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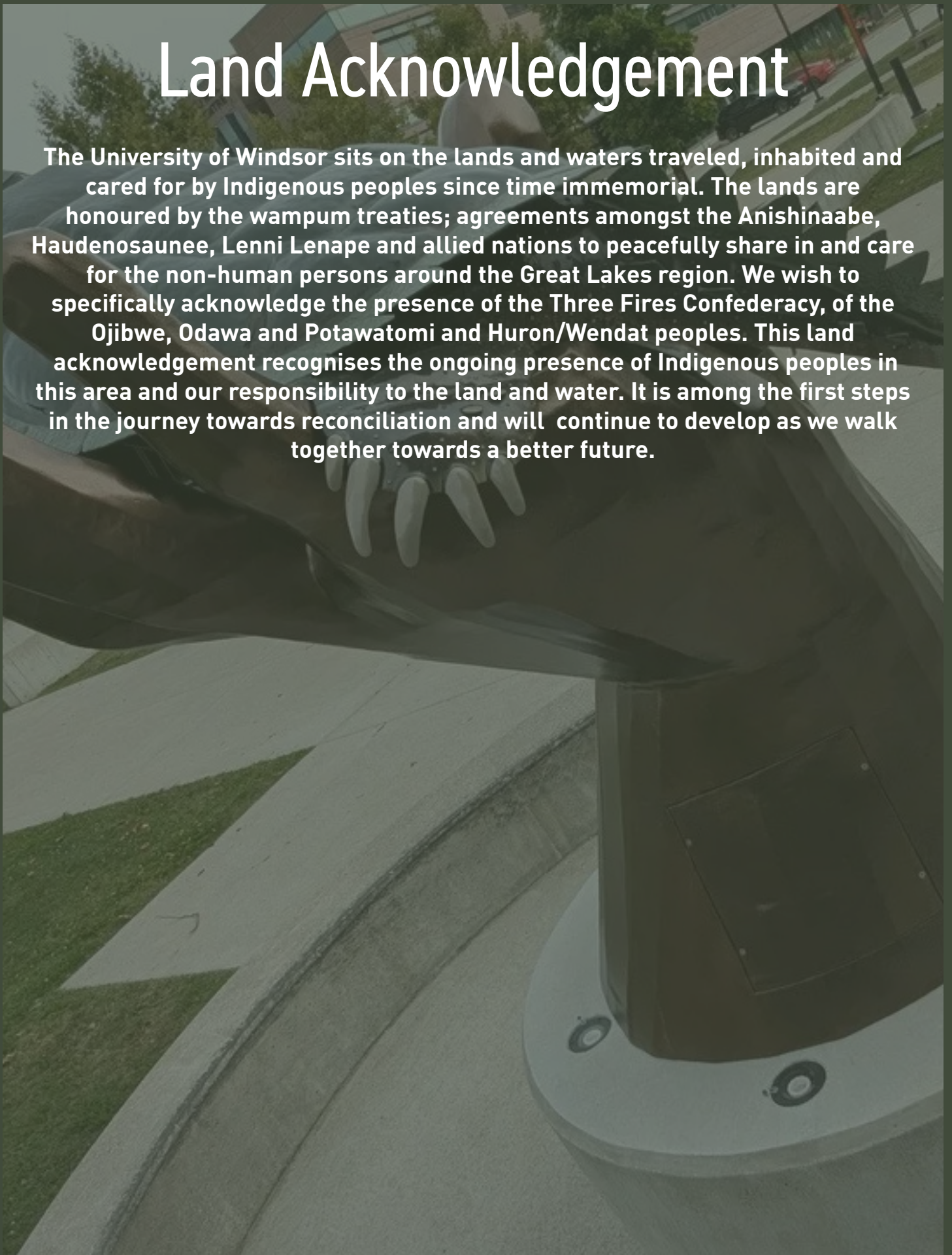
March 7-8, 2025

Official Program

*All events take place at the Faculty of Law, University of Windsor
401 Sunset Ave, Windsor, ON N9B 3P4*

Land Acknowledgement

The University of Windsor sits on the lands and waters traveled, inhabited and cared for by Indigenous peoples since time immemorial. The lands are honoured by the wampum treaties; agreements amongst the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lenni Lenape and allied nations to peacefully share in and care for the non-human persons around the Great Lakes region. We wish to specifically acknowledge the presence of the Three Fires Confederacy, of the Ojibwe, Odawa and Potawatomi and Huron/Wendat peoples. This land acknowledgement recognises the ongoing presence of Indigenous peoples in this area and our responsibility to the land and water. It is among the first steps in the journey towards reconciliation and will continue to develop as we walk together towards a better future.



