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Habiba Abdulle

Habiba Abdulle is the Executive Director of Alberta Somali Community Centre, in Edmonton. She is trained in Social Work, where she focuses on issues facing immigrants and refugees. Habiba has worked in this capacity in Canada, the USA and the UK. Habiba is also an entrepreneur.

Ebunoluwa Adefowokan

No one looks into the eyes of someone who is grieving and suffering as a result of conflict and says; “you know it could be worse”. Ebunoluwa Adefowokan is an aspiring diplomat. She is passionate about peacekeeping and peacebuilding in pre and post-conflict environments. She holds both a Diploma and B.A degree in History and International Studies from the Ekiti State University of Nigeria. She has conducted diverse research that focus on the evolution of rulership amongst the indigenous people of Owo (South-west Nigeria) in the pre and post-colonial era, as well as on Nigeria’s relation with the world under Abacha’s regime. She is currently enrolled in a Master of Arts degree programme in Global and International Studies at the University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George, British Columbia, Canada. Her current research work is focused on examining the incorporation of gender-based strategies and programmes in the reintegration of internally displaced people in post-conflict communities. She is also working on research that examines how the United Nations as the “government of the world” promotes internationalism and reintegrates internally displaced persons in post-conflict countries, and in Nigeria particularly. Ebunoluwa Adefowokan is from Nigeria but currently lives in Prince George, British Columbia, Canada.

Sameha Alghamdi

Sameha Al Ghamdi is completing her PhD with the Social and Political Thought Department at York University in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. She is currently working on her thesis and expects to complete it by the end of 2018. The focus of her thesis is on the role of violence in state formation and knowledge production. Sameha completed her Masters Degree in Political Science in 2013. During this degree she completed a Major Research Project exploring the impact of violence in the Arab Spring on women’s rights in Egypt. Originally from Saudi Arabia, Sameha completed her undergraduate degree in Economics from the King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah.

Isabel Altamirano-Jimenez

Isabel Altamirano Jimenez, Zapotec from the Tehuantepec Isthmus, is Associate Professor of Political Science and Canada Research Chair in Comparative Indigenous Feminist Studies. Her research examines how Indigenous people’s embodied experiences of resource extraction intersects with historical changes of property regimes, geopolitics, and territorial struggles in Canada and Mexico. Through this research, Altamirano aims at developing a body-territory analytical framework that highlights Indigenous resistance and the expansiveness of contemporary, colonial extractivism.

Jessica Ambler

Jessica Ambler is a Sector Development Officer, Emerging Technologies with Alberta Economic Development and Trade. Over the past two years, she has been heavily engaged in the development of several strategies, including the Climate Change Innovation and Technology Framework (CCITF) and the Alberta Clean Technology Road Map, for the investment of

Government of Alberta funding into climate change and clean technologies. Currently, she is working to develop several new streams of research and innovation programming to support the commercialization and deployment of clean technology solutions by Alberta entrepreneurs. Prior to working with the Government of Alberta, Jessica was based in Rome, working as a Capacity Development Officer with the World Food Programme, supporting the development of internal capacity development programs. Jessica holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Alberta, Alberta Business School, with specialization in Business Economics and Law.

Megan Auer

Meagan Auer is a first year PhD student in the Department of Political Science at the University of Alberta. Her specializations are in Gender Politics and International Relations, and her research interests are located at the nexus of gender, media, and terrorism. She is particularly interested in understanding the ways in which intersectionality is studied and practiced by Feminist International Relations scholars. Currently, Meagan is working toward advocating for, and building, a more cohesive methodological framework for applications of intersectionality within the study of news representations of terrorists.

Amanda Bayley

I am a Senior Policy Advisor in Alberta Status of Women. I have been with the provincial government for almost two years in a public policy capacity and was originally hired through the APS Policy Internship Program. Prior to that, I did a short stint with the federal government – working to coordinate Census 2016 here in Alberta. I have a Master of Arts in International Studies from Simon Fraser University (2015) and a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Alberta (2012).

