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Message from the Dean



HAVE NOW HAD THE PRIVILEGE of serving as Dean of the Allard School of Law for one full year. In this short time, I've met remarkable alumni living across Canada and around the world, and I continue to be inspired by the impact of our alumni community's work and the diversity of your contributions to the legal profession and beyond.

While the global pandemic continues, the world opened up a bit in the second half of 2022. The law school held classes fully in person, and our professional and social gatherings were back in full swing. I was able to visit more alumni, employers and community organizations, meet many of you at evening events, and travel abroad. I've also focused on strengthening our law school community, hosting events that brought faculty, staff, students and alumni together. We feature photos from a few of these events beginning on page 20.

We can all be proud to see just how our community, including alumni and supporters, have made a difference over the last year, and we have highlighted a few of these individuals on the pages ahead. Our cover story features four Allard alumni who are committed to improving the legal community and working towards broader social change. On pages 24 and 25, we recognize donors who have generously supported the law school and our students, by supporting ongoing programming, establishing new awards for students who are Indigenous, Black, or People of Colour, and more.

I'm also deeply proud of our faculty members, who consistently go above and beyond to make a difference for their students and their communities. On page 4, we feature the Indigenous Legal Studies Summer Intensive – a summer tort law class for first-year Indigenous students – and the research of Efrat Arbel on immigration detention and Erez Aloni on BC's cohabitation laws beginning on page 6.

In this issue we reflect on the legacy of the late Peter Allard, QC, whose transformational gift in 2015 elevated the law school, supporting the construction of Allard Hall, faculty recruitment and numerous student initiatives. You can read more about his life and vision beginning on page 10. I'd also like to recognize each of the alumni we lost this past year, whose accomplishments and contributions to the legal profession will have a lasting impact.

Thank you for all that you do for the law school. I hope to see you at one of our upcoming law school events in 2023. \blacksquare

Best,

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Indigenous Perspectives on Colonial Law & Community

ILS Summer Intensive prepares Indigenous students for the

rigours of law school by Chris Petty

OST STUDENTS who consider applying to law school will likely have heard that first-year law is no walk in the park. It demands a level of intensity that for many is constant and exhausting.

At Allard Law, Indigenous Legal Studies (ILS) helps Indigenous students adapt to the rigours of law school with the ILS Summer Intensive in Tort Law, a credited, seven-week course that runs from May to June, before beginning first year.

The difficulties of first-year law are amplified for Indigenous students. While nearly five per cent of Canada's population is Indigenous, Indigenous lawyers make up less than three per cent of the BC bar. Indigenous people are over-represented in Canadian jails, and Canada's legal system is often in conflict with Indigenous laws and practices. Historical and cultural factors exacerbate these realities, and Indigenous students interested in a career in law are faced with hurdles that non-Indigenous groups aren't likely to experience.

As second-year student Sarah Chetney puts it, "discussing topics like residential schools, the child welfare system, and the over-incarceration of Indigenous peoples is not simply an academic



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Indigenous Legal Studies students Jacob Caouette, Levi Gordian, Gabriel George, Megan Thompson and Sarah Chetney at Allard Hall.

exercise for Indigenous students. Instead, these discussions are deeply personal and traumatic due to our personal and intergenerational experiences."

The Summer Intensive began as a two-week introductory course in 2020, in response to the cancellation – due to COVID – of the University of Saskatchewan's summer program for incoming first-year Indigenous law students. In 2021, an expanded ILS Summer Intensive in Tort Law was developed and offered to incoming Indigenous JD students, and again in 2022.

Professor Anne Uteck is faculty lead and instructor for the ILS Summer Intensive in Torts. "Community building is one of the primary objectives of the course," she says. "It helps students build relationships with each other, and provides support, guidance and a sense of community throughout their time at Allard."

"The course helped me overcome the impostor syndrome by helping me interpret the language of law," says Vanessa Rosteski, a



first-year law student. "As I grew more comfortable with reading cases and engaging with the material, I realized that there was no mistake and I am right where I am meant to be."

Second-year student Gabe George reflects on the sense of disconnectedness many Indigenous students feel in law school. "Indigenous students know they belong at Allard because they're part of a broader community. For some it's hard to connect with their non-Indigenous classmates, so having that peer network is essential."

As well as establishing a strong sense of community, the ILS Summer Intensive is academically rigorous. Students not only learn the substantive law, but also how to read cases, identify legal issues, develop legal reasoning tools, conduct research and write law exams. Says first-year student and 2022 Spirit Award recipient Vaughn Beaulieu-Mercredi, "The course taught me to pull legal principles from cases, how to write in a legal way, what to expect on an exam, and how to read fact patterns, among other things."

During the course, students attend lectures, workshops, panels, cultural activities and talking circles, and have opportunities to interact with peers, second and third-year students, faculty and staff, and Indigenous members of the bar and judicial system. Provincial Court Judge Alexander Wolf participates each year, giving students insights into not only the ins and outs of the judicial process but also the challenges faced by Indigenous peoples in all aspects of the law. "Colonialism is a simple creation that did not include the Indigenous voice," he says. "I'm proud that law schools are actively ensuring that our law societies become more inclusive. I'm particularly proud that Indigenous peoples are stepping up to take that leap of faith, apply to law school, become lawyers and judges."

The Summer Intensive embeds traditional Indigenous legal practices within the course and "weaves Indigenous perspectives throughout the curriculum," says Uteck, Lee Schmidt (LLB '02), Associate Director, Indigenous Legal Studies, and staff lead for the ILS Summer Intensive, has championed the course since its inception – advising incoming students, securing financial support, creating mentorship initiatives and developing Indigenous programming to strengthen the course objectives.

"It seems that students who have been through the course are more confident, more inquisitive, and have a better sense of how the system works. They're not intimidated by the rigours of first year. They feel like they're part of the academy. And, it creates a sense of community of learners in what is a challenging, stressful program," says Schmidt.

The impact of the summer intensive is felt throughout the law school experience and, one hopes, beyond. Seminars, courses and social and scholarly events are held for Indigenous students year-round, which, as Schmidt says, "helps to deal with the perception that the law works against Indigenous people, but rather that we can have a hand in changing that."