Day 1: Friday, March 7, 2025

Please plan your travel taking winter travel risks into account.
All food will be served in the Jamie Johnson Lounge, directly outside the Moot Court.

Pre-Competition Symposium

Building Bridges: Negotiation, Housing Solutions and Effective Public Policy

We are grateful to the Law Commission of Canada and the Centre for Cities for their support of the pre-competition symposium. This opening symposium will take place in the Moot Court at Windsor Law (main floor of the Law building). Lunch, snacks and coffee will be provided.

10:00-10:30: Opening and land acknowledgement

Welcome will be given by Professors Gemma Smyth and Yvan Larocque, with a formal opening provided by Elder Myrna Kicknosway.

10:30 – 12:00: Panel 1

This panel will set the stage of this symposium by focusing on challenges and breakthroughs in how housing problems have been framed, debated and addressed. Biographies for all participants are included in this package.

Moderator: Professor Suzanne Bouclin

Panelists: Professor Marie-Hélène Dufour, Princess Doe, Professor David Wiseman, Professor Anneke Smit

12:00 – 12:30: Grab and go lunch

Lunch will be available outside the Moot Court in the Jamie Johnson Lounge.

12:30 – 2:00: Panel 2

Don Rodzik Moot Court

This panel will be a discussion between two experts examine the successes and challenges of housing in

Indigenous communities specifically. Discussants will dig into the practical realities and policy challenges of the significant growth in housing, including lessons and approaches for municipalities.

Discussants: Professor Yvan Larocque and Professor Dan Brant

2:30 – 3:30: Registration & Team Photos

Jamie Johnson Student Lounge (main floor of the Law building)

Coffee and cookies available

3:30 – 4:00: Opening & Welcome

Moot Court (main floor of the Law building)

Welcome from Professor Jaimie Kechego, Learning Specialist, Indigenization; Coordinator of Indigenous Curriculum and Pedagogy, Centre for Teaching and Learning, University of Windsor and Professor Gemma Smyth

Introduction to the Competition by Professor Michaela Keet

4:30 – 5:00: Judges Welcome & Training

Registration in the Faculty Lounge (second floor of the Law building)

Training in the Faculty Lounge with Professor Michaela Keet

4:00 – 5:00: Round 1 Preparation

Grab-n-go Windsor Pizza will be available to eat while preparing.

5:00 pm – 7:30: Round 1

7:30 pm: Social Event for Students; Event for Judges

Social event for students hosted by the Student Law Society at Windsor Law. Students meet at The Manchester, 546 Ouellette Ave.

Social event for judges at Republik Asian Eatery and Bar (100 Ouellette Ave., Windsor ON)

Day 2: Saturday March 8, 2025

8:30 – 10:00: Day 2 Check-In

Coffee and pastries available.

10:00 - 12:30: Round 2

12:30 pm - 2:00: Lunch & Round 3 Preparation

Lunch provided.

2:00 – 5:00: Round 3

5:00 – 8:00: Closing reception & Awards ceremony

The reception will take place in the Jamie Johnson Lounge, followed by Awards in the Moot Court. The reception will include an assortment of hors d'oeuvres and wine and non-alcoholic beverages. We expect that teams may want to finish off the evening with a late dinner together, either on your own, or with other teams.



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Building Map



Important Information

Ramadan

Ramadan Mubarek to all those observing. We have set aside two prayer rooms: room 1140 for women and room 1601 for men. Dates and water will also be provided in each room. On Day 1, the first round of negotiation occurs during the breaking of the fast. We encourage both judges and students to negotiate whether they wish to take a break at 6:30 or whether they wish to wait until the end of the round.

Wireless Internet Access

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CNNC Board

Members of the CNNC Board are: Professor Nayha Acharya, Professor Bruce Curran, Professor Michaela Keet, Professor John Kleefeld, Professor Yvan Larocque and Professor Gemma Smyth.

2025 Problem Authors

The CNNC 2025 problem was truly a multi-disciplinary collaborative effort. Drafters and contributors include Professor Anneke Smit, Rino Bortolin, Terra Duchene, Jaimie Kechego, Joseph Naytowhow, Matt Stone, Jamie Holmes, and Jaimie Boyington. The primary authors—CNNC organizers Professors Bruce Curran, Michaela Keet, John Kleefeld, and Gemma Smyth— take responsibility for any errors or omissions.

