

# 2018/19 LLM Students



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**Lawren Trotchie** is a Métis woman born and raised in North Battleford, Saskatchewan. She most recently graduated from her law degree in June 2018 and hopes to pursue a career in criminal law. Lawren's LLM thesis will explore Gladue and the sentencing of Indigenous people. Lawren will be supervised by Professor Glen Luther.



**Bonnie G. Marwood** received her LLB from the University of Calgary in 2004. Bonnie was called to the Alberta Bar in 2005 and the Saskatchewan Bar in 2006. Bonnie's research interest is in the area of criminal law and sentencing as it pertains to Gladue factors and alternatives to incarceration. She will complete her thesis under the supervision of Professor Larry Chartrand.



**Chukwunonso (Nonso) Ekeolisa** is a Nigerian lawyer who graduated from the University of Nigeria in 2014 and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 2015 to practice as a barrister and solicitor of the supreme court of Nigeria. Chukwunonso's thesis intends to examine the interaction between foreign investment and human rights in developing countries such as Nigeria, and to consider how the protection of these rights can be improved under the investment law regime under the supervision of Professor Ibironke Odumosu-Ayanu.



**Mohammadata (Ata) Aghababaei** graduated with an LLB from Tabriz University in 2011 and completed his first master degree in criminal law and criminology from Tehran University in 2013. In 2015, Atta started his second master degree in wine university in European and international business law and graduated in 2017. He is currently working on his thesis under the supervision of Professor Heather Heavin related to E-commerce and ODR.



**Derek Gianoli** obtained his Juris Doctor (with Distinction) from the University of Saskatchewan, College of Law in 2018 and previously, his BA in History from the University of Regina. His thesis will be focused on secured financing in a commercial context and will be completed under the direction of Distinguished Professor Ronald C.C. Cuming. After completing his LLM, Derek will be articling at Stevenson Hood Thornton Beaubier in Saskatoon.

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**Nnaemeka Ezeani** is a lawyer from Nigeria who has a special interest in, among other areas, the rights of indigenous peoples, international law, constitutional law and fundamental rights protection. He was the Best Graduating Law Student from the University of Nigeria in 2013 and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 2014. He earned his Master of Laws (LLM) from the University of Saskatchewan, Canada in 2018. His PhD research will focus on the definition of indigenous peoples for the purpose of land rights in Africa and will be supervised by Professor Dwight Newman.



**Benjamin Ralston** practices law part-time and has taught in both the College of Law and the Kanawayihetaytan Askiy program since 2015. Benjamin completed his Bachelor of Arts (2007) and Juris Doctor (2010) at the University of British Columbia, followed by his Master of Laws with Distinction at the University of Otago in New Zealand (2014). He was called to the British Columbia bar in 2011 and the Saskatchewan bar in 2015. Benjamin's research interests are primarily in the areas of administrative law, environmental law, and Indigenous rights. The working title of his thesis is "Spatializing rights: mapping the law/geography nexus between Aboriginal rights and environmental effects". Benjamin plans to critique how impacts on Aboriginal rights are being addressed through environmental assessment processes by applying a critical legal geography lens to this question. He is supervised by Professor Dwight Newman.



**Amy Zarzeczny** is an Associate Professor with the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Regina campus. After completing law school at the University of Alberta, she clerked for Alberta's Court of Queen's Bench and Court of Appeal and then practiced law in Edmonton, Alberta with the firm of Reynolds Mirth Richards and Farmer LLP. Amy obtained her Master of Laws from the London School of Economics and Political Science, following which she held an appointment as a Research Associate with the University of Alberta's Health Law Institute. She later served as Crown Counsel with the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General of Saskatchewan in the Policy, Planning and Evaluation Branch. In addition to her primary faculty appointment, Amy is an External Research Fellow with the University of Alberta's Health Law Institute and is a pro bono member of the Law Society of Saskatchewan. Amy will be completing her PhD under the supervision of Professor Barbara von Tigerstrom and her research will explore regulation of access to unproven medical interventions in Canada.