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"taking up the challenge of critically examining assumptions that underpin the common law and engaging with Indigenous legal traditions and lived experiences to inform the study of tort law."

While it's difficult to assess the success of the ILS Summer Intensive – its participants have yet to graduate – there is anecdotal evidence that the course has done its job, and that the sense of purpose instilled in these students will guide their careers in the law. Or, as Judge Wolf puts it, "When we look back in 40 years' time, and ask ourselves, 'Did more Indigenous legal professionals make a difference in the Canadian judicial system?' 'Absolutely' will be the answer."

The Allard School of Law is grateful to the many individuals and sponsors who have supported the ILS Summer Intensive.

WHY BC'S RULES ON

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LOBALLY, the number of cohabitating couples is on the rise. And according to the latest census, 23 percent of couples in Canada who live together are unmarried – the highest proportion of common law relationships among all G7 countries.

Allard Law professor and family law scholar Dr. Erez Aloni says there's a good chance that many cohabitating couples in Canada don't fully understand their legal obligations to one another – and that the law in BC and other provinces may not match some couples' expectations.

Since 2013, under BC's Family Law Act, couples who have lived together in a 'marriage-like' relationship for at least two years are obligated to share any debts or assets accumulated during the relationship in the event of a breakup. Former partners can also be required to pay spousal support. Couples who live together but don't want the law to apply to them need to create and sign a contract to legally opt out. Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories have similar rules.

"The law is designed to protect the primary caregiver in the family – typically women – who has given up a lot for the prosperity of the entire household," Aloni explains. But while the law is not without benefits, Aloni says lawmakers should take a second look at whether the law is out of sync with the realities of many Canadians.

Surprise, you're married!

To better understand how cohabitating couples navigate BC's opt-out system, Aloni spoke with 30 unmarried couples about why they choose to live together and to what extent they understood the legal implications. He found that most couples either didn't know they were in a common law relationship or were aware but misunderstood the law.

"The majority of the couples were completely ignorant about the law. Others, highly educated, capable people, took days trying to understand it," says Aloni. "Even after that, many still didn't realize what their obligations were or that they could opt out – they just assumed these are mandatory obligations, and there's no way out." After couples learned about the law, Aloni found that only half were comfortable with their obligations. One woman he spoke with was dismayed to learn she would be liable for her partner's student loan debt that had accumulated during their relationship if they were to ever break up.

"The law is grounded in strong justifications, but the assumption it's good for women has been overgeneralized," Aloni says, and may run up against the wishes of women with low income who have intentionally avoided marriage specifically to protect themselves from being held responsible for a partner's debt.

What's law got to do with it?

BC's Family Law Act was introduced to reduce the need for litigation by clarifying that partners who are in a 'marriage-like relationship' for at least two years have the same rights and obligations as married couples. But so far, the law hasn't had the intended effect. "Now people just often contest the fact that they were in a marriagelike relationship," Aloni notes.

The couples he spoke with agreed their relationships were "marriage-like," but their definitions of what that meant varied drastically – from having to wait to watch because of the housing affordability problem that there's an acronym for it," he explains.

Lawmakers need to keep in mind that laws can actually perpetuate outdated social norms, Aloni says, and the assumption that cohabiting couples are committed for the long term or that one partner is the breadwinner and the other plays a support role clearly doesn't work for everyone. "We have this law where in most cases people who live together for two years are deemed to be de facto married," says Aloni. "We need to ask ourselves, what norm does that communicate? In the end, most couples in BC are married – whether by ceremony or by default. What choice does it leave couples who want to organize their lives differently?"

Changes are needed to make the Family Law Act better reflect changing social norms and help couples determine their own obligations, Aloni argues. First, the government needs to do a better job of informing people about the law. "If the idea is that couples can opt out, let people know!"

Second, opting out is too difficult. The few couples in his study who tried to opt out said they couldn't afford a lawyer or didn't understand how to properly enter into an agreement. "There are creative ways to make it easier," Aloni says, such as providing a

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- Associate Professor Erez Aloni

the next Netflix episode to feelings of love and the expectation of commitment. Regardless of their definitions, half of couples said they didn't want the law to impose financial obligations.

Aloni also found that couples moved in together for reasons other than love and commitment. In speaking with couples, Aloni encountered the term WAR – that's Whistler-Accelerated Relationship. "Apparently, people in Whistler are moving in together so quickly template contract or an app that helps people choose which obligations should apply to them. "That can help couples decide what they want to happen, before things turn acrimonious." (A)

You can read more about Professor Erez Aloni's recent research on common law marriage in his new book, House Rules: Changing Families, Evolving Norms, and the Role of the Law, co-edited with Allard Law Professor Régine Tremblay.

CALLING FOR AN END TO

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LTHOUGH Canada enjoys a reputation as a welcoming nation, thousands of migrants are detained here annually – including refugees, children and families.

Once detained, migrants have little recourse to question the legitimacy of their detention and are often left in the dark, sometimes for years on end.

"Immigration detention is a fundamentally flawed regime," says Dr. Efrat Arbel, Associate Professor at Allard Law. "It's this big house of cards, and the more you dig into it, the more it starts to fall apart."

Canadian law grants the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) broad discretionary powers to arrest and detain non-citizens without a charge, without a trial and without any determination of guilt or innocence. While detainees are not held on criminal charges, as many as 8,000 migrants are detained in Canada annually, either in immigration holding centres or criminal facilities like provincial jails.

In jails, migrants are comingled with the criminal population and can be subjected to some of criminal law's harshest measures – like shackles, lockdowns and solitary confinement.

"The practice of jailing migrants is one of the most egregious parts of Canada's immigration detention regime," says Arbel. "Provincial jails are not intended to be used as a tool of immigration enforcement or border control. They're designed to hold people who are awaiting trial or serving a criminal sentence. There is simply no justifiable basis – in law or morality – to hold migrants in jail."

It's this conviction that led Arbel to work towards ending the practice of jailing detainees.

Shaky grounds for detention

Canada's immigration detention law empowers the CBSA to arrest and detain non-citizens on several grounds, the most common of which is the suspicion of a "flight risk" – that is, that the migrant in question may not appear for their immigration proceeding.