Ethics Committee

Members of the 2025 Ethics Committee are Professors Curran and Kleefeld.

Organizers & Volunteers

We are grateful to the many organizers and volunteers for this year's CNNC, including Susan Arnold, Teuta Shabani, Abbey Elkington, Sean O'Neil, Professor Michaela Keet and Professor Gemma Smyth. Law student volunteers include Meganne Fletcher, Kirpa Grewal, Victoria Bucic, Abigail Nowakowski, Jenny Vandersteen, Adrian Sbracci, Nicholas Merrithew, Pari Sadrolsadatze, Caitlin Higgins, Sarah Riddell, Sydney Lintell, Dylan Raymond, Nafeel Ahmed, Lorelei Sullivan, Jena Buck, Kate Cicurskis, Athena Choo-Key-Loung-Murray, Vanessa Budimunda Bilekela, and Sarah Sheikh.

Translation

Translation services have been provided by Meg Gregoire.

Funders & Supporters

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Biographies

Professor Suzanne Bouclin

Professor Suzanne Bouclin is a professor at the University of Ottawa (French Common Law). She teaches in the fields of social justice, human rights and dispute resolution. Her courses examine legal institutions and structures through lexicon, theories and critical methods. She holds a doctorate from McGill University, two interdisciplinary master's degrees and has been a member of the Ontario Bar since 2002. Professor Bouclin is highly regarded for her work in promoting access to justice. From 2016 to 2018, she was appointed to the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario. In 2014, she re-launched the Ticket Defense Program - a free mobile legal clinic providing services to people experiencing homelessness in Ottawa. She has also substantively advanced equality by working for and with organizations such as the Court Challenges Program of Canada, the National Associations Active in Criminal Justice, the National Association of Women in Law, Pro Bono Students Canada and the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund. Her community work was recognized by her peers in 2014.

Suzanne Bouclin is a respected mediator, conducts workplace investigations and regularly trains decision-makers and members of the legal profession on unconscious bias. Her recent book looks at conflict resolution through a social justice lens and is available here: <https://www.editionsjfd.com/en/shop/une-introduction-a-la-theorie-et-a-la-pratique-de-la-resolution-des-differends-11677>.

Professor Daniel Brant

Daniel (Dan) is a member of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte and resides on the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory with his wife Roberta Greyeyes. He grew up on the reserve and attended the Indian day school on the reserve and attended high school in Belleville Ontario. Currently, Dan is proprietor of Daniel J. Brant & Associates (Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory, Ontario) and is an adjunct professor at Queens University in the School of Policy Studies at Queens University; he has also served as the Chief Administrative Officer, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte, Ontario; CEO of Dreamcatcher Charitable Foundation (Ohsweken, Ontario); and previously as a sessional Professor at Algonquin College (Ottawa) and Confederation College (Thunder Bay).

Previously, Dan worked as a Special/Executive Assistant and Senior Policy Advisor to various Ministers and Deputy Ministers for Indian Affairs, Government of Canada, and in various executive positions, CEO of the Assembly of First Nations (Ontario), CEO of the National Aboriginal Capital Corporation Association (Ottawa), Director of Aboriginal Affairs – Environment Canada (Quebec) and Executive Director of the National Indian Brotherhood (Ottawa). He has also worked as an associate with Coopers & Lybrand prior to their amalgamation with Price Waterhouse now PriceWaterhouse Coopers. Dan graduated with a PhD from Nipissing University, and has previously completed a Masters Degree in Public Administration, Queens University, a Masters Degree in Applied Science, (Civil Engineering) University of Waterloo and a Bachelor Degree in Architectural Technology, Ryerson University. He also holds diplomas as an architectural technician and an architectural technologist. He has been involved in Indigenous housing since the beginning of his career and has undertaken numerous engagements with Indigenous clients in all parts of the country both on and off reserve.

As a professional, Dan is a member with the Aboriginal Finance Officers Association (AFOA Certified Aboriginal Financial Manager); Board member with AFAO Canada and Chair of the Education Committee; Board Chair of 'Outside Looking In' a non-profit supporting First Nations youth; and a member of the Departmental Audit Committees of Infrastructure Canada and formerly with the audit committee of ESDC. He has served as a member of the Indigenous Advisory Council of CMHC and sits on the Board of Governors of the Glenbow Museum in Calgary. As a visionary, Dan has a gift for seeing the 'art of the possible', a creative mind in designing new approaches to solve problems, and a strong work ethic, and thanks to his parents for teaching his family that ethics matter. He lists photography as a hobby and has a passion for baseball emanating from coaching little league for 10 years.

