

Simon Wallace

1. Education

PhD, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University (2020-2024)

Supervisor: Prof. Sean Rehaag

Topic: *Reading Law's Great Unread: Qualitative Computational Research Methods, Artificial Intelligence, and the New Methods of Empirical Legal Research*

JD, Osgoode Hall Law School (2012-2015)

MA, Canadian Studies and Indigenous Studies, Trent University (2008-2010)

Supervisor: Prof. Bryan Palmer

Thesis: *Strange Days Indeed: The Confused Politics of Upper Canada's 1830s*

BA (Hons.), Canadian Studies, Trent University (2003-2008)

2. Scholarships and academic awards

Peter Oliver Prize, Osgoode Society for Legal History (2024)

SSHRC CGS Doctoral Fellowship, \$105,000 (2022-2024)

Ontario Graduate Scholarship Doctoral Award, \$15,000 (2021)

Newton W. Rowell Scholarship, Osgoode Hall Law School, \$5,000 (2021)

Nathanson Centre COVID top-up award, York University, \$1,250 (2021)

Nathanson Centre on Transnational Human Rights, Crime and Security Fellowship, \$10,000 (2020)

John W. Graham Fellowship, Osgoode Hall Law School, \$45,000 (2020-2023)

York Graduate Scholarship, \$5,000 (2020)

York Fellowship (2020-2023)

Frederick Zemans Prize in Poverty Law, Osgoode Hall Law School (2014)

Judith Wahl Award in Law and Psychiatry, Osgoode Hall Law School (2014)

Harry R. Rose Award for Highest Standing in Criminal Law, Osgoode Hall Law School (2013)

Osgoode Student Award, \$5,000 (2012)

Mary Northway Graduate Award in Canadian Studies, Trent University (2010)

President's List, Trent University (2008)

Dean's List, Trent University (2004-2008)

Symon's Essay Prize, Trent University (2007, 2008)

3. Involvement in funded scholarly projects

Project lead and primary grant application author, “Electronic Travel Authorizations: Interdicting Roma Refugees,” Partnership Engagement Grants, *SSHRC* (2021) [Applicants: Sean Rehaag, Benjamin Perryman, and Gabor Lukacs]

Coordinator, *Fact-Finding in Immigration Detention Reviews: Evidence Law meets Administrative Law* (SSHRC funded project), Centre for Refugee Studies, York University, September 30-October 1, 2021

4. Teaching awards

Contract instructor of the year (first year program), Lincoln Alexander Law School Students’ Association (2022)

5. Publications

“‘The Biggest Problem With You...’: Racial profiling and Canada’s program of extra-territorial migrant interdiction” *Osgoode Hall Law Journal* (co-authors: Benjamin Perryman, Gabor Lukacs, and Sean Rehaag) [peer-reviewed, forthcoming]

“Persistent discord: an empirical examination of national security deportation cases before the Immigration and Refugee Board and the Federal Court of Canada (2018-2020),” (2024) 47:1 *Dal LJ* [peer-reviewed]

“Speaking Like a Judge: Using Artificial Intelligence to Empirically Assess Judicial Speech in Supreme Court of Canada Hearings by Language Spoken and Gender of the Speaker” (2024) 115 *Supreme Court Law Review* 297. [peer reviewed]

“The Next Jailor: An empirical study of danger to the public immigration detentions in Canada (summer 2021)” (2023) *Punishment and Society* [peer-reviewed]

“‘Police authority is necessary.’ The Canadian origins of the legal powers to detain and deport, 1893-1902,” (2023) 48:2 *Queens University Law Journal* [peer-reviewed]

“The new Canadian law of refugee exclusion: an empirical analysis of international criminal law deportation orders, January 2018 to July 2020” (2022) 22:4 *International Criminal Law Review* 721 [peer reviewed]

“Untangling deportation law from national security: the pandemic invites a softer touch,” in Leah West, Thomas Juneau, and Amarnath Amarasingam eds., *Stress Tested: The COVID-19 Pandemic and Canadian National Security* (Calgary: University of Calgary Press, 2021) [peer reviewed]

“Immigration Detention meets Evidence Law: a discussion paper,” for *Fact-Finding in Immigration Detention Reviews: Evidence Law meets Administrative Law* conference (co-authors: Professors Sean Rehaag and Benjamin Berger) [non-refereed]

“Deleted Emails, Fraudulent Documents, and Maximum-Security Prisons: A Canadian Case Shows the Illiberalism of Deportation,” *Crimmigration Blog*, University of Oxford (December 14, 2020) [non-refereed]

“Friend” in Clare O’Connor, AK Thompson, and Kelly Frisch, eds., *Keywords for Radicals* (Chico, CA: AK Press, 2016) [refereed by editors]

“Gun Control in Canada,” in Jean Manore and Dale Miner, eds., *The Culture of Hunting in Canada* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2007) [refereed by editors]

6. **Invited publications in progress**

“Using Artificial Intelligence to Model One Year of Canadian Refugee Law Jurisprudence” in Stephen Meili, ed. *New Research Agendas in Refugee and Asylum law* (Edgar Elgar)

7. **Open-source computational contributions**

[Obiter.ai](#): an open-source library written in Python to facilitate the computational research of Canadian law.

