



# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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# June 25, 2024

Start Time	End Time	Session Details
9:30 am	9:00 pm	<b>Registration Open</b> Location: Drummond C-E Foyer
10:00 am	12:00 pm	<b>Special substantive session</b> Location: Drummond C-E <i>Pre-registration is required by using <a href="#">this link</a></i>

## **Within Bars But Not Without Rights: Legal Information And Library Access for Incarcerated Persons**

Prison libraries are fundamental as they provide access to information about the rights of the incarcerated person and the tools necessary to access those rights.

Imprisoned Canadians are an underserved segment of the population who lack adequate access to legal information and library services. Most provincial prisons do not have formal libraries. Without a legislated requirement for library access to books and materials, incarcerated persons lack recreational, cultural, educational, and law reading materials.

As more legal information is placed online, incarcerated persons are being excluded from simple access to the law. The “language of law” is not available to this group.

Join an impressive group of panelists and advocates from across the country working to better connect their province’s incarcerated populations with legal information and library services:

- The Honourable Kim Pate, Senate of Canada
- Incarcerated individuals with Lived Experience, Buffalo Sage Wellness House Program
- Alan Kilpatrick, Law Society of Saskatchewan
- Romy Otayek, Centre de recherche de Montréal sur les inégalités sociales, les discriminations et les pratiques alternatives de citoyenneté
- Karen Sawatzky, Manitoba Law Library
- Kirsten Wurmman, Manitoba Library Association

Find out more about these initiatives: the barriers and challenges of working within carceral environments, successful projects and lessons learned, and take away concrete ideas of how to serve incarcerated persons in your area.

While some of the panelists are Francophone, this session will be primarily offered in English.

**This session is free for all. Preregistration is required as space is limited. [Register here.](#)**

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Start Time	End Time	Session Details
1:00 pm	4:00 pm	<b>Social Tours</b> Details to come
7:00 pm	9:00 pm	<b>Opening Reception</b> Location: Drummond West

# June 26, 2024

Start Time	End Time	Session Details
7:30 am	5:00 pm	<b>Registration Open</b> Location: Ballroom East Foyer
8:30 am	9:30 am	<b>Breakfast &amp; Breakfast Demo</b> Location: Ballroom East <i>Details to come</i>
9:30 am	10:00 am	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> Location: Ballroom East
10:00 am	11:00 am	<b>Keynote Address</b> Location: Ballroom East <i>Details to come. You can find information about our keynote speakers <a href="#">here</a>.</i>
11:00 am	11:15 am	<b>Break</b>
11:15 am	12:00 pm	<b>Breakout Sessions</b>

## **Democratizing Legal Knowledge: Promoting Open Publishing for Secondary Legal Materials**

In legal research and scholarship, access to secondary legal materials serves as a cornerstone for legal inquiry and analysis, playing a pivotal role in advancing knowledge and understanding within the legal community. However, the prevalence of paywalls often creates significant barriers to access for scholars, practitioners, and the public alike, hindering the dissemination of vital legal information. In addition to ethical implications of access to knowledge, there is mounting pressure from granting agencies to embrace open access policies. Notably, Canada's Tri-Agency has expressed its intent to transition to an immediate open access publishing policy, emphasizing the urgent need for change in how legal scholarship is disseminated.

This session aims to explore the critical importance of open and accessible secondary legal materials. Attendees will gain insights from librarians engaged in open publishing initiatives, including the development of Open Educational Resources (OERs) and tackling obstacles to open publishing in legal journals. The session will feature discussions on effective strategies, prominent challenges, and significant opportunities for advancing open access within the legal domain. Attendees will gain valuable insights on how to support researchers to publish in alternative and open access venues, fostering greater accessibility and collaboration in the legal research community.

### **Speakers**

Ana Rogers, Erica Friesen and Sandy Hervieux ([biographies](#))

### **Location**

Drummond Center

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## Coexistence and mutual influences of common law and civil law: what is really going on and what are the impacts on legal research?

Canadian common law and Québec civil law are quite different in many respects. Despite their distinct origins and unique rules, Canada's two legal systems are perhaps more similar than one might think, to the point that one question deserves to be asked: do they influence each other? In short, does a "dialogue" exist between our civil law and our common law? And what impact does this have on legal research?

