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EDITOR'S NOTE

Greetings! Well, fall has settled in, which means it is time to report on the many activities of the Canadian Law and Society Association over the past several months. This edition of the Bulletin includes the President's Report from Debra Parkes, the Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting in Montreal, a call for participation in the upcoming 2009 meeting of the CLSA in Ottawa, and the complete table of contents for the latest edition of the *Canadian Journal of Law and Society*. Much thanks to everyone who responded to the call for announcements and publications, listed at the end of the Bulletin, and to Dominique Nanoff for her always appreciated assistance with translation. Also, please take special notice that our Mid-winter Meeting will be held at St. Mary's University in Halifax on January 24 and 25. Thanks to Diane Crocker and Jane McMillan for organizing what promises to be a wonderful event. More details inside!

Stay warm, everyone.
Kimberley White

**AVANT-PROPOS DE LA
RÉDACTRICE**

Bonjour à tous! L'automne étant déjà bien avancé, le temps est venu de vous faire un compte-rendu des nombreuses activités qui se sont déroulées ces derniers mois au sein de l'Association canadienne droit et société. Dans ce numéro de notre Bulletin, vous trouverez la Lettre de notre présidente Debra Parks, le procès-verbal de l'Assemblée générale annuelle 2008 qui s'est tenue à Montréal (en anglais seulement), une convocation à l'assemblée annuelle 2009 de l'ACDS à Ottawa et la table des matières de la nouvelle édition de la *Revue Canadienne Droit et Société*. Un grand merci à ceux et celles qui ont répondu à notre appel et nous ont

communiqué des annonces de parutions récentes et autres annonces que vous trouverez à la fin du Bulletin. Merci également à Dominique Nanoff, dont les services de traduction sont toujours appréciés. Veuillez également inscrire à votre agenda la prochaine conférence de la mi-hiver, qui se déroulera à Halifax, à la St. Mary's University, les 24 et 25 janvier prochains. Mes remerciements à Diane Crocker et à Jane McMillan pour l'organisation de cet événement qui promet d'être passionnant. Voyez l'information qui vous est donnée à ce sujet dans le Bulletin.

Je vous souhaite un bel hiver,
Kimberley White

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

One of the great strengths of our relatively small Association is the diversity of its membership: there is diversity of disciplines, geography, perspectives, identities, and more. One only has to flip through the pages of the Canadian Journal of Law & Society or peruse the program schedule from one of our recent annual meetings to see the diversity of disciplinary approaches and research topics.

On the subject of greater geographic diversity, we are pleased to be holding our Mid-Winter Meeting on the East Coast. This is a first for the CLSA, I believe, and long overdue. We look forward to meeting at St. Mary's University in Halifax on January 23rd and 24th, 2009. Diane Crocker (St. Mary's) and Jane McMillan (St. Francis Xavier) planning the program and we can anticipate a rich day of workshops and panels, along with some maritime hospitality, perhaps even a kitchen party!

Looking a little further ahead, we will be convening at Carleton University in Ottawa next May for our Annual Meeting, as part of the Congress of Social Sciences & Humanities. One goal for the 2009 meetings is to build on the success of the Montreal meetings by working to increase the level of exchange between English and French-speaking socio-legal scholars. We are grateful for the funding from Canadian Heritage that made some simultaneous translation possible in Montreal and we hope to make use of such funding again in Ottawa. The organizing committee for next year's conference to be held May 23-25, 2009 is headed up by Nicolas Carrier (Institute of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Carleton), Dianne George (Law, Carleton), and Neil Sargent (Law, Carleton). We look forward to three days of engaging panels, graduate student events, and opportunities to connect with colleagues from across the country. See the call for papers later in this Bulletin.

As always, the work of the CLSA is entirely volunteer-driven, and I am grateful to all of you for your participation.

Joint CLSA-CALT Task Force on Legal Education

Earlier this year, CLSA members who teach and research in Canadian law faculties became aware that the Federation of Law Societies had struck a Task Force on the Accreditation of Canadian Common Law Degrees. Among other issues raised by the Task Force, concerns have been expressed about the implications for socio-legal teaching and scholarship of the proposal to articulate "framework competencies" (doctrinal knowledge, skills, etc.) that law school graduates must demonstrate to be eligible for admission to the legal profession.