Stéphanie Bélanger

Dr. Bélanger is the associate scientific director of the Canadian Institute for Military and Veteran Health Research, a unique consortium of 43 Canadian universities dedicated to researching the health needs of military personnel, Veterans and their families. She is co-editor in chief of the *Journal of Military, Veteran and Family Health* (University of Toronto Press funded in 2015). She is also co-founder of the *The New Directions in Foreign Policy, Military, and Security Studies* series with McGill Queen's University Press (MQUP, funded in 2016). She is programme chair for the North American Chapter of the International Society for Military Ethics as well as the co-editor of *War Memories: Commemoration and Writings of War in the English-speaking World* (MQUP 2017 – in press); “Beyond the line: Military and Veteran Health Research” (MQUP 2013); “A New Coalition for a Challenging Battlefield” (CDA Press 2012); “Shaping the Future” (CDA Press 2011) as well as of “Transforming traditions: the Leadership of Women in the Canadian Navy” (CDA Press 2010). She is also author of the monograph “Guerre, sacrifices et persécutions” (Paris: L'Harmattan, 2010). She co-chairs the CIMVHR annual forums, the bi-annual conferences on War Memories (with Université de Rennes 2 and Paris VII), the annual conferences on military ethics, and she partners with many other institutes to co-host workshops. She is a member of the board of directors of the North-American Chapter of the International Society for Military Ethics (ISME), the Center for International and Defence Policy (CIDP) and the Last Post Fund.

She was inducted as a member of the College of Young Scholars of the Royal Society of Canada in 2016. She is a professor in the Department of French Language, Literature and Culture at the Royal Military College of Canada where her research focuses on war testimony, soldier identity and moral injuries. She specializes in military ethics and just war theories. She

completed her PhD degree at the University of Toronto in 2003 and her MPA degree at RMCC in 2013.

She serves in the Royal Canadian Navy as a reservist since 2004.

Monika Erzsebet Berenyi

I am a student in my final semester of study at McGill University, Faculty of Law (BCL/LL.B), where I have contributed to human rights and peacebuilding initiatives under the auspices of the McGill Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, the Innocence Network, and the McGill Law Journal. I have worked on the Women, Peace and Security initiative at Our Secure Future (One Earth Future Foundation), and I am also the law representative for the WIIS-Canada McGill Chapter. Prior to studying law, I worked as a documentary filmmaker and oral historian, where I addressed a broad scope of human rights issue areas, in the context of: conflict transformation in transitional societies, migration and immigration, public defence, and women's education. My work was informed by studies in History (MA) and Documentary Media (MFA), and took me to fragile states such as Northern Ireland, Ukraine, Russia, Turkey and Bosnia.

Brian Bow

Brian Bow is Associate Professor of Political Science and director of the Centre for the Study of Security and Development (CSSD) at Dalhousie University, a fellow at the Canadian Global Affairs Institute, and editor-in-chief of International Journal. His research and teaching interests are Canadian foreign policy, US foreign policy, Canada-US relations, security policy coordination, North American integration, and regionalism.

Andrea Burkhart

It's never simpler, never easier, but in the end, collaboration makes for stronger community responses to complex issues. Andrea has worked and lived in Edmonton for most of her adult life and has had the honour of working alongside many people and organizations to address complex issues like human trafficking and poverty.

After 9 challenging and rewarding years with the Action Coalition on Human Trafficking (ACT Alberta), Andrea joined EndPovertyEdmonton as the inaugural Executive Director in 2017. With strong partners and an emboldened and awakened community, anything is possible – even ending poverty.

Andrea has benefited greatly from working with and learning from many mentors, including strong and brilliant women here in Edmonton who have generously shared their gifts of self-awareness, grace, authenticity, and friendship.

She has a Bachelor of Arts Degree (Anthropology) from the University of Alberta and is taking the slowest boat possible to a Master of Public Health degree from the same school. She's hoping to graduate before she retires.

Christine Burton

Christine Burton has a BA (Hons) in sociology, half a MA (that is a long story) and a law degree from Osgoode Hall. She exited the academic world as quickly as possible to work most of her career on the “front” lines and in the trenches. She worked in the NWT managing drug & alcohol programs with indigenous communities, for the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, and for a non-profit dealing with violence against women and children. Christine worked as a special assistant to the Attorney General of Ontario and was a Ontario provincial prosecutor. Building on her work as an Ontario Returning Officer and community advocate, she