### Speaker

Jean-Sébastien Danis ([biography](#))

### Location

Drummond West

## Translating the Language of Law: Bringing legal information beyond law libraries

This session will provide an overview of how to raise awareness among our public library peers and connect their patrons with legal information by contextualizing training with storytelling, using resources in accessible formats, and focusing on timely topics of vital importance in our society, specifically Truth and Reconciliation, decolonization, and social justice issues.

Drawing on lessons learned from the LawMatters enhancement project, we will share concrete and demonstrably successful strategies to make legal information relatable, accessible and relevant to the public through public libraries. Participants working in any library will leave with achievable ideas on how to approach outreach & partnership initiatives in support of Access to Justice.

### Speakers

Rachel Carlson ([biography](#))

### Location

Drummond East

12:00 pm	12:15 pm	<b>Ribbon cutting for Exhibition Hall and opening of exhibit hall</b> Location: Ballroom C-E
12:00 pm	1:15 pm	<b>Lunch Break</b> Location: Ballroom West

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1:15 pm	2:00 pm	Breakout Sessions
<p data-bbox="256 360 1337 394" style="text-align: center;"><b>Increasing the Prominence of Indigenous Legal Orders in Library Collections</b></p> <p data-bbox="172 439 1422 1189">A shift is underway in how legal professionals think and talk about the laws of Indigenous Peoples. The phrase “Indigenous law” points to a greater recognition of the internal legal orders of Indigenous Peoples. With this growing recognition of Indigenous laws and legal orders comes a rising interest in their study. TRC Calls to Action 27 and 28 underscore the need for both lawyers and law students to learn about Indigenous laws. What can law libraries do to support this growth of awareness, study, teaching, and learning? While many libraries are engaging in their own initiatives, so much more can be achieved if we work together. With an emphasis on building upon the work of others, and working in collaboration, this session will explore ways in which law libraries can increase the prominence of Indigenous law in their print and online collections. We will draw examples from our own collection projects at the Lederman Law Library at Queen’s University to provide ideas for collaboration and jumping-off points for other law librarians. Recent projects that will be discussed include reclassifying Indigenous legal materials to the more accurate and respectful KI classification (Law of Indigenous Peoples) in the Library of Congress schedules; expanding the Law Library’s collection development policy by designating Indigenous legal systems as a priority area to be collected; and collaborating with staff at other universities to identify resources and publishers from which to seek out Indigenous legal materials. Attendees will be able to consider if there are elements they would like to build upon and work together on as they undertake their own projects to increase the prominence of Indigenous law in their library collections.</p> <p data-bbox="730 1238 863 1272" style="text-align: center;"><b>Speakers</b></p> <p data-bbox="316 1274 1278 1308" style="text-align: center;">Emma Scott, Erica Friesen, Amy Kaufman and Leslie Taylor (<a href="#">biographies</a>)</p> <p data-bbox="735 1357 858 1391" style="text-align: center;"><b>Location</b></p> <p data-bbox="687 1393 906 1426" style="text-align: center;">Drummond West</p>		
<p data-bbox="632 1462 962 1496" style="text-align: center;"><b>LLMs and GenAI Primer</b></p> <p data-bbox="180 1541 1414 1888">Embark on a journey into the realm of Legal Language Models (LLMs) and Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) tailored for those new or seeking to increase their knowledge of the technologies. Understanding how GenAI works is fundamental to harnessing its potential effectively. The session will start by demystifying the workings of GenAI, shedding light on its applications in the legal technology landscape. The discussion will extend to essential considerations in ethics and bias mitigation, exploring strategies to ensure fair and unbiased outcomes in legal AI applications. We will then delve into the Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG) framework, providing an overview and illustrating its relevance in optimizing legal information retrieval and generation processes.</p> <p data-bbox="738 1944 855 1977" style="text-align: center;"><b>Speaker</b></p> <p data-bbox="687 1980 906 2013" style="text-align: center;">Anwar Chaudhry</p> <p data-bbox="735 2063 858 2096" style="text-align: center;"><b>Location</b></p> <p data-bbox="676 2098 917 2132" style="text-align: center;">Drummond Center</p>		