The CLSA and the Canadian Association of Law Teachers have struck a joint committee of CLSA/CALT members with expertise in matters of legal education, socio-legal research and scholarship to prepare a position paper to be submitted to the Task Force. That joint committee, which is chaired by Roderick MacDonald of McGill, and includes Diana Majury (Carleton), Richard Devlin (Dalhousie), Hester Lessard (UVic), and Annie Rochette (UQAM), will be working throughout the Fall on its report to be submitted to the Task Force in December 2008. We have also struck an Advisory Committee consisting of Constance Backhouse, Harry Arthurs, Wes Pue, Susan Boyd, Martha Jackman, John Burrows, Lorne Sossin, and Kim Brooks, all of whom will also bring their considerable expertise to bear on the issues. I thank everyone who is working on this important initiative. I urge you to read the Task Force's Discussion Paper which can be found at

<http://www.flsc.ca/en/whatsnew/whatsnew.asp> and contact Rod MacDonald at roderick.macdonald@mcgill.ca if you wish to share any comments with the joint committee.

Debra Parkes

LA LETTRE DE LA PRÉSIDENTE

L'une des forces que possède notre association, somme toute relativement petite, est la diversité de ses membres, que ce soit par leur appartenance géographique, identitaire ou disciplinaire, ou leurs points de vue, pour ne mentionner que ceux-ci. Il suffit de parcourir les pages de la *Revue Canadienne Droit et Société* ou le programme d'une de nos réunions annuelles pour constater la richesse des approches disciplinaires et des sujets étudiés.

Pour ce qui est de notre richesse géographique, nous aurons bientôt l'occasion de l'apprécier, puisque c'est sur la côte Est que se tiendra notre réunion de la mi-hiver. Il s'agit là, si je ne me trompe, d'une première depuis longtemps attendue pour l'ACDS. Nous nous réjouissons à la perspective de cette rencontre qui aura lieu les 23 et 24 janvier 2009 à Halifax, à la St. Mary's University. Diane Crocker (St. Mary's) et Jane McMillan (St. Francis Xavier) en ont organisé le programme et nous prévoyons une journée d'ateliers et de discussions particulièrement fructueuse, agrémentée de l'hospitalité maritime et, qui sait, d'une éventuelle soirée cabaret selon la tradition locale!

Un peu plus tard dans l'année, nous nous retrouverons à Ottawa, à la Carleton University pour notre réunion annuelle 2009, qui aura lieu en mai dans le cadre du Congrès annuel des sciences humaines. L'un des objectifs que nous nous sommes fixés pour 2009 est de miser sur le succès des rencontres de Montréal afin d'intensifier les échanges entre chercheurs anglophones et francophones du domaine socio-juridique. Nous remercions Patrimoine canadien dont l'aide financière nous a permis d'offrir des services d'interprétation simultanée durant l'événement. Nous espérons pouvoir de nouveau mettre à profit cette aide à l'occasion de notre conférence d'Ottawa qui aura lieu les 23, 24 et 25 mai 2009. Nicolas Carrier (Institute of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Carleton) dirige le comité organisateur de cet événement, épaulé par Dianne George et Neil Sargent (tous deux du département de droit de Carleton). Nous nous attendons à trois journées passionnantes, avec panels de discussions captivantes, activités pour étudiants diplômés et occasions multiples d'échanger avec nos collègues de tout le pays. Permettez-moi d'attirer votre attention sur la demande de communications lancée en vue de cet événement et qui figure à la fin du présent Bulletin.

Comme toujours, les activités de l'ACDS sont menées à titre bénévole. Je vous remercie tous vivement de votre collaboration.