"The ostensible rationale is that the state has a right to detain migrants to keep them accountable to the CBSA," Arbel explains. "But detention isn't necessary in these circumstances," she says, as the CBSA can instead hold migrants in community placements, where they remain accountable without having their liberty deprived or their human rights violated.

The risk that a migrant will "flee" is also greatly overestimated, according to Arbel. "The vast majority of migrants who arrive in Canada are law compliant. They come here to seek a better life. They want to show up for appointments, and are eager to satisfy the requirements that Canada lays out for them."

The anguish of uncertainty

Once detained, migrants have limited access to information, which can take an extraordinary toll on their mental health. Many struggle with English and cannot access interpretation services. a review by BC Corrections, prompted by the #WelcomeToCanada campaign launched by Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch in October 2021. BC Corrections received input from immigration detainees, organizations like the Office of the BC Human Rights Commissioner, and legal experts such as Arbel.

"BC's decision was monumental," says Arbel. "It was a moment of hope – of possibility – and an important reminder that structural law reform is possible." Since BC's announcement, three more provinces have followed suit: Alberta, Manitoba and Nova Scotia.

"My hope is that this will trigger a domino effect and send a strong message to the federal government about the fundamental problems

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Adding to this uncertainty is the fact that Canada's immigration system has no time limits. That means migrants can get stuck in detention for years, with no end point in sight.

"Under the criminal law, any deprivation of liberty is circumscribed by time," Arbel notes. "Time is calculated clearly – people 'do time,' they get 'time off' for good behaviour. In immigration detention, time is amorphous and not only indeterminate, but potentially infinite – it can quite literally continue forever."

Arbel's own research on immigration detention and solitary confinement has shown that the damage caused by this indeterminacy is significant. "That kind of uncertainty – the extreme open-endedness of time – wreaks havoc on the human mind," she explains. "Detainees are suspended in this liminal state. They don't know how long they will be detained or what they need to do to get out."

The road ahead

On July 21, 2021, British Columbia announced it would no longer allow the CBSA to detain migrants in the province's jails, becoming the first Canadian province to put an end to the practice. This decision followed that underpin immigration detention and lead to even greater change," says Arbel.

While it remains to be seen what the new immigration landscape will look like in provinces that have pledged to end the practice of jailing migrants, Arbel is continuing her work, alongside detainees, activists and human rights organizations, to pressure the federal government to find community-based alternatives to detention.

"I'm grateful for the courage of my colleagues who have experienced immigration detention and who continue to fight to right the wrongs they experienced. It's their strength, their tenacity, that is at the heart of this work."

In March 2022, Professor Efrat Arbel was awarded a Killam Accelerator Research Fellowship, one of UBC's most prestigious awards, for a two-year study on the inner workings of Canada's immigration detention regime. In May 2022, through collaboration with community partners, she was a recipient of the inaugural SSHRC Race, Gender and Diversity Initiative award to undertake research on race and racism in immigration detention.

Honouring the Legacy of Peter A. Allard, QC

by Stephanie Chou

VERY YEAR, a new cohort of law students begin their journey at the Peter A. Allard School of Law, where they will cultivate the skills required to carry on the legacy of those who came before them. As they pass through the main floor of the bright and airy Allard Hall, a series of works by Fred Herzog, renowned photographer who captured Vancouver's landscape in the 1950s and 60s, line the wall. Working exclusively with Kodachrome slide film, the tones of the photographs convey a quiet vibrancy that capture powerful vignettes of Vancouver.

These prints and other works of art, including Native American artist Allan Houser's bronze sculpture Legends Begin, were donated by Peter A. Allard, QC (BA '68, LLB '71), an avid art collector who was as attached to the story of the artist as much as he was to the art. He saw the transformative potential of art and was particularly moved by how Houser, considered one of America's foremost modernist sculptors, overcame adversity to nurture his passion and spread his knowledge. In his admiration for the artist, Mr. Allard said, "It is about doing the right thing for the long-term good and following your passions and teaching those that come after you."

Mr. Allard had this same commitment to the long-term good in his philanthropy to UBC. In 2011, the university received an \$11.86 million gift from Mr. Allard to support the construction of Allard Hall, to establish the Allard Prize for International Integrity and to create the law school's History Project, an online historical archive to preserve the school's rich history. Then in 2015, he donated \$30 million to UBC, the largest-ever gift to a Canadian law school. The gift established permanent endowments to support faculty recruitment and retention, student initiatives such as entrance awards, and student experiential learning programs and clinical opportunities. This generosity marked a pivotal moment in the law school's history, and inspired the renaming of the school to the Peter A. Allard School of Law in recognition of Mr. Allard's gift.

With a legacy of generosity, Mr. Allard is remembered as a visionary who possessed a keen legal mind and a passionate commitment to honesty and integrity. Often seen in an Allard School of Law hoodie, he was proud of the law school and a passionate advocate for justice. He believed in the importance of encouraging the next generation to be actively engaged and vigilant to effect positive change in their local and global communities. not only in medicine as the Chief of Surgery of the Edmonton General Hospital but as a businessman who started seven major companies from scratch. Mr. Allard was accepted to the law school at UBC and used to hitchhike or take the bus from West 10th

"Each of us needs to stand up, speak up and take action, to effect positive change wherever we can, however we can, each and every day." - Peter Allard, QC

Mr. Allard grew up in Vancouver and attended Queen Elizabeth Elementary School and Lord Byng Secondary School. It's easy to see why he was drawn to the work of Fred Herzog, who captured photos of a time and place that paralleled his youth. Mr. Allard received an undergraduate degree in Arts with a major in History from UBC in 1968 and then applied to the law school at UBC. This decision was inspired by his father, Dr. Charles Allard, who always wanted to be a lawyer and had an insatiable appetite to learn, understand and master everything, as demonstrated by his career Avenue and Alma Street to school every day. He graduated from the law school with an LLB degree in 1971. He eventually started his own law firm, Allard and Co., and in 1993, founded the Highbury Foundation.

The namesake for the foundation is the Vancouver street where Mr. Allard grew up, Highbury Street, and symbolizes the experiences his mother Effie (Bettie) faced raising him and his siblings as a single mother. She was a constant source of commitment, sacrifice and endurance to her family and friends on Highbury Street in Vancouver and he wanted to honour her



Allan Houser's *Legends Begin* in the outdoor area of the fourth-floor Terrace Lounge. Peter Allard donated this sculpture to commemorate the opening of Allard Hall on September 23, 2011.



