

Bitá Amani



Dr. Bitá Amani, BA (York, *with Distinction*), LLB (Osgoode), SJD (UofT), is Associate Professor of Law and Co-Director of Feminist Legal Studies Queen's, at Queen's University, Faculty of Law, and a member of the Ontario bar. She has taught courses in torts, copyright, trade-marks, and unfair competition, advanced intellectual property, information privacy, and a feminist workshop and is author of two books in intellectual property. Her monograph, *State Agency and the Patenting of Life in International Law* was published in 2009 (Aldershot: Ashgate). She is also co-author (with Carys Craig) of *Trade-marks and Unfair Competition Law in Canada: Cases and Commentary* (Toronto: Carswell 2011). Dr. Amani has been engaged as an academic and policy consultant for various journals and levels of government (gene patents; legislative drafting; policy implications for women and children in the recognition of foreign polygamous marriages; regulation of novel foods), and has held visiting positions at Osgoode Hall Law School and its Feminist Legal Studies program, Oxford University's Research Centre in Intellectual Property and at the School of Law, the Centre for International Governance at the University of Leeds, and privately endowed Brocher Foundation in Geneva, Switzerland (2008) where she organized an interdisciplinary workshop on *Regulating Biopatenting: The Case for Contrast or Convergence*.

Gail Baikie



After a lengthy professional career focused on the healing and social development of Indigenous-Aboriginal communities, Gail Baikie joined the faculty at the Dalhousie University School of Social Work in 2003. She has a particular interest in the education and professional development of Indigenous-Aboriginal helping professionals with respect to their capacity to practice in-between worldviews. As part of her PhD dissertation, Gail developed Decolonizing Critical Reflection as an educational and research methodology. Through a systematic guided process, participants access the secondary and then primary elements of the respective worldviews. Given the dominance of a Euro-western cultural model, the process also decolonizes- the –mind by freeing the thought process for a more culturally congruent and emancipated professional praxis. For the past four years, Gail has also been the University Lead researcher at the Happy Valley-Goose Bay site of the national Feminist Northern Network (FemNorthNet) project. This project of the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women (CRIAOW) is focused on research and action with respect to the effects of economic restructuring on women in northern communities. In partnership with the Community Lead, Petrina Beals, Gail initiated the 'Claiming our Place: Women's Relationship with Rivers' community-based participatory action research project. The goal of this project was to engage and empower marginalized local women with respect to their involvement and influence in the natural resource development agenda in the region. After growing up in Labrador, Gail continues to maintain a close connection to her Labrador Inuit heritage and an association with the now self-governing territory of Nunatsiavut, Labrador. She aspires to use her gifts to support Indigenous-Aboriginal peoples generally and especially the peoples of Labrador. She is the author of numerous publications; her most recent work is 'Decolonizing Critical Reflection: A tool for Indigenous Social Workers to Decolonize their Minds,' in R. Sinclair, ed., *Kiskeyihtamowin: Aboriginal Social Work Theory, Praxis, and Critique*. Halifax: Fernwood.

Shahnaj Begum



Shahnaj Begum is PhD candidate and researcher at the Unit for Gender Studies in the Faculty of Education of the University of Lapland. Her research focuses on Northern elderly well-being, including Sámi elderly, and gender issues in the context of Arctic change. She emphasizes the specific human rights questions of the region's elderly people who are affected by rapid climate change and by other changes in the Arctic. Ms. Begum currently coordinates two projects: 'The Arctic Change and Elderly Exclusion: A gender-based perspective,' Funded by Nordic Council of Ministers, and 'A Gender based approach to livelihood change in the Nordic Arctic,' funded by the Nordic Funding Scheme: Nordic co-operation in the area of gender equality, and has received a number of prestigious research grants awarded by various Finnish foundations, including the Finnish Cultural Foundation. Recent publications include "Impact of Climate Change on the Elderly People in the Arctic with special focus on the European High North: A Human Rights Perspective," *Yearbook of Polar Law* (Brill Academic Publishers) (2013), and "Gender Positioning of Older Persons in the context of Arctic Change" Lapland University Press (forthcoming).

Hege Brækhus



Hege Brækhus is Professor and former dean (2009-2013) in the Faculty of Law, University of Tromsø, Norway, a former judge, and a member of the Norwegian government's Equal Pay Commission (2006-2009) and Discrimination Law Committee (2008-2009). She specializes in social security, family law, and gender equality law, and has held visiting positions at the European University Institute, Florence, Boalt Hall Law, University of California, Berkeley; the University of Warwick School of Law; and Dipartimento Scienze the Giuridiche, University Ca'Foscari, Venice. Recent publications include *Discrimination in Private and Personal Relationships*, Macadam Förlag, 2011, and her most representative article in English is "Regulation of Parenthood -- Deregulation of Marriage" in Bea Verschraegen, ed., *Family Finances*, Jan Sramek Verlag 2008.

