

EDUCATION

- 2007-2008 **Master of the Science of Law (J.S.M.), Stanford University**
- **3.7 GPA; “A-” average**
 - Awarded **Viscount Bennett Fellowship** (CDN\$40,000); **Fulbright Award** (US\$15,000 – money deferred for future doctoral research); **SPILS Scholarship** (US\$10,000)
 - Thesis titled **“Foreign Direct Investment in Canada: Paying the Toll Troll to get to the Greener Grass on the Other Side”**
 - Delivered thesis at event organized by Stanford Advanced Degree Students Association (Stanford, Mar. 2008)
 - Invited by Stanford Program for Global Justice as respondent to paper presented by Princeton political theory professor Jan-Werner Mueller (Stanford, Mar. 2008)
 - Researched for philosopher Josh Cohen on ethical consumption (Oct. 2007-Jan. 2008)
 - Attended “MIT Just Supply Chains Conference” and drafted working paper for conference (“Ethical Consumption: Framing the Current Situation and Avenues for Action”) (Boston, Jan. 2008)
 - Invited to participate (as 1 of 25 guests, including former Minister of Finance of Afghanistan and Vice-President and Director of Studies of the International Peace Academy at Columbia University) in “Stanford Democratic Control of International Organizations Workshop” (Stanford, Oct. 2007)
 - Took several graduate level courses in philosophy, law, and political theory
- 2002-2005 **Baccalaureate of Laws (LL.B.), Magna cum laude, University of Ottawa**
- **8.0/10.0 GPA; Top 5% of program**
 - Awarded Osgoode Society Prize for Canadian Legal History, **for the top students in the graduating class**
 - Summer 2004: Awarded Mobility Scholarship for academic exchange to American University
 - Fall 2003: Awarded Merit Bursary for Academic Excellency
- 2004 (fall) **Academic Exchange, The American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C.**
- **Perfect 4.0/4.0 GPA**
 - Fall 2004 semester: Submitted “Federalism’s Impact on International Trade”, an International Trade Law paper commissioned by International Lawyers and Economists Against Poverty (iLEAP)
 - Fall 2004 semester: Submitted “Justice Options for Afghanistan,” an International Human Rights Advocacy Law paper commissioned by Human Rights First
- 2000-2002 **Faculty of Arts and Science, University of Toronto** (studied Philosophy, Mathematics, Life Sciences, History)
- Admitted to University of Ottawa’s Law School pursuant to program of accelerated admission for outstanding undergraduates with two years of university experience

PUBLICATIONS

- “Minority-Language Education Rights” (2008) 39 *S.C.L.R.* (*Supreme Court Law Review*) (2d) 261; and in Joseph Eliot Magnet, ed., *Official Languages of Canada: New Essays* (Markham, On: LexisNexis Butterworths, 2008) ch. 7
- “The Future of Canada’s Official-Language Minorities” (2008) 39 *S.C.L.R.* (2d) 347; and in Joseph Eliot Magnet, ed., *Official Languages of Canada: New Essays* (Markham, On: LexisNexis Butterworths, 2008) ch. 8 (with Sina Muscati)
- “Revisiting *Doucet-Boudreau* – Perspectives on Remedies in Section 23 Cases” (2006) 32 *S.C.L.R.* (2d) 301; and in A. Braën, P. Foucher, & Y. LeBouthilier, eds., *Languages, Constitutionalism and Minorities/Langues, constitutionnalisme et minorités* (Markham, On: LexisNexis Butterworths, 2006) (with the Honourable Mr. Justice Paul S. Rouleau and Subrata Bhattacharjee)
- “Georges Rutaganda v. The Prosecutor: Case No. ICTR-96-3-A”, 12 No. 2 Hum. Rts. Brief 33 (2005) (also see: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/hrbrief/12/2rutaganda.cfm>)
- “L’affaire Casimir et les minorités francophones et acadiennes du Canada” (Niagara Falls, On: AJEFO, 2004) (with Michelle Vaillancourt) (also see: <http://ajefo.ca/documents/nrouleau.doc>)
- *Vaid: The Need to Consider the Parliamentary Authorities* (Ottawa: Senate of Canada, 2003) (with Joël M. Michaud and Charles Robert) (also see: <http://www.parl.gc.ca/37/2/parlbus/commbus/senate/com-e/Ru12-e/APP-ENG.pdf>)
 - Report commissioned by the *Senate Standing Committee on Rules, Procedure and the Rights of Parliament*
- Circulating drafts of papers on 1. Bicameralism; 2. Foreign Direct Investment in Canada; and 3. Global Democracy