Peter Allard addresses the audience at the official opening of Allard Hall in September 2011.

legacy as an avid volunteer who instilled in her children the importance of giving back to the community when given the chance. Mr. Allard credited his mother's indomitable spirit and social conscience for teaching him and his siblings the difference between right and wrong. Another characteristic he shared with his mother was a great love for travel, and he went on many trips around the world with his family and friends. His close relationship with his nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews was a wonderful testament to the devotion he had for his family.

Inspired by his mother's spirit of generosity, Mr. Allard was an active philanthropist, both through the Highbury Foundation, which has supported educational institutes, universities and countless charities including the Emily Carr University of Art and Design, Vancouver Aquarium, St. Paul's Hospital Foundation, Brentwood College School, several YMCAs, the BC Women's Hospital, the University of Alberta Diabetic Chair, the Pilgrims Hospice Society, as well as biomedical and clinical research for cancer, diabetes, Hepatitis B and C and HIV/AIDS. Of his own accord, he personally funded grants and investments for clinical research through several organizations and also assumed leadership roles in human rights and environmental advocacy, including support of the Graeme Hall Wildlife Sanctuary in Barbados.

More recently in 2021, he made a contribution to the Coquitlam YMCA in memory of his mother. The Bettie Allard YMCA in Coquitlam marks the first time in YMCA Canada's history that a facility bears the name of one woman. He was particularly pleased that his mother's name would be associated with a centre that would act as a social hub, bringing people together and helping them reach their potential. He had a deep empathy for the challenges protecting human rights, especially through promoting transparency, accountability and the rule of law. Past recipients include award winner Anna Hazare, one of India's most renowned social reformers, and honourable mention Dr. Sima Samar, an internationally celebrated advocate for human rights in Afghanistan. Mr. Allard had a commitment to advancing international human rights, and his vision for the Allard Prize was to recognize, and tell the stories of, courageous leaders around the world who are fighting injustices and corrupt systems. Through the Allard Prize, Mr. Allard wanted to inspire us all to act with integrity and courage when faced with injustice.

In his speech at the 2015 Allard Prize for International Integrity ceremony he said, "Each of us needs to stand up, speak up and take action, to effect positive change wherever we can, however we can, each and every day."

Every action has a ripple effect, and Mr. Allard's extraordinary contributions to UBC will resonate well into the future. On his motivations for his generosity he said, "My hope is that steadily and over time, the school will engage the world as a beacon for hope and catalyst for positive change. What really matters to me is what future generations do with the gift." Transparency, accountability, and the rule of law were the hallmarks of how Mr. Allard led his life, and it was his goal for all students passing through Allard Hall to honour the memories of those who came before them,

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faced by single-parent families and placed great faith in the YMCA to deliver vital services to the community for current and future generations.

Mr. Allard demonstrated fearless perseverance and deep integrity on behalf of diverse causes, both locally and globally. In 2012, he established the Allard Prize for International Integrity, which is awarded to an individual, movement, or organization that has demonstrated exceptional courage and leadership in combatting corruption and those who showed leadership and courage to shape a more just and equitable society.

As another class joins the Peter A. Allard School of Law, they are also taking part in the noble, enduring fight to ensure the world can be made a better place for all. In Mr. Allard's own words: "My legacy, I hope, is to encourage and inspire those young students who come along to fight for the positive changes that are needed. We must not lose hope, heart or courage." [A]

PROTECT ASIAN LIVES ALUMNI CHANGE SUBJECT

Meet four Allard School of Law alumni who are making

their mark.

by Chris Petty

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"An enormous segment of the legal consumer market is not being served by the traditional law firm model. I want to change that by creating an online platform where clients and lawyers could collaborate in a cost-effective way."

- Matt Canzer

Matt Canzer (LLB '08)

INCE HE STARTED practicing law in 2009, Matt Canzer (LLB '08) has frequently heard from people who needed some basic legal help but couldn't afford the fees charged by most firms – a new parent recording their first will; a yoga instructor assembling basic contracts and waivers; a couple filing for an amicable divorce.

This lack of access to legal services has fostered an equity issue for individuals and

small businesses, where essential services are only available to those who can pony up. Lawyers typically bill at an hourly rate, and there isn't much incentive to provide clients with do-it-yourself options.

"The legal profession has a productmarket fit problem," says Canzer. "Our fees are high and unpredictable, and we insist on total control over our clients' legal work. That leaves clients with two bad choices: pay high legal fees, or try to do it yourself without any legal help at all, leading to mistakes and frustration."

Canzer wants to close this equity gap, believing there is a market for people who don't mind paying for limited professional advice, but prefer to save money by doing some of the work for themselves. That's why he created Butterfly Legal – a service for people whose legal needs are not complex, but are more than they want to do on their own.

By offering a streamlined process for common, basic legal needs, Canzer hopes to democratize access to legal services so that those with legal problems don't have to face an all-or-nothing choice. "An enormous segment of the legal consumer market is not being served by the traditional law firm model," says Canzer. "I want to change that by creating an online platform where clients and lawyers could collaborate in a cost-effective way."

Canzer hopes to ultimately expand Butterfly Legal into a national service, offering flat-fee virtual consultations, self-help guides, videos and template documents – "so that the client comes to the appointment informed and prepared, and ready to make the most of their time."

Keeping Kids in the Community



"The most rewarding parts of my work include seeing the direct and deep impact we have on our clients' lives the return of children to their parents where possible, and the confidence parents gain when they feel proud, supported, heard, understood and cared for."

- Katrina Harry

Katrina Harry (LLB '04)

HEN Katrina Harry (LLB '04) helped launch the Parents Legal Centre in 2015, it was a single office providing early-

stage assistance to parents who wanted to resolve child-protection issues with the least amount of government intervention. Since then, she has helped expand the program across the province, and now oversees ten centres as Manager, Parents Legal Centres, at Legal Aid BC. "In child protection, there are a lot of factors that impact a parent's ability to address a social worker's concerns," says Harry. "The Parents Legal Centre offers its clients the services of a lawyer, an advocate, and an intake worker to streamline the legal aid process and ease a parent's experience while they seek help during a stressful time."