[BenchBabble.ca](#): a project that lets researchers to chart how the Supreme Court of Canada has used words and phrases at different frequencies since 1877.

8. **Teaching**

Program Director, Immigration Law Intensive, Osgoode Hall Law School (Winter 2025)

Co-instructor, Administrative Law, Lincoln Alexander School of Law, Toronto Metropolitan University (Winter 2025)

Instructor, *Legal Theory*, Lincoln Alexander School of Law, Toronto Metropolitan University (Fall 2024)

Co-course organizer and designer, *Centre for Refugee Studies Summer Course: Understanding the intersections between forced migration and technology* (June 2024)

Instructor, *Ethics and Professionalism*, Lincoln Alexander School of Law, Toronto Metropolitan University (Winter 2022, 2023, 2024)

Instructor, *Technology Toolkit for the Practice of Law*, Lincoln Alexander School of Law, Toronto Metropolitan University (Fall 2023, Fall 2024)

Instructor, *Data Code and Social Innovation*, Lincoln Alexander School of Law, Toronto Metropolitan University (Fall 2022)

Co-Instructor, *Enforcement - Inadmissibility, Detention and Removal*, Graduate Diploma in Immigration and Citizenship Law, Queen’s University (Summer 2022)

Teaching assistant, *Ethical Lawyering in a Global Community*, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University (2020-2021; 2021-2022)

Co-Instructor, *Legal Research Methods*, Sociology, Trent University (2018)

Teaching assistant, *Canada's 1960s*, Trent University (2009-2010)

Teaching assistant, *Canadian Studies 100*, Trent University (2008-2009)

9. Presentations

“Analyzing the Federal Court’s jurisprudence for questions about corroboration,” Immigration Law Summit, *Law Society of Ontario*, 2024

“AI and the Courts,” Presentation to Association of Canadian Court Executive Officers, 2024

“Police Authority is Necessary,” Public lecture at the Balsilie School, Waterloo, 2024

“Using Computational Methods to Analyze the Discipline Decisions of the Law Society Tribunal (Ontario),” Annual Meeting, *Canadian Association for Legal Ethics*, 2023

“The use of generative AI for legal research,” Technology for Litigators, *Advocates Society*, 2023

“Scrutinizing the Supreme Court with Digital Technology,” Osgoode Constitutional Law Conference, *Osgoode Hall Law School*, 2023

“The origins of discretion in immigration law,” Canadian Law and Society Association conference, 2023

“Obiter.Ai and computational research methods” *Centre for Refugee Studies*, Winter 2023

“Deportations and criminality,” *Law Society of Ontario Immigration Law Summit*, November 2022.

“An empirical study of ‘danger to the public’ immigration detentions in Canada (Summer 2021)” *International Workshop: Changing Landscapes of Immigration Detention*, September 2022

“Decarcerating the long-term detainee: using AI to understand why migrants spent fewer days in Canadian immigration detention (2013-2020),” *Law and Society Annual Meeting: Lisbon*, July 2022

“Crimmigration,” *Summer Course on Refugees and Forced Migration*, Centre for Refugee Studies, June 2022

“‘Our Chief Deportation Officer:’ Dr. Peter Bryce and the Department of the Interior (1904-1907),” *Canadian Historical Association Annual Meeting*, Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences, May 16, 2022

“Immigration Detention Reviews: Lessons from Psychology and Psychiatry,” *Centre for Refugee Studies Seminar Series*, York University, September 21, 2021

“Deporting members of organized crime groups: Canada targets people for poverty crime,” *Crimmigration Control: International Net of Studies*, Leiden University, September 17, 2021

“The Coercive Turn in Canadian Immigration Law: Looking for the First Immigration Detention,” *Law and Impact: Graduate Law Research Transition Conference*, Dalhousie University, May 21, 2021

“National Security Certificates and Immigration Law,” *CARL Osgoode*, March 8, 2021

“The COVID-19 Pandemic and Deportations,” Centre for International Policy Studies, National Security Policy Network, and by the Canadian Association for Security and Intelligence Studies, February 22, 2021

“The continuous journey and making the Canadian-American border,” *Law’s Topologies*, Osgoode Hall Law School, February 18, 2021

“Immigration Detention Advocacy Best Practices,” *Refugee Lawyers’ Association Educational Event*, March 26, 2019

Moderator, “*Habeas Corpus* Best Practices,” *Asper Centre’s Immigration Detention Symposium*, March 15, 2019

“Making principled objections to the admission of hearsay evidence before the Immigration Division,” *Law Society of Upper Canada’s Immigration Law Summit*, November 28, 2018

“The Parkdale Rent Strike,” *Socialist Project’s Red Talks*, December 1, 2017

10. Employment in the Legal Field

Senior advisor (Quality Analytics), Immigration and Refugee Board (2022-2023)

Barrister and solicitor, Wallace Law (2020-)

Staff lawyer and researcher, Centre for Refugee Studies, York University (2021-)

Detention lawyer, Refugee Law Office, Legal Aid Ontario (2019-2020)

Lawyer, McCarten Wallace Law (2016-2019)

Counsel, Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation (2017)

Supervising lawyer (*locum* coverage), Parkdale Community Legal Services (2016)

Articling student/associate, Cooper, Sandler, Shime, and Bergman LLP (2015-2016)

Research assistant, Parkdale Community Legal Services (2014)

Caseworker, Parkdale Community Legal Services (2013)

11. Counsel on significant cases

Mawut v. Canada (Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness), 2021 FC 1155 (CanLII): Establishes that immigration detainees are entitled to the disclosure of relevant documents in the possession of the jailor.