Princess Doe

Princess Doe (she/her) is currently a litigation Lawyer with the Canadian Centre for Housing Rights (CCHR), working on complex housing-related matters. Prior to CCHR she worked as a Staff Lawyer with the Refugee Law Office working on refugee and immigration matters, including judicial review applications before the Federal Court. Princess articulated with the Ontario Human Rights Commission where she worked on systemic litigation, including on housing discrimination. Princess holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Windsor, where she was involved in numerous extracurricular activities, including competing in the Wilson Constitutional Moot and working as a Student Research Associate for the Windsor Law Centre for Cities. Princess also holds Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) from the University of Windsor, and a Professional Certificate in Public Policy Analysis from York University.

Professor Marie-Hélène Dufour

Marie-Hélène Dufour has been an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law at the Université de Sherbrooke since 2019. Her research interests lie in civil law and, in addition to construction law, focus on the law of obligations, nominated contracts, and contract theory. She has been a member of the Québec Bar since 2005. Before starting her doctoral studies, she worked for several years as a lawyer in private practice in the field of civil and commercial litigation.

Professor Guy Larocque

Yvan Guy Larocque, CD, LL.M. is a well-respected Indigenous business lawyer and the Founder of Larocque Business Law. With a practice focused on Indigenous Economic Development and Governance, Yvan has extensive experience advising Indigenous governments and Economic Development Groups on a wide range of corporate, financing, tax, and development matters.

Yvan holds a Juris Doctor degree from the Peter A. Allard School of Law (UBC) with a Business Law Concentration and a Specialization in Aboriginal Law, as well as a Master of Laws from Osgoode Hall Law School with a Specialization in Business Law. He is called to the Bar in the Province of British Columbia and Manitoba. Prior to joining Robson Hall as an Instructor, Yvan regularly guest lectured on the subjects of Indigenous economic development and governance at the University of British Columbia and University of Victoria, and taught Commercial Law and Corporations I as a Practicing Professional Instructor.

Yvan has also had a lengthy military career, having served in the Canadian Armed Forces for over 20 years in both the Royal Canadian Navy and Royal Canadian Air Force, and currently holds the rank of Petty Officer 1st Class.

Yvan's expertise and contributions to the field of Indigenous business law are further reflected in his co-authorship of "The Taxation and Financing of Aboriginal Businesses in Canada" (Thomson Reuters). His dedication to improving the economic opportunities and legal rights of Indigenous peoples in Canada is a testament to his commitment to justice and equality.

Professor Anneke Smit

Anneke Smit is Associate Professor, and the founder and inaugural Director of the Centre for Cities (C4C) at Windsor Law.

Prior to joining Windsor Law, Dr. Smit held a Lectureship at the School of Law, University of Reading (UK). She holds a PhD from the University of Reading, an LLB from McGill University, and a Bachelor of Music in Performance from the University of Alberta. She is called to the bar of Ontario.

Dr. Smit's research focusses on spatial and environmental justice and the intersection of people and place, through the lenses of municipal law and policy, land use planning, and housing and property law. She is the author of a range of peer-reviewed publications including the co-edited *Public Interest, Private Property: Law and Planning Policy in Canada* (UBC Press, 2016).

Under Dr. Smit's leadership, C4C has taken a creative, interdisciplinary, collaborative and impacts-focused approach to citybuilding research and teaching. Current partnered initiatives include the UWindsor National Urban Park Hub (UW-NUPH), and the C4C Housing Systems Innovation Lab. Through her appointment as Special Advisor to the Provost, Dr. Smit is co-leading the establishment of the RCE Detroit-Windsor with her counterpart at Wayne State University, helping to grow the region's capacity to address sustainable urban development.

Professor David Wiseman

David Wiseman is an Associate Professor in the Common Law Section (English Program) of the Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa. David currently serves as the Academic Director of Experiential and Clinical Learning at the Faculty and regularly teaches the upper-year A2J Lab experiential learning course, as well as the first-year courses *Dispute Resolution & Professional Responsibility* and *Property*. David's academic activity is oriented to access to justice across a variety of contexts and includes co-authored reports (with Julie Mathews) on enabling community-based non-lawyer assistance with legal problems (referred to as 'community justice help').