A specialist in the areas of child protection and family law, Harry wants to ensure families across BC have access to the resources needed to keep children out of the government system, including counsellors, access supervisors, family reunification workers, mediators, parenting programs, and foster homes that reflect the diversity of the children in care.

"What we need for parents is access and availability to the services necessary to help parents reunite with their children, or keep their children in their home," Harry explains. "Our program also supports the parents in addressing the underlying, non-legal issues – like housing or daycare – and can provide warm hand-offs to community-based services a parent might need, like mental health or addiction services."

As the program continues to expand, Harry is witnessing her work pay off on a larger stage, with community-focused, Indigenousled solutions influencing the legislation, policy, and procedure of child protection. And with each new centre, her staff reaches more families in remote areas.

"The most rewarding parts of my work include seeing the direct and deep impact we have on our clients' lives," adds Harry, "the return of children to their parents where possible, and the confidence parents gain when they feel proud, supported, heard, understood and cared for."

Beyond Anxiety



Steven Ngo (JD '14)

"My parents came from very humble backgrounds as immigrants and refugees... When I was a kid we got help from the food bank and the Salvation Army. I feel it's my duty, my obligation - but also my enjoyment - to give back." - Steven Ngo

T ENERGIZES ME," says Steven Ngo (JD '14). "Seeing change, seeing an industry shift. It energizes me tremendously." As co-founder of the mental health advocacy organization "Beyond the A." Ngo

advocacy organization "Beyond the A," Ngo is leading the drive to destigmatize anxiety in the legal profession. "I know there's so many lawyers who are suffering in silence," Ngo adds. "People are burning out earlier and earlier. We need to change the environment. Having gone through bouts of anxiety and depression myself, I want to help my younger self shape this industry by speaking about these sensitive topics."

Through lectures, workshops, a blog and a podcast, Beyond the A invites lawyers to share stories of professional anxiety, turning a previously taboo subject into a top-of-mind issue. With a growing list of partnerships across law schools and firms, the group hopes to become the leading authority for mental health workshops in the legal industry.

While Beyond the A is Ngo's current passion project, it's hardly his only one. After a rise in hate crimes against Asian Canadians during the pandemic, Ngo discovered the Vancouver Police Department offered limited language options for hate crime reporting, leaving many victims without recourse. In addition to convincing the VPD to expand its hate crime reporting forms to 14 different languages, he created his own website, fixpolicereporting.ca, to help make reporting crimes more accessible across Canada.

As President of the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers BC, a regular speaker at corporate events, and a fixture on news outlets, Ngo is trying to repay the community for the help he got as a child. "My parents came from very humble backgrounds as immigrants and refugees," he remembers. "They had a lot of help from the community. When I was a kid we got help from the food bank and the Salvation Army. I feel it's my duty, my obligation – but also my enjoyment – to give back."

Tackling Climate Misinformation



Grace Nosek (LLM '17)

"Young people are experiencing a mental health crisis, driven in part by anxiety around climate change... I want to ensure they have resources that make them feel hopeful and empowered." - Grace Nosek **OR DECADES**, the fossil fuel industry has poured money and resources into convincing the public that climate science is too uncertain to warrant action. In a leaked 1998 draft plan, representatives from fossil fuel companies and trade groups even laid out a strategy targeting teachers and schoolchildren, aiming to limit support for future government regulation. According to Allard Law doctoral student and UBC Climate Hub founder Grace Nosek (LLM '17), these efforts have largely been successful in delaying climate action.

"The fossil fuel industry has profoundly shaped the public imagination on climate change," says Nosek. "The technical and economic barriers to phasing out fossil fuels have already been crossed. The only barrier to change is political."

Her solution? Creating new narratives that expose industry propaganda and show a new way forward. "As I argue in my thesis, transformative climate change is impossible without robust efforts to challenge these industry narratives. They can't be countered by research alone."

That's why Nosek created *Rootbound* – a forthcoming book and online fandom aimed at youth that shows the potential for collective action in the fight against climate change. *Rootbound* will be free and accessible to young people around the world, released serially on the online literature platform Wattpad.

"We want to teach youth about fossil fuel industry misinformation and empower them to create their own pieces of the *Rootbound* world – things like graphic novels, board games, trading cards and more," she says.

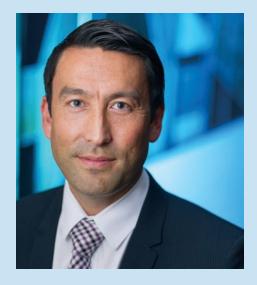
Last fall, Nosek raised \$15,000 on GoFundMe to support her work to bring *Rootbound* to youth – funds she's using to hire youth artists to create art that challenges climate misinformation and centres justice, hope, agency and civic engagement.

"Young people are experiencing a mental health crisis, driven in part by anxiety around climate change. In a recent survey of 10,000 youth on climate and mental health, 75 per cent said their future is frightening," she explains. "I want to ensure they have resources that make them feel hopeful and empowered."

Meet Allard Law's

Your Allard Law Alumni Association board of directors is a dedicated group of alumni who have made it their mission to connect alumni with one another and the broader Allard Law community.

In this Q&A, five of our board members share advice and their thoughts on why it's important to stay connected with the alumni community.



Kinji Bourchier (LLB '99) - President

What's the most rewarding part of being on the Allard Law Alumni Association Board of Directors?

Having the ability to give back to our exceptional alumni community after all that law school has given me.

Why do you think it's important to stay connected to your alumni community? Because of the friendships, the essential relationships you form, and it keeps you

young at heart.



Phebe Chan (LLB '04) - Vice President

What's the most rewarding part of being on the Allard Law Alumni Association Board of Directors?

Engaging with our impressive Allard Law students, giving them peace of mind regarding law school anxieties (especially during the pandemic), sharing examples of how other alumni like them have served the community, and encouraging them to customize their own career path.

If you were the President of the Board, what snacks would you provide at every meeting? Buckets of candy... which I used to pass around class while attending Allard Law!

Alumni Board



Emily MacKinnon (JD '12) - Treasurer

What's the best advice you've received from another alum?