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## Future of library instructions in the age of social media

This planetary session will discuss new trends in library instructional services, using the Osgoode Hall Law Library short video project as an example. Faced with the Post-pandemic challenges as well as to better reach out to the Gen Z patrons, librarians find traditional classroom teaching may not be as attractive as using short videos to deliver legal research instructions. What tools are available to create such tutorials? What permissions are required in image, screen capture and background music use? How to choose the right topics to cover? How this may impact librarians' workload? What new competencies are needed? How have students received this change? Will this allow a national wide collaboration in legal research instructions?

### Speaker

Sharon Wang ([biography](#))

### Location

Drummond East

2:00 pm	2:15 pm	<b>Break + Exhibitor Showcase</b> Location: Ballroom C-E
2:15 pm	2:45 pm	<b>Vendor Demo - Lexis Nexis</b> Location: Ballroom West <i>Details to come</i>
2:45 pm	3:15 pm	<b>Vendor Demo</b> Location: Ballroom West <i>Details to come</i>
3:15 pm	3:30 pm	<b>Break</b>
3:30 pm	4:30 pm	<b>Speed Networking</b> Location: Ballroom West
5:00 pm	7:00 pm	<b>Exhibitor Wine &amp; Cheese</b> Location: Ballroom C-E
7:15 pm	10:00 pm	<b>Dine Arounds</b> Details to come

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7:30 am	5:00 pm	<b>Registration Open</b> Location: Ballroom East Foyer
8:30 am	9:30 am	<b>Breakfast &amp; Breakfast Demo</b> Location: Ballroom West <i>Details to come</i>
9:30 am	10:30 am	<b>Keynote Address</b> Location: Ballroom East <i>Details to come. You can find information about our keynote speakers <a href="#">here</a>.</i>
10:30 am	11:00 am	<b>Break + Exhibitor Showcase</b> Location: Ballroom C-E
11:00 am	11:45 am	<b>Breakout Session</b>



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## Openness, Inclusivity and Accessibility in Legal Writing and Citation Guides

The legal profession is grounded in communication, to the point that barriers to communication are barriers to justice. Citations are a critical form of communication in law, as they point to the foundation of a party's legal argument. It therefore follows that requiring that parties pay to be able to adequately communicate this information creates unnecessary barriers to justice. It also follows that not having a recognized method of citation for the knowledge produced by certain cultures delegitimizes and excludes that knowledge from academic and professional spaces. If we fail to include Indigenous laws or treat them as illegitimate in the intellectual spaces in which lawyers, judges, and legal scholars operate, we cannot succeed in our goal of decolonization. Specifically, we will fail to implement sections 50 through 52 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.

In our presentation, we will introduce projects from two groups that have worked to address these issues. Members of CALL have created an open-access alternative to paywalled legal citation in Canada that will be hosted on CanLII beginning in 2024. Members of the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie have produced a style guide for writing about Indigenous Peoples in the Canadian legal context, and are now developing a citation guide for the same. This combined panel will discuss not only the details of these open-access projects, but also the process through which the large projects required to resolve access to justice issues can be dealt with by the law and library communities.

The task of creating an authoritative standard for writing and citing within the legal community has always been challenging. The needs of the courts and law firms are often not the same as the needs of researchers and law students. Additionally, Canada is a pluri-jural and multilingual nation, which adds to the difficulty of creating national standards. We further recognize that those outside these legal communities also write and cite legal materials, and can be excluded by inaccessible tools and resources. We address these challenges by engaging widely with the expertise within the Canadian community of legal information professionals, including legal writers in English and French, and FN/M/I researchers. Both teams have been committed from the beginning of these projects to making the resulting guides open access, and leveraging the strengths of online technologies.

### Speakers

Michelle Terriss, James Bachmann, Ann Marie Melvie, Kelti McGloin, Alexia Loumankis  
([biographies](#))

### Location

Drummond West

## Legal Prompt Engineering: AI and the new language of legal research and writing

Description to come.