Monica Burman



Monica Burman is Associate Professor in Criminal Law and Deputy Director of the Forum for Studies on Law and Society at Umeå University. Her main field of interest concerns empirical and theoretical issues related to gender and crime victims in criminal law. She is a national expert on men's violence against women, which also was the subject of her doctoral thesis. Examples of other research projects concerns gender equality legislation, immigration law and the family. She has also worked extensively in projects project with the Crime Victim Compensation and Support Authority. She is the author of 'Immigrant Women Facing Male Partner Violence - Gender, Race and Power in Swedish Alien and Criminal Law' (2012) *feminists@law*, 2(1): 1-26, 'The Ability of Criminal Law to Produce Gender Equality: Judicial Discourses in the Swedish Criminal Legal System' (2010) *Violence against Women*, 16(2): 173-188, and numerous articles in Swedish.

Åsa Gunnarsson



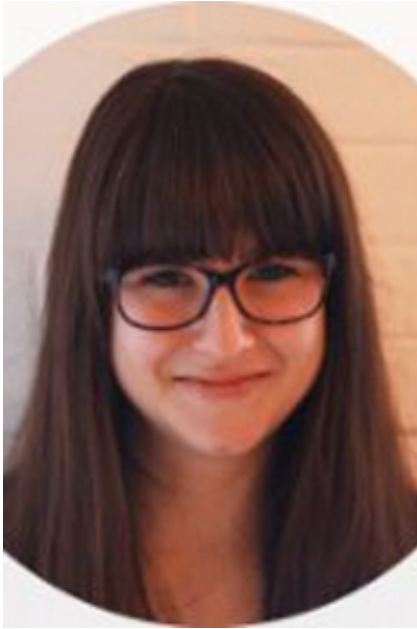
Åsa Gunnarsson is Professor in Tax Law at Forum for Studies on Law and Society, Umeå University. Her fields of interest are gender studies on law, and legal studies on the theoretical concepts of fiscal and social citizenship from a gender perspective. She is the scientific director of the FemTax international tax research network, has published extensively on gender and taxation, and is Co-Organizer of the Law and Society Association Collaborative Research Network on International Legal Feminisms and Founder of the NordTax network. Her most recent publication is *Tracing the Women-Friendly Welfare State: Gendered Politics of Everyday Life in Sweden*, ed., Makadam 2013.

Cindy Hanson



Dr. Cindy Hanson is an Assistant Professor in Adult Education at the University of Regina. She has worked widely in Indigenous, international, and intergenerational learning and education. Her research uses participatory frameworks and includes collaborations with Aboriginal scholars, elders and communities. In the past two decades, she also worked on international development consultancies in over a dozen countries and more recently, works with UNWomen. Her current research topics include participatory action research with the Prairies School for Union Women, intergenerational learning in Indigenous Communities of Practices, internationalization and indigenization, and an exploration of the impact of the Indian Residential School claims process and healing. Cindy holds research grants from the Indigenous Peoples Health Research Centre and Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada which involve working with Indigenous peoples in Chile and Canada.

Rachel Kohut



Rachel is an enthusiastic and vibrant Masters of Public Health graduate, with an undergraduate degree in International Studies and Modern Languages from the University of Ottawa, who is now weaving together her interests in global health, the circumpolar world, women's issues, and the environment. She is a member of the research team at the Arctic Institute, has worked at the Carleton Centre for Community Innovation, has interned for the Assembly of First Nations, and has worked at the Global Health Research Initiative at the International Development Research Centre and at the Chief Public Health Office at the Public Health Agency of Canada. Most recently, she has become involved with the Youth Arctic Coalition, and recently presented on maternal health care in Canada's North at the Arctic Frontiers Conference in Tromso, Norway. She is currently preparing the Canada Chapter for the Arctic Infrastructure Survey, as well as working on a publication for the McGill Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy. She loves collaborating in interdisciplinary environments and hopes to pursue further academic work that focuses on women in Northern communities, within Canada and beyond.