"The most confident thing you can do is embrace your doubt." – Ryan Dalziel

What advice would you give a new Allard Law grad just starting out? Do as RuPaul says and believe in yourself.



Dan Barber (JD '09)

If you could have dinner with any member of the Allard alumni community, who would it be and where would you go to eat?

Kim Campbell, the "why" is the chance to dine with our only female PM, and the where is St. Lawrence.

What is the best piece of advice you've ever received from a member of the alumni community? Your classmates on the first day will be your lifelong friends.

"As you progress through your career, remember what inspired you to go to law school in the first place. Let that initial inspiration continue to guide you."

- Connor Bildfell (JD '16)



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If you could have dinner with any member of the Allard alumni community, who would it be and where would you go to eat?

The late Alfred Scow, OC, OBC, the first Indigenous person to graduate from a BC law school, the first Indigenous person to be called to the BC bar, and the first Indigenous BC Provincial Court judge. I would be grateful to learn what it was like to achieve so many firsts as an Indigenous person during these years. I also happened to be placed in the Scow small group as a first-year law student! I'd leave the restaurant choice to Mr. Scow.

What advice would you give a new Allard Law grad just starting out?

As you progress through your career, remember what inspired you to go to law school in the first place. Let that initial inspiration continue to guide you. It will lead you in the right direction, wherever that may be. (A)



After nearly two years of online events, this past year has seen the return of many exciting opportunities to get together in person and connect with the Allard Law community.

Dean's Welcome Back BBQ

Allard Law Dean Ngai Pindell's Welcome Back BBQ (pictured above) brought alumni and their families to Allard Hall to enjoy burgers on the patio and lawn games on a sunny Saturday afternoon in September 2022.

The Power of Community: Meet the Leaders Making Waves, Powered by Pecha Kucha

On November 2, 2022, alumni from the Allard School of Law and the Sauder School of Business joined us for an engaging evening focused on the power of community. Our alumni speakers shared personal and profound stories about how they fostered community and built momentum for change.



Yvan Guy Larocque (JD '16) speaking at the Power of Community event. Larocque is the founder of Larocque Business Law, which focuses on Indigenous economic development and entrepreneurship. He currently serves as Chair of the Canadian Bar Association's National Aboriginal Law Section.

Allard Law Alumni Association Achievement Awards

On November 15, 2022, Allard Law alumni gathered for a special evening to recognize five of our most distinguished alumni and community members at the Allard Law Alumni Achievement Awards.

Lifetime Achievement Award: The Honourable Steven Point, OBC (LLB '85)

Alumni Award of Distinction: Melanie Ash (LLB '96) Ted Hawthorne (LLB '71)

Outstanding Young Alumni Award: Aminollah Sabzevari (JD '11)

Alumni Award for Research: Professor Gordon Christie



Allard Law Dean Ngai Pindell (left), UBC Chancellor the Honourable Steven Point (centre) and Allard Law Alumni Association President Kinji Bourchier at the Alumni Achievement Awards. Chancellor Point was the 2022 recipient of the Allard Law Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award.



Typically held every two years, the 2022 Allard Law Alumni Achievement Awards brought together alumni to recognize our award winners in person for the first time since 2018. The evening was generously sponsored by Fasken, Lawson Lundell LLP and McCarthy Tétrault LLP.

Alumni Award of Distinction recipient Melanie Ash (left) with her nominator Professor Debra Parkes. Ash, who currently serves as General Counsel to the NYC Racial Justice Commission, was recognized for her work promoting social and economic justice.

Class Notes

1960_s

Angela Swan, OC (LLB '63) was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada.

1970₅

Thomas Roper, KC (LLB '74) was recognized as one of *Business in Vancouver*'s BC500.

Ross Beaty, CM (LLB '79, Hon LLD '18) was recognized as one of *Business in Vancouver*'s BC500.

1980

Geoffrey Cowper, KC (LLB '80) was recognized as one of *Business in Vancouver*'s BC500.

Judith Sayers (LLB '81) was recognized as one of *Business in Vancouver*'s BC500.

Sue Paish, KC (LLB '82) was recognized as one of Business in Vancouver's BC500.

Anne Giardini, OC, OBC, KC (LLB '84) was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Simon Fraser University.

Harjit Sangra (LLB '84) received the 2022 UBC Alumni Builder Award.

Peter O'Callaghan (LLB '84) was recognized as one of *Business in Vancouver*'s BC500.

James Speakman (LLB '85) was recognized as one of *Business in Vancouver*'s BC500.

Leslie-Anne Wall (LLB '85) was appointed Judicial Justice of the BC Provincial Court.

The Honourable Steven Point, OBC (LLB '85, Hon LLD '13) was recognized as one of *Business in Vancouver*'s BC500.

Hugh McCall (LLB '86) was appointed Judicial Justice of the BC Provincial Court.

Jennifer Chow, KC (LLB '89) was recognized as one of *Business in Vancouver's* BC500.

Michael McDonald, KC (LLB '88) was recognized as one of *Business in Vancouver*'s BC500.



The Honourable Justice Joseph M. Doyle, KC (LLB '88) was appointed to the BC Supreme Court.

William Westeringh, KC (LLB '88) was recognized as one of *Business in Vancouver*'s BC500.

Winston Sayson, KC (LLB '88) received the British Columbia Medal of Good Citizenship and the Distinguished Alumni Award from Kwantlen Polytechnic University.

Craig Ferris, KC, FCIArb. (LLB '89) was named one of *Canadian Lawyer Magazine*'s Top 25 Most Influential Lawyers of 2021.

Kimberly J. Jakeman, KC (LLB '89) was awarded the KC Designation.

1990₅

Chris Gardner (LLB '91) was recognized as one of *Business in Vancouver*'s BC500.

Bill Dick, KC (LLB '92) was recognized as one of *Business in Vancouver*'s BC500.

The Honourable Justice Anita Chan (LLB '92) was appointed to the BC Supreme Court.

The Honourable Justice Bruce Elwood (LLB '92) was appointed to the BC Supreme Court.

The Honourable Justice Emile Carrington (LLB '92) was appointed to the Superior Court of Justice of Ontario.