Comité mixte ACDS-ACPD et Groupe d'étude sur le diplôme canadien en common law

Il y a quelques mois, les membres de l'ACDS qui se consacrent à l'enseignement et à la recherche au sein des facultés de droit canadiennes ont pris connaissance de la mise sur pied par la Fédération des ordres professionnels de juristes du Canada, d'un Groupe d'étude sur le diplôme canadien en common law. Parmi les points soulevés par le Groupe d'étude, il a été notamment question des répercussions que pourrait avoir sur l'enseignement et la recherche socio-juridique

la proposition de définir le cadre des compétences (doctrine juridique, habiletés etc.) dont les diplômés des écoles de droit doivent faire preuve pour être admissibles aux professions juridiques.

L'ACDS et l'Association canadienne des professeurs de droit ont créé un comité mixte regroupant des membres des deux associations qui possèdent une expertise dans les questions relatives à l'enseignement du droit, à la recherche socio-juridique et à l'art professoral, en vue d'élaborer une déclaration de principe à soumettre au Comité d'étude. Ce comité mixte qui est présidé par Roderick MacDonald de l'Université McGill et compte dans ses rangs Diana Majury (Carleton), Richard Devlin (Dalhousie), Hester Lessard (University of Victoria) et Annie Rochette (l'UQAM), travaillait cet automne à la rédaction d'un rapport qui sera soumis au Comité d'étude en décembre 2008. Nous avons également mis sur pied un Comité consultatif composé de Constance Backhouse, Harry Arthurs, Wes Pue, Susan Boyd, Martha Jackman, John Burrows, Lorne Sossin et Kim Brooks, qui contribueront tous, par leur grande compétence, à faire progresser l'étude du dossier. Je remercie tous ceux de nos membres qui travaillent à cet important projet. Je vous recommande de lire le document de travail du Comité d'étude, à l'adresse suivante :

<http://www.flsc.ca/en/whatsnew/whatsnew.asp> et de communiquer vos commentaires éventuels par courriel au Comité mixte, à l'adresse roderick.macdonald@mcgill.ca.

Debra Parkes

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JOURNAL REPORT

The Canadian Journal of Law and Society/Revue Canadienne Droit et Société is excited to announce the publication of Volume 23, No. 1, which will appear online at the end of December, 2008, and in your mailbox in January, 2009. Volume 24, No. 1 will be published in Spring, 2009. As always, CJLS welcomes submissions from all CLSA members of articles on any topic of interest to the socio-legal academic community. Submissions can be submitted to the editorial

team at cjls_rcds@carleton.ca. For detailed submission instructions please visit: <http://www.utpjournals.com/cjls/cjls.html#sub>.

NOUVELLES DE LA REVUE CANADIENNE DROIT ET SOCIÉTÉ

Le Conseil de rédaction de la Revue *Canadienne Droit et Société* a le plaisir de vous annoncer la parution imminente du volume 23 n° 1 de la Revue. Ce numéro, qui sera accessible en ligne à la fin décembre 2008, vous sera livré par la poste dans le courant du mois de janvier. Le volume 24 n° 1 de la Revue sera publié au printemps 2009. Comme par le passé, tous les membres de l'ACDS sont invités à soumettre des articles pouvant avoir un intérêt pour la recherche dans le domaine socio-juridique. Les textes doivent être soumis au Conseil de rédaction à l'adresse cjls_rcds@carleton.ca. Pour plus de renseignements sur la façon de procéder, rendez-vous à la page:

<http://www.utpjournals.com/cjls/cjls.html#sub>.

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CALL FOR PAPERS / INVITATION TO PROPOSE AND GUEST EDIT A SPECIAL ISSUE

The Journal accepts to review and publish a variety of papers under the condition that they belong to the vast field of Law and Society. Articles submitted undergo an external evaluation procedure, as described in the Journal and on CLSA's website (acds-clsa.org). We maintain the Journal's tradition to publish on a regular basis special thematic issues, guest edited by mandated specialists whose proposals have been accepted by the Editorial Board. The editor invites you to submit proposals for special issues (for details, please contact: m.valverde@utoronot.ca).