volunteered for a one-year mission with the United Nations in Cambodia helping to set up the first democratic elections in that country. That led to a posting with the Commonwealth Secretariat as an election expert for the first multi-racial election in South Africa. Through life's twists and turns, she ended up in Fort McMurray, Alberta with her Colombian-born husband, where she was called to the Alberta bar and practiced law before taking on the role of Manager, Stakeholder Relations with Legal and Regulatory Affairs with Suncor Energy. This challenging role used every skill Christine had honed over her career and she pioneered indigenous consultation processes, negotiated impact mitigation agreements with multiple stakeholders, set up multi-stakeholder groups to address community needs, developed strategic plans for community investment and helped shape corporate and government policy on indigenous consultation and engagement. Christine returned to practicing law after the 2016 Fort McMurray wildfires to help homeowners deal with insurance claims. Christine has volunteered her entire career, sitting on boards and setting up many non-profit organizations to help address community needs such as midwifery, the arts, addictions treatment and refugee and immigrant settlement.

Siobhan Byrne

Siobhan Byrne is an associate professor of Political Science and Director of the Certificate in Peace and Post Conflict Studies at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada. Her teaching and research focus on post-conflict transitions to peace, feminist anti-war activism, and feminist interventions in International Relations (*sabbatical leave until July 1, 2018*).

Bernadine (Berni) Chapman

Chief Superintendent Bernadine (Berni) Chapman recently became the first female District Commander for Southern Alberta District. C/Supt. Chapman has completed 30 years in the RCMP working in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Manitoba and now Alberta. Her policing background has included general duty policing (first responder), Federal policing (covering anti corruption major joint force operations, Drugs and organized crime as well as Proceeds of crime), Corporate Planning and Client services working with provincial and federal stakeholders, Employee management relations, (covering: civil litigation, health services, harassment and professional responsibility as well as employee wellness). Currently she is in charge of 37 detachments in the Southern Alberta District with over 600 employees covering the entire lower part of Alberta from south of Red Deer. She currently sits on the Board of Directors for the Fort Calgary, and is involved in the Alberta Women in Policing Committee. Always very much involved with women in policing she has been recognized by the Atlantic Women in Policing for valour and won the international Women in Policing award for Valour in Leeds, England. She has also received two commendations over the years from the Commanding Officer of New Brunswick. Berni hails from Prince Edward Island, is married to retired Major Wayne Johnson who recently joined the RCMP as a member (mid life crisis). They have two boys, ages 27 & 24 who reside on the East Coast.

Myla Chawla

Myla Chawla is a first year PhD student in Political Science at York University. Her interests center on critical security studies and gender's roles in combat, particularly looking at women as perpetrators of violence in the capacity of suicide bombers and ground combatants. During her MA in Globalization Studies at McMaster University, Myla's Major Research Project focused on a cross-comparison between female combatants from the US military and women belonging to ISIS, Al Qaeda and the YPJ. By investigating what forms of direct combat were accessible to

these groups and the social attitudes that shaped perceptions of women and combat, she sought to trace moments when cultural gender norms were both defied and defined through women's engagement with conflict. She hopes to continue researching female combatants through narrative methodological approaches, seeking to determine the futurity of female combatants, and by analyzing their movements through questions of nationalism and belonging.

Stéphanie Chouinard

Stéphanie Chouinard is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at Royal Military College of Canada (Kingston). She earned her Ph.D. in Political Science at the University of Ottawa, for which she was awarded a Vanier Scholarship and a fellowship from the Baxter & Alma Ricard Foundation. She has been a postdoctoral fellow at the Faculty of Law, Université de Montréal, and a visiting scholar at the University of Edinburgh. Her research interests focus on the relationship between courts and minorities in democratic systems, and particularly the courts' interpretation of minority and Aboriginal rights. Dr. Chouinard has published in *Ethnopolitics*, the *Language Rights Review*, *Language Minorities and Society*, and the *International Journal of Canadian Studies*, among others.

Lindsay Coombs

Lindsay Coombs is a PhD student in the Department of Political Studies at Queen's University and a Graduate Research Fellow at the Centre for International and Defence Policy. Lindsay completed a Master of Arts in Political Studies, also from Queen's University, where she specialized in International Relations. Her Master's thesis focused on innovation in Canadian military doctrine, training, and education on the topic of child soldiers. Lindsay also holds a Bachelor with Honours in Conflict Studies and Human Rights from the University of Ottawa, where she graduated with distinction. Her research interests include the Canadian Armed Forces, child soldiers, women in security and defence, and defence policy. In addition to her studies, Lindsay is the National Chapter Coordinator for Women in International Security (WIIS) Canada. In this role, she coordinates the activities of university and community Chapters across the nation. Lindsay is also the President and Founder of WIIS at Queen's University.