Elena Kotyrlo



Elena Kotyrlo holds the degree of Dr.Sc. (Habilitation) in Economics, and is currently a post-doctoral fellow at the Ageing and Living Conditions Centre, Demographic Data Base, Umeå University, Sweden. As Russian, she has lived in the North for most of her life, and takes to heart dramatic changes in social-economic situation and declining of population there. Her monograph *Human development in the Russian North* (in Russian) studied fertility, life expectancy, migration, and education as signals of investments in human capital formation, determined by regional economic growth, regional public expenditures, and institutional transformations. In this work, she proposed that a “a northern social contract,” described and analysed for the period 1945-2008, provides a tool to balance private and public investments and provide human development. For several years, she taught “Governance in the Circumpolar North,” a course that was financially supported by the Canadian Government. In 2007-2011 she participated as a course leader in Economics in a course on Circumpolar Studies at the University of the Arctic, and also taught and published in econometrics (in Russian) and a theoretical paper in spatial econometrics (in English). In Sweden, she carries out empirical research in economic demography, labor market, and human capital issues from econometric perspectives involving fertility, childbearing, labor force participation, and economic outcomes of immigrant and Swedish-born families, and consults in regional development and regional policy evaluation. Publications in English include ‘Childbearing and Labor Market: Time and Space Dynamics’ in *The Emerging Techniques in Applied Demography*, ed. Nazrul Hoque Springer, forthcoming 2014; ‘Human Development and Regional Economic Growth in the Russian North’ and ‘Incomes and Human Development in a Comparative Analysis of the Russian North with Other Regions’ in *The Borderless North, 4th Northern Research Forum*, Ouluprint Oy,

Oulu, Finland, 2008) 21-25, 219-224; and 'Northern Investment Risks in Human Capital Formation: Russian Experience,' forthcoming in *Sociology and Anthropology* ISSN: 2331-617.

Rauna Kuokkanen



Rauna Kuokkanen is Associate Professor of Political Science and Aboriginal Studies at the University of Toronto where she teaches Indigenous politics and law in Canada and global Indigenous politics. She is the author of *Reshaping the University: Responsibility, Indigenous Epistemes and the Logic of the Gift* (2007) and *Boaris dego eana: Eamiálbmogiid diehtu, filosofijjat ja dutkan* (*As Old as the Earth: Indigenous Knowledge, Philosophies and Research*, 2009). Her current research, funded by the Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, examines indigenous self-determination in the intersection of human rights, gender, and structures of violence. She is Sámi from Ohcejohka (Utsjoki), Northern Finland.

Kathleen Lahey



Kathleen Lahey is professor and Queen's National Scholar, Faculty of Law, Queen's University, and cross-appointed to Gender Studies and Cultural Studies. She teaches taxation, tax policy, property, and equality law. A member of the Ontario Fair Tax Commission working groups on corporate taxation and on women in taxation, as well as the Law Commission of Canada Advisory Group on adult relationships and the FemTax, Law and Society International Legal Feminisms, and TUAQ research networks, she consults widely on tax and economic issues concerning women. Her current research focuses on comparative and domestic gender impact analysis of fiscal policies, and in 2013 she presented her work at the Arctic Council conference in Kiruna, Sweden while a visiting professor at Umea University Forum on Studies in Law and Society. Recent works include 'Taking Back the Budget: Feminist Institutional, Gender-based, and Gender Budget Analysis,' in *Changing Places: Feminist Essays on Empathy and Relocation*, ed. Valerie Burton and Jean Guthrie, Inanna, forthcoming 2014, and 'Economic Crisis, Gender Equality, and Policy Responses in Spain and Canada' (2013) *Feminist Economics* 19: 3, 82-107 (with Paloma de Villota).

Louise Langevin



Louise Langevin is full professor at the Faculty of Law of Laval University, in Québec City (1991) and has held the Claire-Bonenfant Research Chair on the Status of Women at Laval University (2006-2009). She clerked with the Honorable Justice Antonio Lamer of the Supreme Court of Canada (1986-1987). She is member of the Quebec Bar (1986) and taught for 15 years at the Bar School. She taught at the Faculty of Law of Toulouse-1 University (France), Lyon-3 University (France), Université Cheik Anta Diop (Senegal), Ottawa University (Canada), University of Montreal (Canada), and Sherbrooke (Canada). She was president of the Canadian Association of Law Teachers (1998-1999), French editor of the *Canadian Journal of Women and the Law* (1999 -2012), a member of the editorial committee of the journal *Recherches féministes* (1997-), and a member of the CRI-VIFF research group on violence against women and the family at Laval University. She has been quite active in the French speaking world with the Agence universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF) (2005-2009). She was awarded the Christine-Tourigny Award 2010 by the Québec Bar for her social commitment for women in the legal profession. She teaches and researches in obligations (contracts), civil liability, human rights, and feminist analysis of law. Her main interest in research is the cross-section between civil law and feminist analysis of law. She co-authored *Compensating Victims of Sexual and Spousal Abuse*, Irwin Law, 2002, and *L'indemnisation des victimes de violence sexuelle et conjugale*, 2e ed., Blais, 2012. She has also worked on trafficking in women and children in Canada, on women as surety wives, and anti-feminist web sites, and now focuses on women, family violence and specialized tribunals.