APPEL À NOUS SOUMETTRE DES

ARTICLES / INVITATION À PROPOSER ET COORDONNER UN NUMÉRO THÉMATIQUE

La *Revue* accepte de considérer pour publication une variété d'articles pourvu qu'ils relèvent du champ vaste de Droit et Société. Les textes reçus sont soumis à l'évaluation externe, telle que décrite dans la *Revue* et sur le site de l'ACDS (acds-clsa.org). Elle poursuit par ailleurs la tradition de publier régulièrement des numéros à thème dont la coordination est confiée à des spécialistes, après proposition d'un synopsis au Comité de rédaction qui en décide. La rédaction vous invite finalement à nous soumettre des propositions pour numéros thématiques (contactez s.v.p : m.valverde@utoronto.ca).

CANADIAN LAW & SOCIETY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Montreal, June 1, 2008

In attendance:

Bruce Ryder, Kirsten Kramar, Mariana Valverde, Susan Boyd, Melanie Methot, Marie-Andree Jacob, Kimberley White, Jane McMillan, Caroline Gendreau, Robert Leckey, Rashmee Singh, Diane Crocker, Augustine Park, Nicole O'Byrne, Richard Weisman, Natalie Oman, Michel Coutu.

1) Approval of 2007 AGM Minutes

Moved: Bruce Ryder
Second: Marie-Andree Jacob
Carried

2) President's Report (addendum)

3) Election of Directors

Richard Weisman thanked outgoing board members including Bruce Ryder for his service as Treasurer and Ruth Murbach for her work as Journal editor. Also Jim Phillips and Fiona Kelly are completing their terms on the board and the Association wishes to thank them for the work they've done.

Nominees for five vacant positions:

Mariana Valverde – RCDS/CJLS Editor
Michel Coutu – RCDS/CJLS Editor
Augustine Park - treasurer
Annie Bunting – member at large
Anne Saris – member at large
Renisa Mawani – member at large

We are electing six new board members because the Journal Editor position is now a shared position.

Elected by acclamation.

4) Approval of New By-laws

Motion to repeal existing by-laws and pass the new by-laws (which were approved by the Board in January 2008 and circulated to the membership in advance of the meeting) to be approved by the membership.

Moved: Kirsten Kramar
Second: Mariana Valverde
Carried

5) Membership Report

We need a membership drive to increase membership numbers. Mariana Valverde suggested that someone on the board work with Debra Parkes on a membership drive. Jane McMillan and Nicole O'Byrne will strike a sub-committee to address membership issues. Bruce noted that part of the problem is the new practice of membership renewal (that Congress will no longer collect memberships). This makes it impossible for us to make people join in order to participate in CLSA when it is held with Congress.

6) Journal Report – Mariana Valverde (addendum)

Michel Coutu noted that his objective is to attract more papers in French.

7) Financial Report

Bruce Ryder (addendum). Bruce noted that we have a balance of approximately \$20,000. Bruce also noted that we were successful in securing funds from Ontario Law Foundation to fund students for travel. Because we had so few students requesting financial support and so much money Bruce suggested we drop the qualification that students must present or chair in order to get funding. The membership had no objection.

Bruce also suggested we increase the transfer of funds from the Journal to the Association from \$13 to \$20 per individual membership to reflect the increased costs of membership. \$20 of institutional membership fees and none of the student fees will continue to go to the Association (as per established practice).

The account will move to Carleton at the end of the summer when Augustine Park takes over as the new treasurer. At that point we will change our financial practice such that the Association will be collecting membership fees and paying the Journal instead of the inverse.

8) Conference Report

Annie Bunting (addendum)

Annie noted that an early start made a huge difference. There were, however some problems. One in particular relates to the issue of simultaneous translation. Annie was successful in securing money from Heritage Canada for translation and suggests that an early application may result in more money. There was also discussion about how to increase the level of francophone participation and to promote bilingual panels, as well as about whether we want to consider spending an honorarium on a plenary speaker?

Richard thanked Annie and Rod for their work on organizing.

Motion to accept all reports.

Motion: Natalie Oman

Second: Diane Crocker.

Carried

9) Book & Article Prize

The book and article prized were presented at the joint CLSA/LSA luncheon.