Mieke Coppes

Mieke Coppes currently works in multiple Northern-focused environments. She is a Research Associate at The Arctic Institute, a Program Office, North at The Gordon Foundation, a Unit Lead for Polar Research and Policy Initiative and a freelance writer for the High North News. Her research and writing focuses on societies in the high north, Canadian foreign and Arctic policies, and Indigenous issues facing the region.

Mieke received her MSc in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), where she focused on foreign policy analysis and the Arctic, as well as the role that NGOs can have in today's society.

Upasana Dasgupta

Upasana Dasgupta is a doctoral candidate at the Faculty of Law, McGill University. She is researching on implementation of State responsibility for space traffic management. Her interest areas are international law, human rights and space law. She is also a research assistant at the Institute of Air and Space Law, McGill University. Upasana holds a Masters degree in Air and Space Law from McGill University. She is a lawyer qualified to practice in India. In the past,

Upasana has worked with capital markets department of Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, one of the leading law firms in India.

Alexa DeGagne

Alexa DeGagne is an Assistant Professor in Women's and Gender Studies at Athabasca University. Her current research project examines the changing relationships between LGBTQ communities and police organizations across Canada.

Eunice Daroni

Eunice is in her last year of a BA in Political Science with a Minor in Human Geography at the University of Alberta. She also holds a previous degree in Sociology and Women and Gender Studies ('15). She is ambitious, which she has demonstrated by pursuing three internships this year. She has already completed two, and is in the process of completing the third. She is furthermore on her way to completing the Certificate in International Learning and Certificate in Community Service-Learning. Since beginning her second degree, she has had the chance to work with both federal and provincial governments under Summer Student positions. She is passionate about Edmonton's non-profit community, and has been an active volunteer with various newcomer agencies in the city since moving here in 2011. Aside from newcomer agencies, she also volunteers at Compass Centre for Sexual Wellness. All her volunteer experience as well as her passion for learning has inspired her research interests regarding multicultural sexual health education. She hopes to pursue this research area through a Master of Arts program this upcoming January. When she is not volunteering or studying, she enjoys the local food scene and can recommend the best restaurants in Edmonton for virtually any types of cuisine.

Ryan Drake

Born in Comox, British Columbia, Officer Cadet Ryan Drake joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 2014 and completed his first year of university at Royal Military College Saint-Jean. He is currently a fourth year honours psychology student at the Royal Military College of Canada, and recently completed his thesis entitled *Sexism as a Predictor of Attitudes Towards Female Physical Performance Test Standards* at the Royal Military College. His interests include gender diversity and gender issues within the CAF.

Charlotte Duval-Lantoine

Charlotte Duval-Lantoine is a French student that has completed in 2017 a Bachelor in History and Political Science at McGill University in Montreal. Although choosing History as a better discipline for her skills, she remained not too far from the topic of politics, as, under the supervision of Dr. Allan English, she is conducting research for a Master's thesis on the gender integration process in the Canadian Armed Forces between 1989 and 1999. More specifically, she focuses on the shortcomings of the policies and their implementations, as well as its impact on the chain of command and on the individual service members. Aside from her research, Charlotte is one of the RMC liaisons and bilingual communications at the Queen's University chapter of WIIS Canada.

Marketa Evans

Marketa is Vice President, Strategy and Innovation at WoodGreen Community Services, Toronto's largest multi-service community agency. She leads a portfolio of strategic initiatives,

including volunteer services, a new program for youth leaving care, and financial inclusion. She is driving WoodGreen's leadership position in the Canadian social innovation landscape. She develops strategy across the organization and leads the implementation of the Strategic Plan.

A former corporate banker with CIBC, Marketa was the first Executive Director of the Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto, where she managed growth and impact as the Centre flourished from 6 to 36 programs. Five years after its founding, a peer review recognized the Munk Centre as the top centre in Canada for the study of global issues. Marketa is a collaborative leader, bringing clarity, consensus and alignment around strategic plans and projects and delivering results. She has held senior leadership roles in the public and private sectors, including with Global Affairs Canada, Plan International Canada, and United Way Toronto, where, as Vice President Strategy, she led the teams of Research, Evaluation, Program Development and Strategic Initiatives.

