Distant Others: O’Neill & Human Security,” Memorial Philosophy Colloquium
- 2008 “The Philosophical Plausibility of Legal Pacifism,” Joint Meeting of the Canadian and American Law & Society Associations, Montréal
- 2007 “Hannah Arendt and the Concept of Human Security,” International Conference on Philosophy and the Social Sciences, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague
- 2007 “Sharing Horizons: The Gitxsan-Wet’suwet’en Model of Intercultural Negotiation & The Ideal Speech Situation,” Memorial Philosophy Colloquium

- 2007 “Hannah Arendt’s ‘Right to Have Rights’ and International Law,” Canadian Consortium on Human Security Roundtable, Munk Centre for International Studies, Toronto, Canada
- 2006 “Human Security and the Construction of International Legal Norms,” Canadian Law & Society Association, Congress of the Humanities & Social Sciences, Toronto, Canada
- 2006 “The *Sensus Communis* in Kant, Arendt, and Habermas,” Memorial Phil. Colloquium
- 2005 “Three Dangers Posed by the Responsibility to Protect,” International Studies Association, Honolulu, U.S.A.
- 2005 “Human Security and the Responsibility to Protect,” Atlantic Regional Philosophy Association Conference, St. John’s, Canada
- 2005 “Jean-Jacques Rousseau, “‘Common Space’ and the Need for Recognition in Rousseau,” Memorial Philosophy Colloquium
- 2004 “The Susceptibility of Preventive Intervention Schemes to Abuse: Ethical and Legal Dimensions,” Ethics of International Intervention Conference, Key Centre, Brisbane, Australia (*funded participation*)
- 2004 “A Critique of the Responsibility to Protect,” workshop on the Ethics of Intervention SSHRC research project, Toronto, Canada
- 2004 “Philosophical Foundations for Humanitarian Intervention – Nussbaum’s Argument for Human Flourishing,” International Studies Association Conference, Montréal, Canada
- 2003 “International Law and the Purpose of a Proposed Right of Humanitarian Intervention,” Ethics and Intervention Conference, Montréal, Canada
- 2003 “Legitimizing Intervention on Humanitarian Grounds,” Canadian Political Science Association Conference, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada
- 2000 “Pascal’s Moral Psychology and the *Raison d’Etat* Tradition,” American Political Science Association Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 1998 “Traditionalists vs. Proceduralists? The Role of Rhetoric in the Evolution of Self-Governance Institutions,” Congress of the Social Sciences & Humanities, University of Ottawa

### **Invited Lectures & Talks**

- 2019 "The History of Human Rights," invited speaker, Oshawa Public Libraries (12 December 2019)
- 2019 "Environmental Justice and the Amazon: The Role of Law," guest lecture, Social Justice Education Program, University of Toronto (September 2019)
- 2018 "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70," invited speaker, City of Oshawa Delpark Homes Leisure Centre (December 2018)
- 2017 “Philosophy and Social Justice,” guest lecture, OISE, University of Toronto
- 2016 Panelist, Roundtable on “The Role of Universities in Reconciliation,” UOIT downtown campus (available on FSSH homepage at <http://socialscienceandhumanities.uoit.ca>)
- 2016 Guest speaker, “What to Do With Your B.A.” panel; student-organized event, UOIT downtown campus (winter 2016)

- 2015 “Solidarity in the Face of Hate Crimes,” platform speaker, Rally for Solidarity with Victims of Anti-Muslim Hate Crimes, UOIT (1 December 2015)
- 2015 “The ‘Conscience of Mankind’ as a Source of General Principles: The Legal Normativity of Human Rights Protection Norms,” visiting speaker, Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law (April 2015)
- 2012 “Am I My Brother’s Keeper?” visiting speaker, Dept. of Philosophy, McMaster University (November 2012)
- 2009 “Human Rights & Cosmopolitan Constitutionalism,” visiting speaker, Dept. of Law & Politics, Algoma University (March 2009)
- 2007 “Hannah Arendt’s ‘Right to Have Rights’ and International Law,” Canadian Consortium on Human Security Roundtable, Munk Centre for International Studies, Toronto, Canada
- 2005 “The Responsibility to Protect,” guest lecture, Osgoode Hall Law School of York University, Toronto, Canada (February 2005)
- 1997 “The Effectiveness of Court Challenges as a Bargaining Tactic in Land Claims Negotiations: The *Delgamuukw* Appeal,” guest lecture, Native Studies Department & School of Government, Dartmouth College, New Hampshire

