

The OsgoodePD News



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Climate Change Law a Core of OsgoodePD Programs

54 years on from the birth of the modern environmental movement on Earth Day 1970, the world is a very different place. In 2024, climate change is impossible to ignore, whatever your line of work or area of study. And at OsgoodePD, our curriculum reflects that fact, with Professional LLM and continuing legal education offerings shot through with climate change legal issues. [Read more](#)

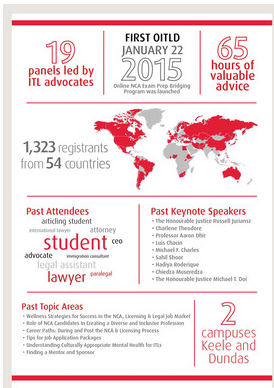


Alumni Profile

Kim Westfall-Connor

On how **Kim Westfall-Connor's** career began as an RMT, how **Osgoode's Certificate in Health Law** helped in her roles at the College of Massage Therapists of Ontario, the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario and the Ontario College of Teachers, and her full circle moment as faculty on **Osgoode's Certificate in Professional Regulation and Discipline in the Ontario Health Care Sector**.

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Osgoode's Internationally Trained Lawyers Day: Celebrating 10 years of Diversity, Advocacy, Mentorship and Empowerment

OsgoodePD has long been at the forefront of supporting internationally trained lawyers in their journey to success in the Canadian legal landscape. This commitment shines brightly in **Osgoode's Internationally**

Trained Lawyers Day (OITLD), a day dedicated to celebrating the achievements, resilience, and contributions of internationally trained talent.

[Read more and join us on May 28 & 29](#)



Osgoode Energy and Infrastructure Law LLM alumnus: Marty Venalainen

Marty Venalainen has been a lawyer with Infrastructure Ontario since 2013, currently serving as a Director on its Transaction Legal team. *“Aside from rail network electrification, even on more traditional infrastructure projects, there are many ways to*



structure transactions for energy efficiency and climate resiliency,” Marty says. “Infrastructure certainly has a role to play in addressing climate change, but not always the most direct one. Part of the reason the LLM was so attractive to me was that pairing of energy and infrastructure law in the same program.” [Read more](#)

Understanding Theories of Discrimination (1h 27m)

At the May 2022 **Osgoode Certificate in Human Rights Theory and Practice**, York University Associate Professor **Sonia Lawrence** discussed the topic of Understanding Theories of Discrimination using a substantive equality approach.

[Watch the full session here:](#)

Faculty Profile Benjamin Berger

Congratulations to the 2023-24 York University Faculty of Graduate Studies' Teaching Award recipient, **Benjamin Berger**, Osgoode Hall Law School Professor and Program Director of the **Professional LLM in Criminal Law** at OsgoodePD, who has been recognized for his unwavering support for students and commitment to his local graduate community.

[Read more](#)

Understanding Theories of Discrimination

An excerpt from The Osgoode Certificate in *Human Rights Theory & Practice*

Sonia Lawrence, Associate Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University



Earth Day 2024

We asked our students to help us celebrate Earth Day through photography. Here is a glimpse of our planet through their lens:



Raehana Lorick
Graduate Diploma in
Foundations of Canadian Law



Caitlin Tolley
LLM in Administrative Law



Aline De Campos
LLM in
Canadian Common Law

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

Professional LLM Info Session (For those with no prior law degree) (Complimentary)	Apr 30, May 9 & 21
Professional LLM Fall 2024 Application Deadline	May 1
Osgoode/SOAR Certificate in Adjudication for Administrative Agencies, Boards and Tribunals	Starts May 6
Certificate in Human Rights Theory and Practice	Starts May 6
Professional LLM Info Session (Canadian Lawyers) (Complimentary)	May 7 & 30
2024 Winkler/IAM/OsgoodePD Mediation Forum - Innovation in Mediation: Elevating Your Practice	May 9
Human Resources Law for Education Professionals	May 14
Osgoode's 10th Annual Internationally Trained Lawyers Day	May 28 & 29
Information Session: SOAR/OsgoodePD Training (and Transition) for Current and Prospective Adjudicators	June 12
Drop-in Advising for Internationally Trained Lawyers and International Applicants	Weekly
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View all LLM programs and application deadlines	Learn more

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