Marketa holds a PhD from the University of Toronto. She loves running, camping, travel and recently passed her open water Scuba diving certificate.

Barbara Falk

Barbara J. Falk is an associate professor in the Department of Defence Studies at the Canadian Forces College/Royal Military College of Canada, and author of *The Dilemmas of Dissidence: Citizen Intellectuals and Philosopher Kings*. Her teaching and research interests include comparative genocide, national security law and policy, and the persecution and prosecution of dissent. She is currently writing a book on comparative political trials across the East-West divide during the early Cold War. For more information, see: <http://www.cfc.forces.gc.ca/136/277-eng.html>

Eliana Glogauer

Eliana Glogauer is a second year Ph.D. student in the War Studies Programme at the Royal Military College of Canada. Her research focuses on the effects of media coverage in exacerbating the challenges violent non-state actors pose to state legitimacy.

Rebecca Graff-McRae

Rebecca Graff-McRae is a Research Manager for the Parkland Institute. She completed her undergraduate and doctoral studies at Queen's University Belfast, exploring the role of memory and commemoration in post-conflict transition. A monograph based on this work, *Remembering and Forgetting 1916: Commemoration and Conflict in Post-Peace Process Ireland*, was published in 2010 by Irish Academic Press. She has previously worked with the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland and Edmonton City Council, and has held post-doctoral research fellowships at Memorial University Newfoundland and the University of Alberta.

Joanna Harrington

Joanna Harrington is a Professor of Law at the University of Alberta. She teaches and writes in the areas of constitutional law and international law, including foreign relations law, the law and practice of international organizations, the interplay between national bills of rights and international human rights law, and international and transnational criminal law. A lawyer since 1995, and a legal academic since 1999, she has also served as the academic-in-residence with Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (now Global Affairs Canada), providing advice to government on matters of international human rights law and international criminal law, and participating in multilateral negotiations at the United Nations and the

Organization of American States. She has held visiting appointments at the University of New South Wales, the University of Oxford, and the University of Texas at Austin, the latter as a senior Fulbright scholar, while her consultancy experience includes work with the United Nations Development Programme and the Canadian Human Rights Commission. She has also assisted counsel in private practice on matters of treaty law, human rights and transnational criminal law, and from 2010-2015, she served as an associate dean with campus-wide responsibilities for graduate education in all fields. Before becoming a law professor, she served as the legal adviser to a member of Britain's House of Lords for the passage of the Human Rights Act and other measures of significant constitutional reform. She earned her PhD in Law at the University of Cambridge as a Tapp scholar at Gonville and Caius College.

Victoria Heath

Victoria holds a Master of Global Affairs degree from the University of Toronto, as well as a BA Honours degree from Virginia Tech in political science and history, and currently works as a Digital Storyteller for the Institute for Gender and the Economy (GATE). She previously worked in content creation roles at organizations such as the Mackenzie Institute, MaRS Discovery District and the NATO Association of Canada, and has conducted policy research for organizations such as the Lutheran World Federation, Project Vote Smart, and the Munk School. Her primary focus of research and writing is the Middle East and North Africa—predominantly the Gulf region - which includes examining the intersections of media, business, gender, and security. In particular, her research has spanned looking at the women's right to drive campaign in Saudi Arabia, the Gulf reliance on foreign military assistance, and female entrepreneurship in the region.

She also serves on the Advisory Board of the Southern Africa Embrace Foundation, which works predominately in Zimbabwe and South Africa, and is a Global Advisor for Womenpreneur, an organization assisting female entrepreneurs across the Middle East through in-person workshops, digital storytelling, and online resources. She has also started her own digital storytelling business, Planetary Nomad, primarily focused on providing photography and writing services.

Kathrin Kapfinger

Kathrin Kapfinger is currently pursuing a Master of Arts degree in Political Science at the University of Alberta with a specialization in International Relations and migration. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in North American Studies and Political Science from the Freie Universität in Berlin. Her Master's thesis examined the securitization of migration in the European Union, specifically the reintroduction of internal border controls in wake of the 2015 refugee crisis.