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2007-present **Lawyer, Law Society of Upper Canada (LSUC ID: #54515D)**
- Advising clients on constitutional law, particularly minority-language education and denominational rights
 - Advising clients on constitutional issues stemming from both criminal and civil laws
- January 2010 **Visiting Professor, University of Ottawa Law School, Ottawa, Canada**
- Taught interdisciplinary comparative constitutional law course titled: “Nationalism, Nation-Building and the Constitution” for the intensive January 2010 semester (3 hours of class per day for 3 weeks)
- 2009 **Advisor and Consultant, Center for Knowledge Societies, New Delhi, India (www.cks.in)**
- Advised CKS on *Interactive Services Report* (www.interactiveservicesreport.com), which aims to document the use and rise of interactive data services in China, India, Indonesia, South Africa, Nigeria, and Egypt
 - Will be primary author of “Policy Content and Analysis” section of report when funding for report is secured
- 2008-2009 **Visiting Professor, National Law School of India University (NLS), Bangalore, India**
Visiting Professor, National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS), Kolkata, India
- NLS ranked 1st among all Indian law schools and NUJS ranked 3rd
 - Courses taught:
 - Political and Legal Philosophy
 - International Development, Rule of Law, and Democracy
 - Comparative Constitutional Law
 - Delivered lecture on “Democracy and the Rule of Law” as chief guest at “Roots Lecture Series” organized by Karnataka Institute for Law and Parliamentary Reform and G.K. Law College (India, Sept. 2008)
 - Delivered lectures on “International Development” and “Democracy and the Rule of Law” as chief guest before KLE College of Business Administration and Belgaum Law College (India, Sept. 2008)
 - Delivered lecture on “Corporate Governance” in Sanatan Dharma College, Chandigarh (Jan. 2009)
 - Delivered faculty lecture on “Interdisciplinarity and the Law” at NUJS (Feb. 2009)
 - Delivered lecture on Federalism at North-East Hills University in Shillong (May 2009)
 - Delivered lectures on jurisprudence, constitutional law, and federalism at NLS and NUJS
 - One of three principal researchers (with professors Jasmine Joseph and Pritam Baruah) for Dr. M.P. Singh’s report on federalism for the Indian Government Commission on Centre-State Relations
- 2006-2007 **Clerk to the Honourable Justice Marie Deschamps, Supreme Court of Canada, Ottawa**
- Contributed to drafting of reasons, memoranda, and speeches on various areas of the law
- 2005-2006 **Research Assistant to John English, Director, Centre for International Governance Innovation (cigionline.org)**
- Researched and helped construct governance and development database on Haiti
 - Organized academic conference on governance in Haiti held at the Centre in November 2005
- 2006 (June) **Volunteer, Uganda Human Rights Commission, Kampala, Uganda**
- Wrote legal memoranda and provided policy advice on issues in Ugandan constitutional and international law
- 2006 (May) **Volunteer, International Federation for the Red Cross, Niamey and Tanout, Niger**
- Worked in the field on a economic development project in desert villages suffering from food insecurity
 - Researched and drafted sections of report evaluating impact of cash distribution in food insecurity context
- Sept. 2005-Apr. 2006 **Paid Intern, United Nations Development Program, Dakar, Senegal**
- Placed in the coordination branch of the “Programme national de bonne gouvernance”
 - Developed and wrote detailed development policy proposal for inclusion of Human Rights, Political Governance, and Corporate Governance as components of the “Programme”
- 2005 (winter) **Intern, United Nations, Human Rights and Economic Law Division, Department of Foreign Affairs, Canada**
- Wrote legal memorandum on the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
- 2005 (winter) **Intern, Public Law Policy Section, Department of Justice, Canada**
- Member of a workgroup responsible for the proposal of a government policy on racial profiling
- 2005 (Jan.) **Intern, Professor William Schabas, Irish Centre for Human Rights, Galway, Ireland**
- Conducted legal research and analysis on international criminal law and human rights law