Article Prize: Bruce Feldthusen, "Civil Liability for Sexual Assault in Aboriginal Residential Schools: The Baker Did It" (2007) 22:1 CJLS/Rcds 61-92

Book Prize: Robert J. Sharpe & Patricia I. McMahon, *The Persons Case: The Origins and Legacy of the Fight for Legal Personhood* (Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History & University of Toronto Press, 2007)

10) World Consortium of Law and Society Organizations Report

Mariana Valverde: This group had a meeting on Saturday. The Onati institute has built a web-site which will be made public. There are 200 organizations who will be invited to join the consortium. Mariana is representing the CLSA. Motion for CLSA to join world consortium

Moved: Robert Leckey

Second: Bruce Ryder

Carried

11) Other Business

Robert Leckey briefed the AGM on the conference panel held yesterday with law teachers concerned about the future regulation of legal education. The concern is that provincial law societies are moving towards a greater degree of direct regulation of programs designed to graduate people such that they are qualified for the bar. Two task forces are currently underway, one of the Federation of

Law Societies and the other of the Law Society of Upper Canada. Such regulation might take the form of lists of required competencies focused on traditional 'core' courses. Robert asked to strike a subcommittee of CLSA to draft a position paper responding to the two task forces, in particular to the Federation's Consultation Paper due in June. Susan Boyd notes that the more mandatory requirements placed on law school pedagogy might reduce the enrolment of students in Law and Society courses and thus the eventual offering of such courses. This potential regulation is thus a key issue for CLSA.

Committee may include Claire Young, Fred Zemans, Lucinda Vandervort, Samuel Trosow, Natalie Oman, Bruce Ryder, Susan Boyd, Robert Leckey & Kim Brooks.

Motion to strike a committee to draft a response to Federation of Law Societies Task Force on Legal Education Report for board approval prior to submission to the Task Force. Moved: Bruce Ryder
Second: Susan Boyd
Carried

Nicole O'Byrne noted that Rashmee Singh's term is up as the graduate student representative. Thanks was expressed for Rashmee's work. The graduate students will elect a new representative at the Graduate Student Workshop.

12) Adjournment**MID-WINTER MEETINGS IN HALIFAX**

January 23 – 24, 2009

Your colleagues on the east coast are looking forward to seeing everyone at the mid-winter meeting. The meeting will be held at Saint Mary's University January 23 and 24. We expect to have one day of panels and/or workshops followed by a half-day business meeting for the Board. Of course, we will also have time for the informal socializing and networking that makes the mid-winter meeting such a pleasure to attend. If you'd like to make suggestions on how to format the meeting, please contact Diane Crocker at diane.crocker@smu.ca.

You should also contact Diane regarding special room rates (\$115/night) at the Lord Nelson Hotel, which is nicely situated downtown and close to the university. If you would like to have her book a room please let her know by November 30 so she can ensure that you get the rate. You won't be able to get that rate if you call on your own.

You can find info on the hotel at www.lordnelsonhotel.com

Draft Agenda*Roundtable: Teaching Law and Society in Canada*

This roundtable will provide an opportunity for participants to share information on the programs in which they teach. Building on last year's roundtable, it is hoped that participants will share concrete program information (such as syllabi, program outlines etc.) to help inform each other about the diversity of opportunities for students interested in law and society. It is further hoped that the roundtable will also address issues, programmatic, pedagogical or intellectual, that arise out of the typically interdisciplinary nature of law and society programs.

Panel Presentation: Law and Society Research in the Maritimes

This roundtable will feature researchers from the Maritimes who will share their research projects with particular attention to issues arising in this region.

Debate: The Ethics of Research or Research Ethics?

Following up on last year's discussion, this debate will have the presenters debate the ethics of research versus the research ethics promoted by university research ethics boards. The thought here is to actually run a formal debate with a small team on either side. This session would be fun and interactive

Sharing Circle

This session will provide participants to update everyone on their latest work. This could involve presentations of current research or papers in progress. Participants could present formally or informally.