### Speaker

Erica Chia ([biography](#))

### Location

Drummond East

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## Keep it Simple: Using Plain Language to Communicate Effectively

Using plain language to make legal content accessible is deeply important in today's online world. This session will demonstrate why plain language is necessary to reach one's target audience; what constitutes plain language and what does not; and how to "translate" legalese into plain language while maintaining the original intent and meaning of the text.

### Speaker

Amy Emerson ([biography](#))

### Location

Drummond East

11:45 am	1:00 pm	<b>President's Roundtable &amp; Awards Lunch</b> Location: Ballroom West
1:00 pm	1:30 pm	<b>Vendor Demo</b> Location: Ballroom West <i>Details to come</i>
1:30 pm	2:00 pm	<b>Vendor Demo</b> Location: Ballroom West <i>Details to come</i>
2:00 pm	2:15 pm	<b>Break + Exhibitor Showcase</b> Location: Ballroom West C-E
2:15 pm	3:00 pm	<b>Breakout Sessions</b>

## Creating Connections: How Archival Collections can support learning and research in the law library

Since the summer of 2022 the University of Victoria (UVic) Law Library has been working to increase connections between the law library and UVic's Special Collections and University Archives (SCUA). This has been done through building relationships and working in collaboration with SCUA staff on stewardship and access agreements for Indigenous focused archival collections, by adding information about archival collections into our instruction sessions, and the creation of library displays. In order to support the Joint Degree Program in Canadian Common Law and Indigenous Legal Orders (JD/JID) law librarians need to increase understanding of how to locate Indigenous Legal Orders, which includes increasing understanding of the valuable resources that are present within archival collections. In this session we will share the steps we have taken so far, our future plans, and the lessons we have learned along the way.

### Speakers

Jessie Lampreau, Emily Nickerson, Sarah Miller ([biographies](#))

### Location

Drummond West

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## **Getting Started with Diversity and Inclusion Programming: Practical Examples**

Drawing from examples from various libraries (academic and law firm), the panel will share their workplace programs that have promoted diversity, inclusion and decolonization in order to create a climate of belonging amongst their stakeholders.

### **Speakers**

Vicki Jay Leung, Kim Nayyer and Connie Crosby ([biographies](#))

### **Location**

Drummond Center

## **Plain language: the Supreme Court of Canada's communication principles and initiatives**

Access to justice and transparency are fundamental priorities of the Supreme Court of Canada. However, the language used in Supreme Court decisions - as in legal texts in general - can sometimes prove inaccessible to the general public.

This session will focus on the importance of plain-language communication in the legal context. The Supreme Court of Canada's initiatives will then be presented, in light of the Court's access to justice objectives.

### **Target audience and key takeaways**

The proposed session will be of interest to legal information professionals from a variety of backgrounds: those working in the courts or with the general public, as well as those with a broader interest in drafting or access to justice.

Following this session, participants will have a better understanding of the role that courts can play in democratizing jurisprudence: making their decisions more accessible, and, in so doing, improving access to justice and transparency.

### **Speaker**

Emilie de Haas ([biography](#))

### **Location**

Drummond East

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3:45 pm	4:15 pm	<b>Vendor Demo</b> Location: Ballroom West <i>Details to come</i>
4:15 pm	5:15 pm	<b>Lightning Talks</b> Location: Ballroom West

## **Lightning Talk 1: Showing Respect on the Page: Introducing the Best Practices Guide for Writing About Indigenous Peoples in the Canadian Legal Context**

The written word constitutes one of the most powerful tools at the disposal of legal professionals; Language matters, and this is especially true when writing about people whose voices have been historically marginalized. In recent years, style guides addressing conventions for writing on and about Indigenous Peoples have been established. However, these guides are designed for non-law professions or address writing broadly. However, legal writing sometimes requires the use of terminology that may not be acceptable in other contexts, resulting in a pressing need for a best practices guide for writing about Indigenous Peoples within the legal profession.

Developed under the supervision of subject matter experts at Dalhousie University's Schulich School of Law, the 'Best Practices for Writing About Indigenous Peoples in the Canadian Legal Context' style guide (tentative publication January 2024) is underpinned by the principle that demonstrating respect for Indigenous Peoples on the page is one significant way that legal information professionals can participate in reconciliation. Emphasizing the evolving nature of language, the Guide further provides justification for many of the guidelines, which contemplate conventions, capitalization, and appropriate terminology.