Emrah Keskin

Emrah Keskin is a PhD student in the Department of Political Science at the University of Alberta. He holds an MA from New York University and a BA from Sabanci University in Istanbul. He previously worked as a journalist in Turkey with Radikal and Haberturk. His current research focuses on the impact of mental health trauma on post-conflict reconciliation.

Maryse Kiese

Maryse Kiese is a humanist, an information specialist and a digital scholar. She is currently on a path to complete a combined Master of Arts in Humanities Computing and Master of Library

and Information Studies program at the University of Alberta. Her research project revolves around the domains of Natural Language Processing and Machine Learning. Maryse is an active global citizen. She is engaged in the governance of the University of Alberta; she is a member of the General Faculties Council. She is also a Councillor-at-Large at the Graduate Student Association of the University. Amongst many other things, Maryse is a member of the United Nations Association in Canada, where she volunteers and participates in activities such as the Active Citizens Social Enterprise (ACSE), a program created by the United Nations Association in Canada in partnership with the British Council in Canada, and the Youth Innovation Summit.

Anya Kuteleva

Anya Kuteleva is a PhD Candidate at the Department of Political Science at the University of Alberta. Her research, which is broadly located in the constructivist tradition of IR, focuses on the nexus between politics and sociocultural contexts in international relations. Her PhD dissertation explores this nexus by drawing on the development of bilateral energy relations between China and oil-rich countries, Canada, Kazakhstan, and Russia. Anya has a master's degree in Comparative Politics from the Peoples' Friendship University of Russia, as well as a master's degree in International Law from the Shandong University, China.

Caroline Leprince

Caroline Leprince is the executive director of Women in International Security Canada and a senior policy analyst at Public Safety Canada. Caroline has gained significant experience over the years in providing strategic advice and analysis in the areas of national security, defence and public safety. She was previously a contractual research assistant with Defence Research and Development Canada and also served as a member of the Canadian Armed Forces' Reserve, during which time she deployed with the Psychological Operations unit in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Caroline was also involved in building women capacities in a local NGO in Cambodia, a project funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) to help document gender-based violence against women. She is an associate fellow with the Raoul-Dandurand Chair of Strategic and Diplomatic Studies and has published several publications in peer-reviewed and policy journals on Canada's foreign policy.

Gabrielle Lindstrom

Gabrielle Lindstrom (nee Weasel Head), a member of the Kainaiwa First Nation in Southern Alberta, is an Assistant Professor in Indigenous Studies and International Indigenous Studies with the Department of Humanities. Her PhD research focused on the interplay between trauma and resilience in the post-secondary experiences of Aboriginal adult learner. Additionally, she has other diverse research interests ranging from micro-credentialing for fostering learner resilience, meaningful assessment in higher education, parenting assessment tools reform in Child Welfare, and anti racist pedagogy.

Marie Lubiniecki

Lieutenant Colonel Marie Lubiniecki has 25 years experience in the Canadian Armed Forces as a Health Care Administrator where she has worked in a number of Field, Clinical and Headquarter Units across Canada. Some employment highlights include a 6 month deployment to Bosnia Herzegovina in 2004 as the National Medical Liaison Officer; Commanding Officer of 12 Canadian Forces Health Services Centre in Wainwright (2008-2010); a posting to 1 Health Services Group Edmonton as the Regional Operations Officer (2010-2012); and her current role

as Commanding Officer of 15 Field Ambulance, Alberta's Reserve Field Ambulance. Marie holds a Bachelor in Administration from the Royal Military College (1998), a Masters in Public Health from the University of Alberta (2007) and is currently completing a Masters in Public Administration from the Royal Military College of Canada. She is a Certified Health Executive with the Canadian College of Health Leaders and an active member of the Northern Alberta Chapter. Lieutenant Colonel Lubiniecki works part time within the Military Personnel Command in Ottawa as a Gender Based Analysis Advisor and belongs to the project team currently developing a broad selection of new policies to best support our diverse military members.

Nicole VT Lugosi

Nicole VT Lugosi is an Instructor with the Faculty of Native Studies and a PhD Candidate specializing in Comparative Politics and International Relations in the Department of Political Science, at the University of Alberta. Her doctoral research examines framing strategies of Populist Radical Right political parties in Hungary. Her broader research interests include: Indigeneity, nationalism, Central Eastern Europe, minority rights, democracy, and international security issues such as sex trafficking. She has served as the Graduate Student Representative for International Studies Association (ISA) - Canada and currently serves as the Student Representative for the Wirth Institute Academic Advisory Board.