Canada (Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness) v. Taino, 2020 FC 427 (CanLII): Can an immigration detention continue when the fact of the detention becomes “unhinged” from its statutory purpose?

Canada (Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness) v. Smith, 2019 FC 1454 (CanLII): Is it a violation of s. 12 of the *Charter* to keep a mentally ill immigration detainee in solitary confinement for over one hundred days?

Canada (Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness) v. Asante, 2019 FC 905 (CanLII): What is the legal test when the state appeals a release order and seeks to continue a person’s detention pending the adjudication of the case?

Siyaad v. Canada (Citizenship and Immigration), 2019 FC 761 (CanLII): Do Tribunals owe a higher duty of fairness to refugee claimants who are incarcerated?

Canada (Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness) v. Chhina, 2019 SCC 29 (CanLII): This was an intervention before the Supreme Court of Canada on behalf of the Canadian Prison Lawyers’ Association.

Siyaad v. Canada (Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness), 2019 FC 448 (CanLII): What privacy rights do migrants have in belongings that are seized pursuant to an inland migration control investigation?

Henriquez v. Canada (Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness), 2019 FC 437 (CanLII): Is it proper to cancel a deportation when a person faces a risk upon return because of their psychiatric disorders?

Jaser v. Canada (Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness), 2019 FC 368 (CanLII): Is it proper to adjourn serious terrorism proceedings pending the outcome of related proceedings?

Gregory v. Canada (Citizenship and Immigration), 2018 FC 585 (CanLII): Is hardship based on disability a decisive part of the test for humanitarian relief from deportation?

Allen v. Canada (Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness), 2018 FC 486 (CanLII): What rights do immigration detainees have to know the case against them and to obtain exculpatory evidence in the government’s possession?

Inquest into the death Francisco Romero Astorga—a prisoner at the Maplehurst Correctional Complex (represented the deceased’s family), 2017.

TST-90503-17 (Re), 2019 CanLII 87012 (ON LTB): set the record for the highest fine ever ordered with reference to a renoviction (an eviction secured improperly because the landlord said that they needed to renovate the unit).

Counsel for 500+ tenants during a rent strike in Parkdale, 2017.

12. Editorial

Peer reviewer, *Osgoode Hall Law Journal*, Osgoode Hall Law School (2021)

Editor, *Upping the Anti: A Journal of Theory and Action*, Toronto (2010-2012)

13. Scholarly Service

Member, Osgoode Digital Innovation Committee (2023-)

Member, Osgoode Tenure and Promotion Committee (2021-2023)

Member, Osgoode Hall Law School Graduate School Committee (2020-2021)

Member, Teaching and Learning Committee, Osgoode Hall Law School (2012-2013)

Member, Board of Governors, Trent University (2009-2010)

Member, Senate, Trent University (2008)

14. Community involvement

Present and past memberships of Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers, Refugee Lawyers Association, Canadian Prison Lawyers Association, Law Union of Ontario, Toronto Prison Justice Committee, and the Stop Racial Profiling Committee.

15. Media coverage

“Espionage, terrorism, plotting against governments? Numbers offer a glimpse of Canada’s security screening — and its problems,” *The Toronto Star* (August 2, 2023)

“The federal government fought to keep this case secret — and now we know why” *National Post* (December 20, 2021)

“‘This is the time for resignations’: Group of 50 lawyers calls for overhaul of immigration detention board” *The Toronto Star* (July 24, 2018)

“THE RENOVICTED: A legal loophole allowed a landlord to kick these tenants out, renovate their apartment and move new people in - at three times the price” *The Toronto Star* (March 24, 2018)

“Jury urges change after migrant dies in jail: Man overdosed on meth and fentanyl while in custody” *The Toronto Star* (June 19, 2017)

“Parkdale tenants protest rent hike: Residents break up meeting scheduled to debate merits of above-guideline rent increase” *The Toronto Star* (June 8, 2017)

“Parkdale tenants take to the street to fight rent hike” *The Toronto Star* (February 8, 2017)

“Jail records of Adam Capay’s stay in solitary confinement lack key information,” *Globe and Mail* (November 22, 2016)

“Disturbed inmates caught in solitary trap: Review of Ontario records shows 40 per cent of prisoners in long-term segregation are suffering from mental-health issues,” *Globe and Mail* (April 25, 2016)

“Toronto’s Parkdale residents fear ‘radical gentrification’ as European company buys up thousands of apartments” *As It Happens (CBC)* (June 27, 2014)