This lightning talk will introduce this new resource to legal information professionals and describe why this resource is needed, highlighting the importance of language in the work we do at the intersection of law and information, the role language plays in decolonization and reconciliation, and the inextricable links between legal research and writing.

### **Speaker**

Kelti McGloin ([biography](#))

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## **Lightning Talk 2: What's New in Legislation Monitoring**

Blakes' Research team uses a combined approach of manual and automated checking to provide detailed federal and provincial legislative updates to the firm's practice groups. The team continually explores new technologies in an effort to make this work more efficient and less time consuming, as well as delivering regular updates to firm clients. Hear about their latest legislative monitoring techniques using website monitoring tools, and legislative research tools.

### **Speaker**

Connie Crosby ([biography](#))

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## **Lightning Talk 3: The Insidious Cloud of Stereotype Threat: Investigating a Barrier to Academic Law Library Use**

This talk presents my framework for future research on the potential influence of stereotype threat on law students' use of academic library resources. Stereotype threat is a concept coined by psychology researcher Claude Steele regarding the subconscious fear of fulfilling stereotypes about a group one belongs to. Stereotype threat may hinder students' library use and willingness to seek assistance. The presentation, and future research, aims to uncover whether certain groups, such as first-generation college students or participants in specialized programs aimed at those who are less likely to go to law school, underutilize law school libraries due to the subconscious (and wholly unconscious) fear of appearing weak, cheating by seeking support, or other factors.

This presentation introduces the concept of stereotype threat, its mechanisms, and its historical development, with an emphasis on its impact on various identity groups in academic settings. Drawing on Steele's research, I explore the potential susceptibility of law students to stereotype threat, considering the high expectations and pressure associated with legal education. I conclude with a plan for future psychological assessment and research, as well as some instruction on how we can work to dismantle the barrier stereotype threat poses.

### **Speaker**

Sara Klein ([biography](#))

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Start Time	End Time	Session Details
<p data-bbox="188 398 1406 432"><b>Lightning Talk 4: We Take Judicial Notice: Non-English Terms in Modern U.S. Case Law</b></p> <p data-bbox="204 479 1390 589">In light of growing linguistic pluralism in the United States, courts increasingly grapple with terms from languages other than English. This article investigates the usage of non-English terms in U.S. case opinions since the end of World War II.</p> <p data-bbox="193 600 1401 633">This session is based on a forthcoming paper to be published in Law Library Journal in 2024.</p> <p data-bbox="740 680 853 714"><b>Speaker</b></p> <p data-bbox="639 719 954 752">Lee R. Little (<a href="#">biography</a>)</p> <p data-bbox="788 846 805 857">--</p> <p data-bbox="193 958 1401 1068"><b>Lightning Talk 5: “Generating” Guidelines for Artificial Intelligence for Legal Research and Writing: Update on the work of the CALL ACBD AI Working Group</b></p> <p data-bbox="193 1115 1401 1182">This lightening talk will discuss the progress made by CALL's AI working group in generating user guidelines for AI in LRW applications.</p> <p data-bbox="740 1238 853 1272"><b>Speaker</b></p> <p data-bbox="612 1276 981 1310">Annette Demers (<a href="#">biography</a>)</p>		
<p data-bbox="608 1458 986 1525"><b>Closing Reception - Offsite</b> <i>Details to come</i></p>		

# June 28, 2024

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7:30 am	12:00 pm	<b>Registration Open</b> Location: Ballroom East Foyer
8:30 am	9:30 am	<b>Breakfast &amp; Breakfast Demo</b> Location: Ballroom West <i>Details to come</i>
9:30 am	10:30 am	<b>Members' Open Forum</b> Location: Ballroom West
10:30 am	11:30 am	<b>Keynote Address</b> Location: Ballroom West <i>Details to come. You can find information about our keynote speakers <a href="#">here</a>.</i>
11:30 am	12:00 pm	<b>Closing remarks</b> Location: Ballroom West