

# **Natalie Oman**

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## **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 neglected sources of 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.

## **Areas of Specialization**

Public international law, Philosophy of law, Indigenous international law, Political theory, Aboriginal (Canadian state) law, Human rights, Ethics

## **Appointments**

2010-current	Associate Professor, Legal Studies Program, Faculty of Social Science & Humanities, University of Ontario Institute of Technology
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., <i>ad personam</i> 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

### **Selected Honours**

- 2020 Visiting Faculty Member and Senior Fellow of the Centre for Law & the Environment, Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia (remote tenure)
- 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)
- 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

### **Selected Awards**

- 2019 UOIT Social Science & Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Small Research Grant, *Collaborative Resource Management through Free, Prior and Informed Consent* (CDN 5,000)
- 2015 UOIT Strategic Priority Funding Award, *Negotiating Justice Research Group and Aboriginal Consultation Initiative for Ontario*, co-investigator, (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 24,500)
- 2009 Special Grant for SSHRC Proposal Development, VP Research/Dean of Arts, Memorial University (based on SSHRC competition proposal ranking)
- 2007 SSHRC/Vice-President's Research Grant, Memorial University
- 2004 Human Security Doctoral Fellowship, Canadian Consortium on Human Security
- 2002 Co-investigator, Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada
- 05 Strategic Research Grant, *Ethics of International Intervention* (CDN 150,000)
- 2004 Hon. Willard Z. Estey Graduate Fellowship, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University (renewed 2003, 2002)
- 2003 Harley D. Hallett Graduate Scholarship, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
- 2002 York University Scholarship for Graduate Studies, York University
- 1997 Izaak Walton Killam Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of British Columbia (24-month tenure)
- 1996 Multiculturalism Program Dissertation Fellowship, Secretary of State, Government of Canada
- 1991 Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship
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### **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.

### Articles under review

- "Human Rights and Human Rights Protection Norms as General Principles of International Law," submitted to the *European Journal of International Law*.

### Works in progress

- "Dispatches from the *Sui Generis* Zone: Negotiating Legal Pluralism in a Canadian Courtroom," article in preparation for submission to the *Canadian Journal of Law and Society*.

### **Selected 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 of International Law," The League of Nations Decentred conference, Faculty of Law, Melbourne University, Australia
- 2018 "Transnational Business Governance Mechanisms and the Evolution of Indigenous Free, Prior & Informed Consent (FPIC)," Law & Society Association conference, Toronto
- 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, University of Ontario Institute of Technology, Canada
- 2017 "Free, Prior and Informed Consent as a Transnational Legal Norm," Law & Society Association conference, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2017 "Private Ordering and Transnational Social Justice," Transnational Legal & Political Theory conference, Faculty of Law, Bar-Ilan University, Israel
- 2016 "Agents of Justice? Transnational Governance Mechanisms & Human Rights Advocacy," workshop on Transnational Business and Governance Interactions, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University (*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 (*funded participation*)
- 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 Jurisprudence: 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.
- 2013 "Am I My Brother's Keeper?: The Ethics of Legislating for Humanity," Canadian Law & Society Association conference, University of British Columbia, 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 "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

### **Invited Lectures & Talks**

- 2019 "The History of Human Rights," invited speaker, Oshawa Public Libraries
- 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
- 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>)

- 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
- 2015 “Solidarity in the Face of Hate Crimes,” platform speaker, Rally for Solidarity with Victims of Anti-Muslim Hate Crimes, UOIT (1 December 2015)
- 2012 “Am I My Brother’s Keeper?” visiting speaker, Dept. of Philosophy, McMaster University
- 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,” invited speaker, Canadian Consortium on Human Security Roundtable, Munk Centre for International Studies, Toronto, Canada

### **Lecturer & Course Designer**

#### **UOIT, Legal Studies Program**

Law & the Environment  
 Objectivity, Neutrality, & Impartiality  
*ad hoc* Independent Study research team  
 Integrating Project (collaboratively taught)  
 International Human Rights Law  
 Globalization & Law  
 Indigenous Peoples, Law & the Canadian State  
 International Law  
 Censorship & Freedom of Expression  
 Legal Theory

#### **Memorial University, Dept. of Philosophy**

Moral Philosophy  
 Introduction to Philosophy  
 Critical Thinking  
 Contemporary Issues: Human Rights  
 Global Governance  
 Political Philosophy  
 The Political Philosophy of Hannah Arendt  
 Ethics & Political Philosophy: (annual themes)

- Diversity & Legitimacy in Law & Politics
- Legal & Political Membership
- International Law & Constitutionalism

### **Selected Professional Activities**

- 2020 Principal researcher, *Differential impacts of COVID-19 on academic workers: gender and intersectional identities* project, in partnership with the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA)
- 2020 Director and moderator, *Beyond the Walls: Virtual Conversations on the Liberal Arts* -- an online public lecture series produced in partnership with the Oshawa Public Libraries as a public outreach response to COVID-19 restrictions
- 2020 Moderator and co-organizer, "Understanding Events Surrounding the Wet'suwet'en Lands Dispute" campus outreach event, in partnership with the Baagwating Indigenous Students Centre and the UOIT President's Indigenous Reconciliation Task Force
- 2017-20 University of Ontario Institute of Technology President's Task Force on Equity appointee
- 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
- 2013-16 Canadian Law & Society Association Board member
- 2015 Provided expert opinion on proposed constitutional articles for constitutional convention of the international Amalgamated Transportation Union, and served as Parliamentarian during open convention debate (Toronto, Canada)
- 2014 Academy of European Law on Human Rights, European University Institute, Florence