### **Invited Expert Opinion**

- 2016 Whitby City Council, invited presentation on the technical feasibility of preferential voting for the Delegation on electoral reform organized by Whitby123
- 2015 Provided expert opinion on proposed constitutional articles for constitutional convention of Amalgamated Transportation Union, and acted as Parliamentarian during open debate (Toronto, Canada, November 2015)
- 2014 Performed technical presentation on preferential voting alternatives for association executive elections, Canadian Law & Society Association annual general meeting

### **Teacher & Course Designer**

As Lecturer at UOIT, Legal Studies Program

- Law & the Environment**, undergrad, winter 2020
- ad hoc Independent Study research team**, undergrad, winter 2016
- Objectivity, Neutrality, Impartiality**, undergrad, fall 2013/15, winter 2019
- International Human Rights Law**, undergrad, fall 2015
- Globalization & Law**, undergrad, fall 2013/14, winter 2016
- Indigenous Peoples, Law & the Canadian State**, undergrad, winter 2012/14/17/19
- International Law**, undergrad, fall 2010, winter 2012/13/14/16/17/20
- Censorship & Freedom of Expression**, undergrad, winter 2011, fall 2011/12/16
- Legal Theory**, undergrad, fall 201/12/14, summer 2015
- Integrating Project [co-taught]**, undergrad, winter 2013, fall 2016

As Lecturer at Memorial University, Dept. of Philosophy:

- Critical Thinking**, introductory undergraduate, winter 2010



**Ethics & Political Philosophy: Legal & Political Membership**, joint grad/undergrad, fall 2009  
**Ethics & Political Philosophy: International Law & Constitutionalism**, graduate, winter 2009  
**Contemporary Issues: Human Rights**, undergraduate, winter 2009  
**Global Governance**, advanced undergraduate, winter 2008  
**The Political Philosophy of Hannah Arendt**, joint grad/undergrad, winter 2007  
**Moral Philosophy**, introductory undergraduate, winter '09, fall '07/'09  
**Political Philosophy**, advanced undergraduate, fall 2006, 2007  
**Ethics & Political Philosophy: Diversity & Legitimacy in Law & Politics**, graduate seminar, winter 2006  
**Introduction to Philosophy**, introductory level, fall '05/'06/'08, winter '06/'08/'10, spring '09

As Lecturer at other institutions:

**International Human Rights Law**, intermediate LLB;  
Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, winter 2005, fall 2003  
**Aboriginal Peoples and the Canadian State**, joint grad/undergrad  
Dept. of Political Science, University of Toronto, winter 2003  
**Philosophy of Law: Judgement & Multiculturalism**, intermediate LLB  
Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, fall 2002  
**Philosophy of Law: The Problem of Legal Judgement**, advanced LLB  
Faculty of Law, UBC, fall 2000  
**Political Theory**, introductory level  
Dept. of Political Science, UBC, winter 2000  
**International Human Rights Law**, advanced LLB;  
Faculty of Law, UBC, winter 2000  
**Philosophy of Law**, advanced LLB; Faculty of Law, UBC, winter 1999