The Honourable Justice Karen A. Horsman (LLB '92) was appointed Justice of Appeal of the BC Court of Appeal.

Marie L. Potvin, KC (LLB '92) was awarded the KC Designation.

The Honourable Judge Grace Oh (LLB '93) was appointed to the BC Provincial Court.

The Honourable Judge Michele Peacock (LLB '93) was appointed to the BC Provincial Court.

Aleem Bharmal, KC (LLB '94) was appointed President of the Canadian Bar Association, BC Branch.



The Honourable Justice Lorena Harris (LLB '94) was appointed Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta.

Scott Niblock (LLB '95) was appointed Chief Prosecutor for the Edmonton office of the Alberta Crown Prosecution Service.

Thomas M. Arbogast, KC (LLB '95) was awarded the KC Designation.

Rosanne Kyle (LLM '96) was recognized as one of *Canadian Lawyer Magazine*'s Top 25 Most Influential Lawyers for 2022.

Lindsie M. Thomson (LLB '97) was recognized as one of *Business in Vancouver*'s BC500.

Jody Wilson-Raybould, PC, OBC, KC (LLB '99) was awarded the Order of British Columbia.

Kory Wilson (LLB '99) was recognized as one of *Business in Vancouver*'s BC500.

2000

Bahar Hafizi (LLB '00) was recognized as one of *Canadian Lawyer Magazine*'s Top 25 Most Influential Lawyers for 2022.

Karey M. Brooks, KC (LLB '01) was awarded the KC Designation.

Lisa Skakun (LLB '01) was named to WXN's Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 list.

Leah B. Fontaine, KC (LLB '02) was awarded the KC Designation.

The Honourable Justice Katherine O'Brien (LLB '02) was appointed to the Court of Appeal of Newfoundland and Labrador.

John M. Rice, KC (LLB '03) was awarded the KC Designation.

The Honourable Judge Derek Mah (LLB '03) was appointed to the BC Provincial Court.

Celeste Haldane, KC (LLB '04) was recognized as one of *Business in Vancouver*'s BC500.

Katrina Harry (LLB '04) was elected as a bencher for the Law Society of British Columbia.

2000_{S cont'd}

The Honourable Justice Briana Hardwick (LLB '04) was appointed to the BC Supreme Court.

Shannon Salter (LLB '05) was appointed Deputy Minister to the Premier, Head of the BC Public Service and Cabinet Secretary.

The Honourable Judge Tim Hinkson (LLB '05) was appointed to the BC Provincial Court.

Kelly Russ (LLM '06) was elected as a bencher for the Law Society of BC.

Catherine Chow (LLM '07) was named one of *Canadian Lawyer Magazine*'s 2021 Top 25 Most Influential Lawyers.

Karn Manhas (JD '10) was recognized as one of *Business in Vancouver*'s BC500.

Dani Bryant (JD '11) was recognized as one of Canada's leading lawyers under 40 as a Lexpert 2022 Rising Star.

Yun Li-Reilly (JD '11) was recognized as one of Canada's leading lawyers under 40 as a Lexpert 2022 Rising Star.

Andrea Hilland, KC (LLB '02, LLM '13) was awarded the KC Designation.

Sarah Sinclair (JD '13) was named to *Avenue Calgary*'s 2021 Top 40 Under 40 list.

Jessica Buffalo (JD '16) was awarded an Alberta Community Justice Award for leadership.

Sabrina Spencer (JD '16) was named to the 2022 *Business in Vancouver's* Forty Under 40 list.

The Honourable Justice John Gibb-Carsley (LLM '16) was appointed to the BC Supreme Court.

Sania Chaudhry (JD '17) was named to the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation 2022 Top 30 Under 30 list.

Niall Rand (LLM CL '17) was elected President of the Vancouver Bar Association.

Stephanie Willsey (JD '18) was named to WXN's Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 list.

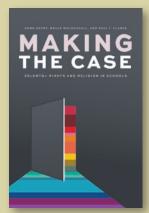
Terri-Lynn Williams-Davidson, KC (LLB '95, LLM '22) was awarded the KC Designation.

Good Reads

If you're looking for your next book, we have you covered. Professors **Erez Aloni** and **Jocelyn Stacey** explain why you should pick up two new books by Allard Law faculty.

Making the Case:

2SLGBTQ+ Rights and Religion in Schools (Bruce MacDougall, Donn Short & Paul T. Clarke; Purich Books, 2021)



When Allard Law Professor Bruce MacDougall and his co-authors wrote Making the Case: 2SLGBTQ+ Rights and Religion in Schools, they could not have foreseen its timeliness. In March 2022, four months after Making the Case was released, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis signed a bill commonly known as "Don't Say Gay" – limiting discussion of gender identity and sexual orientation in schools. Stepping into this culture war, Making the Case charts a vision that's markedly

different than the one underlying Florida's law, and offers a robust plan for creating a safe, inclusive environment for 2SLGBTQ+ students.

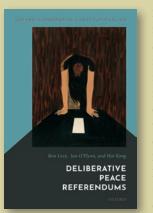
Inclusion is not merely implementation of anti-bullying procedures. It encompasses 2SLGBTQ+-comprehensive curricula and activities that empower the lives of gender and sexual minorities across dimensions. Notably, the book deals with religious objections as possible barriers to equal "school citizenship" for 2SLGBTQ+ students, contending that religious liberty, under Canadian law, is not a license to discriminate against 2SLGBTQ+ students. The authors convincingly assert that 2SLGBTQ+-inclusive initiatives are protected against claims of infringement of religious liberty.

This accessible and interdisciplinary book has a broad audience – from teachers to parents of 2SLGBTQ+ students, from lawmakers to administrators. A "Don't Say Gay" law is unlikely in Canada, but the path toward substantive equality for 2SLGBTQ+ students is still long. *Making the Case* is an important trail guide for that journey.

Dr. Erez Aloni is an associate professor at Allard Law. His research focuses primarily on the legal regulation of adult relationships and complex family structures.