Brainstorming Session of Annual Meeting

This session will provide an opportunity to brainstorm about panels that we could each put together for the Annual CLSA meeting in May. The aim is to ease the burden on the conference chairs and to help each other identify people who may be interested in participating in such panels, extending beyond our own networks.

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APPEL À CONTRIBUTIONS

Relations capitales : nation, terroir, territoire

L'Association canadienne droit et société a le plaisir de lancer un appel à contributions pour son colloque annuel, qui se tiendra à l'Université Carleton du 23 au 25 mai 2009, dans le cadre du 78e congrès des sciences humaines. Nous entendons susciter des contributions interdisciplinaires, en français comme en anglais, à l'analyse des rapports entre droit et société. Nous encourageons fortement la proposition de panels (francophones, anglophones ou bilingues). Prière d'inclure dans votre proposition le titre de la contribution, un résumé d'au plus 250 mots, ainsi que l'appartenance institutionnelle et les coordonnées complètes des conférencières et conférenciers. Les propositions de panels devraient en indiquer le thème. Merci de nous informer de votre intérêt à présider un panel lors du colloque.

La date limite pour la réception des propositions est le **18 janvier 2009**.

Veuillez les faire parvenir à:
Nicolas Carrier, responsable scientifique,
nicolas_carrier@carleton.ca

Pour plus d'information sur les inscriptions, l'hébergement et autres sur le congrès, veuillez consulter www.fedcan.ca/congres2009

CALL FOR PAPERS

Capital Connections: nation, terroir, territoire

The Program Committee of the Canadian Law & Society Association invites submissions for its 2009 conference, to be held May 23 – 25 at Carleton University in Ottawa. We welcome proposals for papers, in English or French, in any area of law and society scholarship and interdisciplinary legal studies. We also strongly encourage proposals for panels in English, French, or both languages (depending

upon funding, simultaneous translation for some sessions might be available). Please include a panel theme (if applicable), paper title(s), and abstract(s) of up to 250 words, along with full institutional affiliations and contact information for each presenter. If you are willing to participate as a panel chair, please indicate this on your submission – your help is greatly appreciated.

Early expressions of interest are encouraged. The deadline for proposals is **January 18, 2009**.

Please forward proposals or question by email to: Nicolas Carrier, program coordinator, nicolas_carrier@carleton.ca

Information on conference registration, accommodation and other Congress activities can be found at www.fedcan.ca/congress2009

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. New MA Program in Socio-Legal Studies

York University has launched a new Masters of Arts (MA) program in Socio-Legal Studies with its first students arriving in September 2008. This interdisciplinary program builds on York's long tradition of law and society teaching and research. Contributing faculty are leaders in the areas of international human rights, socio-historical approaches to law, transnational policing, immigration and border security, indigenous rights, and global financial crime.

For more information, please consult our website at <http://www.yorku.ca/gradslst/> or contact: **Richard Weisman**, Director, Graduate Program in Socio-Legal Studies. Tel: 416-736-2100 ex.70452
rweisman@yorku.ca

2. UBC Faculty of Law - Graduate Student Reunion

Join your classmates and current graduate students in a celebration of graduate studies in Law at UBC. May 20-21, 2008, Vancouver, B.C. Held in conjunction with the "Law Without Borders" graduate student conference.

For details and a registration form, go to: http://www.law.ubc.ca/events/2009/may/14th_conf.html or contact Joanne Chung at jchung@law.ubc.ca

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4. *International Journal of the Legal Profession*

Theme: Impact of Legal Change on Legal Practitioners

The *International Journal of the Legal Profession* invites submissions for a symposium on how legal changes impact the day-to-day work of legal practitioners. The types of issues that would be appropriate for articles includes how legal change impacts such things as the market for specialized legal practices, lawyers' decision making practices about which cases to pursue, the way lawyers handle specific types of cases, or how lawyers work with experts; these topics are meant to be suggestive not exhaustive. More specific examples in the U.S. context would include the impact of tort reform, the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 2005, changes in immigration law in the wake of 9/11, the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and the Class Action Fairness Act 2005. Examples of legal changes in the UK that might be considered are The Companies Acts, Charity Act 2006 and Legal Services Act 2007. While the examples are drawn from the U.S. and the U.K., submissions dealing with the impact of legal change on legal practice in other countries is strongly encouraged.