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Kim Pate



Kim is mother to Michael and Madison. She is a lawyer and teacher by training and has completed post graduate-work in the area of forensic mental health. Kim is the Executive Director of the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies (CAEFS), a federation of autonomous societies that work with, and on behalf of, marginalized, victimized, criminalized, and institutionalized women and girls throughout Canada. Kim is also a part-time professor at the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law, where she teaches courses on prison law and defending battered women on trial. Kim is an expert on the federal prison system, and on the conditions and treatment of criminalized women in Canada, and has also worked with youth and men during her 30 years of working in and around the legal and penal systems. She is the recipient of a number of awards in recognition of her work on equality and human rights, including the Governor General's Award in Commemoration of the Persons Case in 2010, and honorary doctorates from the University of Ottawa, Carleton University, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier University.

Tahnee Prior



Tahnee Prior is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Global Governance at the Balsillie School of International Affairs, University of Waterloo, Canada. She specializes in institutional design and governance innovation for complex social-ecological systems, with a particular focus on the Arctic region. Until recently she was a researcher at the Northern Institute for Environmental and Minority Law at the Arctic Centre, University of Lapland in Rovaniemi, Finland. While in Rovaniemi, she was the lead researcher of a project commissioned by the Finnish Foreign Ministry titled “Addressing Climate Vulnerability: Promoting the Participatory Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Women through Finnish Foreign Policy.”

Rakhi Ruparelia



Professor Ruparelia clerked at the Court of Appeal for Ontario before pursuing graduate studies at Harvard Law School. After completing her LL.M., she joined the Prison Reform Advocacy Center in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she established and directed a community legal clinic to assist ex-prisoners with legal issues impeding their transition back to society. She teaches first-year Torts and upper year courses in Social Justice and Race, Racism and the Law. Her research has primarily focused on feminist and critical race analyses of the law, particularly in the context of criminal law and torts. Professor Ruparelia's recent publications have explored the judicial response to requests by accused persons to challenge prospective jurors for cause on the basis of racial prejudice (*Canadian Bar Review*, forthcoming), strategies to overcome law student resistance to grappling with white privilege in a social justice classroom (*Dalhousie Law Journal*, forthcoming), and the reluctance of feminist legal scholars to engage and incorporate critical race perspectives in their research. Her article "Legal Feminism and the Post-Racism Fantasy," which examines twenty years of feminist scholarship in the *Canadian Journal of Women and the Law*, will appear in a special issue of the journal commemorating the life and work of Patricia Monture. In addition to her teaching and research, Professor Ruparelia has conducted judicial training sessions on issues surrounding sexual assault and domestic violence. In addition, she has worked with the National Judicial Institute to plan and deliver anti-racism training to judges, was a member of the Canadian Bar Association Standing Committee on Equity, and sits on the National Steering Committee of the National Association of Women and the Law (NAWL).

Marguerite Russell



Marguerite is a barrister (UK and Ont.) and is one of the Founder Members of Garden Court Chambers in London. Throughout her career, Marguerite has been committed to developing understanding of equality and human rights issues both within the legal process and in society at large. She was an invited speaker at a symposium organised for Madame Justice L'Hereux-Dube on her retirement from the Canadian Supreme Court, has advised Labour MPs and MEPs on crime issues as well as domestic violence, abortion, embryo experimentation, and reproduction technologies, and has presented papers on various criminal law issues at various North American and European conferences, and has presented her work on national and international trafficking at the United Nations CSW NGO Conference in New York, the Law and Society International Conference in Hawaii, the Faculty of Law, Northern (Arctic) Federal University in Arkhangelsk, Russia, and at professional advisory meetings.

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Victoria Sweet is the Legal Fellow at the Indigenous Law and Policy Center at Michigan State University College of Law. She received her J.D. from Michigan State University College of Law and her MAEd and B.A. from George Wythe University. She has worked as a high school teacher and an educational lecturer, speaking at workshops and seminars across the United States and Canada, has volunteered in international community development organizations, run workshops and conferences for Native youth, and served on the Board of Directors for the Urban Indian Center of Salt Lake. In February 2013, she organized a successful conference on Arctic Law and Policy at MSU Law, which led to an invitation to present at the Sixth Annual Symposium on Polar Law in Akureyri, Iceland. She is also involved in raising awareness about human trafficking and other gender-related crimes, particularly as they impact indigenous women and communities around the world. Recent publications include 'Rising Waters, Rising Threats: The Human Trafficking of Indigenous Women in the Circumpolar Region of the United States and Canada,' *Yearbook of Polar Law*, (forthcoming 2014) vol. 6; and 'Extracting More than Resources: Human Security and Arctic Indigenous Women,' in preparation for submission to the *Seattle Law Review* for the *Arctic Encounter Symposium* edition. Her tribal affiliation is White Earth Band of Anishinaabe in Minnesota.

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