Deliberative Peace Referendums

(Hoi L. Kong, Ron Levy & Ian O'Flynn; Oxford Comparative Constitutionalism, 2021)



How can we learn from the use of referendums in ending apartheid in South Africa, securing South Sudan's independence, or addressing violence in Colombia? Peace referendums – referendums used to manage armed conflict in divided societies – can be unstable forces which can inflame conflict instead of quelling it. Deliberative peace referendums, however, can help set divided societies on a path toward lasting constitutional settlement through a

commitment to public reason and good design. This is the case that Allard Law Professor Hoi Kong and his co-authors, Ron Levy and Ian O'Flynn, set out to make in *Deliberative Peace Referendums*. Neither divided societies nor referendums make obvious partners for public deliberation. But this is what makes *Deliberative Peace Referendums* such a compelling read, with its careful unpacking of the challenges of democratic deliberation in high-conflict societies.

It is no surprise that this volume – grounded equally in theory and implementation – comes from Kong and his co-authors, who lead the field of deliberative constitutionalism. Drawing from constitutional law, political theory and the experiences of countries around the world, *Deliberative Peace Referendums* is an enriching read for anyone interested in tough constitutional and political questions about how to proceed in the face of division and conflict.

Dr. Jocelyn Stacey is an associate professor at Allard Law. Her work focuses on environmental assessment law, disaster law, climate change, emergency powers and the rule of law.

Building a more Diverse, Inclusive Legal Profession

VER THE PAST three years, more than a dozen new awards and scholarships have been created to support Allard Law students who identify as Indigenous, Black or a Person of Colour in overcoming the financial barriers to a legal education.

Our alumni and community partners shared what they hope their gifts will mean for students and for the legal profession.



The Hon. Selwyn Romilly, the Hon. Judge David St. Pierre and Allard Law Dean Ngai Pindell with Selasie Doe-Demosse, Kierra Leonard and Jessy Oduro-Kwachie, 2022 recipients of the St. Pierre, Romilly, Nathanson Entrance Award in Law for Black Students.

Allard Law's first-ever student award for incoming Black Canadian law students

IN 2021, the Honourable Judge David St. Pierre, the Honourable Selwyn Romilly (LLB '66), Matthew Nathanson (LLB '97), Irwin Nathanson, KC and Joanie McEwen (LLB '75) established Allard Law's first student award dedicated to supporting incoming Black Canadian JD students. The \$225,000 fund, which includes a contribution from UBC, will support 15 incoming law students with their tuition and fees over five years.

The donors say they were motivated to establish the award to help meet the pressing need for greater representation of Black lawyers and judges in the legal profession. "A representative justice system is a healthy justice system," they said in a statement. "Issues of racial inequality must be addressed with more than just words. We hope this student award will provide a gateway to more Black voices being heard in the legal profession. This is an important first step towards real, substantive change."

The Hon. Selwyn Romilly was the first Black judge named to any court in British Columbia, appointed to the Provincial Court in 1974 and elevated to the Supreme Court of British Columbia in 1995. The Hon. Judge David St. Pierre practiced criminal law before being appointed to the Provincial Court of British Columbia in 2009 and helped found the Black Law Students' Association of Canada. Matthew Nathanson is a criminal defence lawyer practicing in Vancouver.



Peter and Linda Hull on August 5, 1987 - the day Linda Hull was called to the bar.

Supporting future Indigenous lawyers

THROUGH a \$1 million estate gift, Linda Hull (LLB '86) and her late husband Peter Hull (LLB '73) established an endowed fund at Allard Law to provide bursaries and program support for future Indigenous law students. "It is my sincere hope that Indigenous law students will benefit from this permanent funding," shared Linda.

Throughout their legal careers, Linda and Peter worked with numerous Indigenous clients, and came to believe strongly that there was a pressing need to support future Indigenous lawyers. "When Peter and I first talked about setting up an endowment in our will for Indigenous law students, it was to encourage more Indigenous students to enroll by helping to offset the financial burden by way of bursaries," Linda explained. "From our experience in the criminal court system, we felt that Indigenous lawyers can better understand and represent Indigenous people before the court."

Peter spent most of his law career as a Provincial Crown Prosecutor in Calgary and Victoria before the couple returned to Vancouver, where Peter worked for the Department of Justice as a Federal Prosecutor. He then started his own general law practice, including criminal defence, work he continued until his passing. Linda worked as a criminal defence lawyer for ten years before retiring from practice.

Helping law students of Asian heritage overcome the barriers to legal education

REFLECTING ON the challenges they faced beginning their own legal studies, Maria Kim-Bautista (JD '13) and Nicco Bautista (JD '13) established an endowment to provide annual awards to students of Asian heritage who are the first in their family to go to law school or who have overcome barriers to entering the profession.

"I compare my experience with some of my classmates who have a dad who is a judge or mom who is a partner at a national law firm. I don't think people who have access to those connections necessarily realize it, but those connections and insights into the legal world are valuable things that many people can't get access to," said Maria. "It's difficult to aspire to be something if you haven't seen enough of that something, like a visible minority judge in Canada."

Nicco and Maria both immigrated to Vancouver as children – from the Philippines and Korea, respectively – and were the first in their families to go to law school. The couple met as undergraduates at UBC and reconnected while attending Allard Law.

"We see this award as us doing our part to show students of Asian heritage that they do belong here at Allard," said Nicco. "This award signals that there's a place for people like us."



Maria Kim-Bautista and Nicco Bautista established the Kim-Bautista Award in Law through an endowment in 2020.

Thank You!

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Young Anderson Barristers and Solicitors

Class of 1976 alumni the **Hon. Judge Brent Hoy, Alison E. MacLennan, KC** and **Ray Chouinard** at their 45th reunion in May 2022. These three friends met in the lineup to register for classes in September 1973. The long line gave them time to get to know one another – and a lifetime of friendship was sealed over drinks at a pub after registration.

Class Reunions

Reunions offer alumni a unique opportunity to get together to reflect on your shared experiences and to catch up on all your many adventures, challenges and successes since graduation. Whether it's been five or 50 years since you finished your studies, getting together with your classmates to share stories from your law student days and celebrate all you've accomplished is a special experience.

Reunions can be as simple as a small gathering at a local restaurant or as ambitious as a weekend filled with activities. If you're interested in helping to organize a reunion for your class, please contact Allard Law Alumni Relations Manager Jennifer Regan: regan@allard.ubc.ca. We look forward to celebrating with you!



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