- 2004 (Dec.) **Legal Intern, Mexican Embassy to the United States of America, Washington, D.C.**
- Assisted the Minister for Special Affairs and Human Rights
 - Drafted a legal paper on “extradition assurances” for the Embassy
- 2002-2004 **Previously held paid summer and part-time positions as:**
- *Summer Student, Heenan Blaikie LLP, Toronto*
 - *Legal Research Assistant, University of Ottawa, Faculty of Common Law, Professor Louise Bélanger-Hardy*
 - *Legal Research Assistant, Federal Department of Justice, Minister’s Office, seconded to Family, Children & Youth Section, Canada*
 - *Legal Research Assistant, Senate of Canada*
 - *Assistant to Senior Policy Advisor, Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Minister’s Office, Canada*

RECENT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- 2007-present **Member of the Bar, Law Society of Upper Canada (Ontario)**
- 2007-present **Co-Founder, The Treehouse Group, treehousegroup.org**
- The Treehouse Group is a collective of thinkers who facilitate the exchange of ideas by bringing together people from diverse backgrounds. The group shares the view that multi-disciplinary collaboration is central to addressing the issues that face society – both locally and globally.
 - Organized the Bangalore ideaXchange on Feb. 7, 2009, a conclave devoted to imagining Bangalore’s urban, social, cultural and media landscape in 2020 (in collaboration with the Center for Knowledge Societies (CKS))
 - Treehouse organized several multidisciplinary events in Toronto in 2008-2009, in collaboration with the MaRS Discovery District (<http://www.marsdd.com/MaRS-Home.html>)
 - Treehouse and MaRS are collaborating to create Treehouse Talks, a monthly lecture series where “some of Toronto’s most interesting people present their work in an unusual way” (www.treehousetalks.com)
- 2007-present **Co-Founder, TEFECSchools.org**
- Working with colleague Godber Tumushabe and Stanford-based business team to fund and create High School and Technical Institute for underprivileged and gifted rural children in African Great Lakes region
 - Godber attended the Stanford School of Business 2008 Summer Institute for Entrepreneurship, where our project was selected in the final round as one of the projects of focus for the course
 - Currently raising start-up funds of US\$400,000 to begin operations
- 2003-2004, 2007 **Outdoor and Indoor Soccer, Ottawa Bears Soccer Club, Ottawa**
- 2002-2006 **Member, Association of French Speaking Jurists of Ontario (AJEFO)**
- 2005-2006 **Director, Pro Bono Project on Access to Justice, Toronto**
- Created script for a video on small claims courts procedures and strategies to guide self-represented litigants
- 2000-2002 **Member of rowing teams at University of Toronto (won Novice Rower of the Year 2000), Hanlan Boat Club,**
2004-2006 **University of Toronto Alumni, and Club de Hann-Fann (in Dakar)**
- Participated in international invitational regatta in Ilan County, Taiwan (fall 2004 and fall 2005)
- 2004 (fall) **Research Volunteer, Food Research and Action Center, Washington, D.C.**
- 2004 (fall) **Research Volunteer, War Crimes Research Office, American University, Washington, D.C.**
- 2004 (Nov.) **Volunteer Judge, Marshall Brennan High School Moot Court Competition, Washington, D.C.**

PERSONAL INTERESTS

- **Travel:** backpacked through Africa, bicycled through Italy and Germany, and travelled throughout India
- **Reading:** enjoy history, philosophy, classical literature, theoretical physics, statistics, and biology
- **Languages:** native speaker of **French** and **English**; conversational knowledge of **Spanish**; took introductory **Mandarin**
- **Sports:** involved in several individual sports (cross-country skiing, squash, and running) and team sports (soccer, ultimate frisbee)
- **Music:** play Chopin, Debussy, and Mozart on the piano; teaching myself to play the guitar