The symposium editor will be Professor Herbert Kritzer, William Mitchell College of Law (herbert.kritzer@wmitchell.edu). Authors who have questions about whether their work would be appropriate for the symposium should contact Professor Kritzer.

All manuscripts should be submitted electronically to the general editor, Professor Avrom Sherr, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London, Avrom.Sherr@sas.ac.uk. Either Word or PDF format is preferred. Manuscripts should be double-spaced, and authors should insure that all identifying information (including that embedded by software) is removed prior to submission. Because it is a peer-reviewed journal, the *International Journal of the Legal Profession* requires that manuscripts submitted for consideration not be under simultaneous consideration by other journals.

Manuscripts will be evaluated for publication as submitted; the deadline for submission to insure consideration is **February 1, 2009**. Anticipated publication is late 2009.

PUBLICATIONS (2008)

Recently published books, edited collections, and reports by members of the CLSA:

Hugo Cyr, *Canadian Federalism and Treaty Powers: Organic Constitutionalism at Work* (Brussels: P.I.E. / Peter Lang, 2008).

Robert Leckey, *Contextual Subjects: Family, State, and Relational Theory* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2008).

Peter H. Russell, *Two Cheers for Minority Government: The Evolution of Canadian Parliamentary Democracy* (Emond / Montgomery, 2008.)

UBC Press is celebrating the 50th title in its Law and Society Series.

This nationally recognized series began in 2001 with *Gender and the Legal Profession* by Joan Brockman, and *The Grand Experiment*, edited by Hamar Foster, Benjamin Berger, and A.R. Buck, has just been released. Books in the series treat law and society as mutually constitutive and seek to bridge scholarship emerging from interdisciplinary engagement of law with disciplines such as politics, social theory, history, political economy, and gender studies. A complete list of 2008 publications is:

Catherine E. Bell and Val Napoleon, eds. *First Nations Cultural Heritage and Law Case Studies, Voices, and Perspectives*

Release Date: 8/13/2008
ISBN 9780774814614

Catherine E. Bell and Robert Paterson, eds. *Protection of First Nations Cultural Heritage Laws, Policy, and Reform*
Release Date: 12/15/2008
ISBN 9780774814638

Peggy J. Blair
*Lament for a First Nation
The Williams Treaties of Southern Ontario*
Release Date: 5/14/2008
ISBN 9780774815123

Douglas C. Harris
*Landing Native Fisheries
Indian Reserves and Fishing Rights in British Columbia, 1849-1925*
Release Date: 5/27/2008
ISBN 9780774814195

Hamar Foster, Benjamin Berger, and A.R. Buck, eds.
*The Grand Experiment
Law and Legal Culture in British Settler Societies*
Release Date: 10/21/2008
ISBN 9780774814911

Richard Moon, ed.
Law and Religious Pluralism in Canada
Release Date: 10/10/2008
ISBN 9780774814973

NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

Constance Backhouse was awarded the Killam Prize for Social Sciences in the spring of 2008, and made a Member of the Order of Canada on 1 July 2008. Her new book, *Carnal Crimes: Sexual Assault Law in Canada, 1900-1975* (Toronto: Irwin Law, 2008) was released in September 2008. She will be helping to organize the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, which will be held at the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa, 13-15 November 2008.

Peter Russell has submitted an affidavit in the case of *Stephen Harper v The Liberal Party of Canada*. This is a libel case in which Mr. Harper is suing the Liberal Party for Stephane Dion's statements in the House of Commons and posted on the Party's website accusing Mr. Harper of condoning an effort by Conservative Party officials to bribe the late Chuck Cadman into voting to bring down the Liberal government in May 2005. The affidavit sets out why parliamentary democracy will be undermined if parliamentary accusations of government wrong-doing are transferred from parliament and the public arena into the courts.

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