### Selected Professional Activities

2020	Director and moderator, <i>Beyond the Walls: Virtual Conversations on the Liberal Arts</i> -- an online public lecture series produced in partnership with the Oshawa Public Library, launching June 2020
2020	Moderator and co-organizer with Jill Thompson (Indigenous Education and Cultural Services) and Rachel Ariss (UOIT President's Indigenous Reconciliation Task Force) of the "Understanding Events Surrounding the Wet'suwet'en Lands Dispute" campus event
2010-18	Research Ethics Board, UOIT
2018	Organizer, Law & Society Association roundtable on Free, Prior & Informed Consent and Canada's commitments under UNDRIP
2017-present	UOIT President's Taskforce on Equity member
2013-present	UOIT Research Ethics Board committee specialist member in ethics & law

- 2016 Lead organizer, Inaugural Lecture of the LGLS Distinguished Visitors Lecture Series by former Supreme Court of Canada Justice Ian Binnie, UOIT downtown campus
- 2015-16 Director of research team on the Prevention of Atrocity Crimes Targeting Indigenous Peoples in Latin America, commissioned by the UN Office of the Special Advisers on Genocide Prevention and on the Responsibility to Protect
- 2016 Roundtable panelist, “The Role of Universities in Reconciliation,” UOIT (available at <<http://socialscienceandhumanities.uoit.ca>>)
- 2013-2016 Canadian Law & Society Association Board member
- 2015 Faculty organizer with UOIT Political Science Students’ Club of voter education events series at UOIT, downtown campus
- 2015 Conference panel organizer and participant, panel on Obligations to Non-Citizens at the ICON-S International conference, NYU School of Law, New York City
- 2015 Conference panel organizer and participant, panel on Transnational Actors & Their Changing Obligations at the ICON-S-IL Israel conference, The College of Law & Business, Tel Aviv, Israel
- 2014 Academy of European Law on Human Rights, summer programme, European University Institute, Florence
- 2014 Organizer and speaker, Roundtable on *Keeping the Land: Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug, Reconciliation and Canadian Law*, Canadian Law & Society Association conference, University of Manitoba
- 2013-2014 Faculty of SSH Governance committee
- 2013 3M Thesis competition judge, UOIT
- 2012-13 Faculty of BIT Dean Renewal Committee, member, UOIT
- 2012 Reviewer, journal of *Race & Justice*
- 2012 Faculty of SSH strategic planning committee member
- 2011-12 Dean of Education Search Committee member, UOIT
- 2011-12 Faculty of SSH Dean Renewal Committee member, UOIT
- 2009-2010 Graduate Studies Committee, Faculty Council of Memorial University
- 2008-2010 Founder & co-organizer, HOT Topics interdisciplinary public discussion series, Memorial University
- 2008 Public panel speaker, *Darfur and the Responsibility to Protect*, Memorial University
- 2008 Public panel speaker *Afghanistan and International Law*, Memorial University
- 2007 Public panel speaker, The Learning Co-op Series: *Newfoundland Independence*, Memorial University
- 2007 Manuscript reviewer, University of Toronto Press.
- 2006 Coordinator, Diploma in Applied Ethics Program, Memorial University
- 2002-2005 Co-organizer of joint faculty-grad student seminar on post-colonialism, indigenous law, and political philosophy since January 2002, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
- 2004 Reparations for War panel, *Reparations: An Interdisciplinary Examination of Some Philosophical Issues in International Law* Conference, Queens University, Kingston
- 2002 Organizer, ad hoc visiting speakers series on *Aboriginal Peoples and the Canadian State: Reimagining Our Relationships*, University of Toronto

- 2002 Chair, Intercultural Modalities panel, Osgoode Hall Law School Graduate Law Students Association Conference, York University
- 2000-2002 Organizer and facilitator, joint faculty-graduate reading group on legal theory and Indigenous law, Osgoode Hall Law School
- 2000 Chair, The Nation State and International Legal Instruments panel, UBC Faculty of Law Graduate Students Conference, UBC
- 1998 Commentator, Aristotle on Deliberation panel, Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, UBC
- 1997 Chair, Resolving Disputes of Membership session, *Conference on the Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples*, McGill University

### **Professional Memberships**

International Commission of Jurists  
The International Society of Public Law (ICON-S)  
Canadian Law & Society Association  
Law & Society Association (USA)  
American Political Science Association