Colin Magee

Lieutenant-Colonel Magee, PhD, is an Infantry Officer in the Canadian Armed Forces, who is currently the Deputy Military Advisor at the Canadian Permanent Mission to the United Nations. With 37 years of service Lieutenant-Colonel Magee has held numerous command and staff positions throughout Canada and overseas. His operational experiences include Operation SALON in Montreal, UNFICYP in Cyprus, the US led UNITAF in Somalia, and as part of ISAF in Afghanistan.

Lieutenant-Colonel Magee served as an instructor at the United States Army Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth Kansas, Canadian Forces College in Toronto, and the Australian Defence College in Canberra, Australia. In each of these colleges he taught a range of professional and academic courses including leadership, operational planning, peace operations, counter insurgency and whole of government. While in Canberra he was responsible for integrating Gender considerations and UNSCR 1325 into the curriculum as well as into the ADF planning process. He returned to Canada in 2015 to become the Senior Staff Officer Professional Development at the Canadian Defence Academy in Kingston, responsible for CAF common professional development for officers and NCM. While at CDA he was the lead for ensuring that UNSCR 1325, Gender Based Analysis and wider Women Peace and Security was incorporated into the wider CAF professional development system. In his current position as Deputy Military Advisor he works with CAF staff in Ottawa as well as with UN staff in progressing the role of women in peace operations and developing methods to ensure a balance gender perspective is included into policy and planning processes.

In parallel to his professional experience, he holds a PhD from the University of Guelph researching leadership in the whole of government context. Academically, he has developed and instructed undergraduate and graduate courses in leadership at the Royal Military College of Canada, the University of Guelph and for the Australian National University. He is an adjunct faculty member at the University of Guelph teaching on the Masters in Leadership program, a Military Studies Fellow at the Australian National University and a sessional instructor for RMCC teaching leadership and ethics.

Johanna Masse

Étudiante au doctorat en science politique à l'Université Laval, Johanna Masse s'intéresse à la violence terroriste et aux phénomènes de radicalisation. Plus particulièrement, elle se penche dans le cadre de ses recherches aux implications d'une dimension genrée dans les études sur la radicalisation.

Tim McCaskell

Tim McCaskell is a long-time Toronto writer, activist and educator. He was a collective member of The Body Politic, Canada's first national magazine for Lesbian and Gay Liberation from 1974 to 1986, chair of the Public Action Committee of the Right to Privacy Committee which fought back against police raids on gay baths in Toronto in the early 1980s, and part of the Simon Nkodi Anti-Apartheid Committee: Lesbians and Gays Against Apartheid in the late 80s. He was a founding member of AIDS ACTION NOW!, an activist group which won access to experimental treatments and funding for medications in the 1990s and Queers Against Israeli Apartheid after 2010. He is presently part of the Ontario Working Group on Criminal Law and HIV Exposure.

For more than twenty years McCaskell worked at the Toronto Board of Education, developing and delivering programs on racism, homophobia and sexual harassment for students and teachers. He received the City of Toronto Award of Merit for his human rights work in 1996.

In 2005, he published *Race To Equity: Disrupting Educational Inequality*, a history of the struggle for equity in Toronto public schools. His most recent book, *Queer Progress: From Homophobia to Homonationalism*, was published in 2016. His video workshop, *Neoliberalism as Water Balloon*, has had over 100,000 hits on vimeo and youtube and has been translated into Turkish and Chinese.

Suzanne McAdam

Master Warrant Officer Suzanne McAdam was born in Regina, Saskatchewan. She enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces as a Medical Assistant in 1992. After successfully completing Basic Recruit Training and her trade courses, Master Warrant Officer McAdam worked as a member of 16 Medical Company providing medical coverage for the Infantry units North Saskatchewan Regiment and Royal Regina Rifles. She also worked at several base hospitals, instructed various courses and has been employed at several bases throughout Canada. In 2002, she moved to Edmonton, AB to complete contracts at 1 Health Services Group Headquarters and currently works as the Maintenance of Clinical Readiness Program Coordinator for health care professionals in Western Canada.

Master Warrant Officer McAdam was selected to represent Canada at the Senior NCO NATO Orientation Course in Oberammergau, Germany in 2012. In 2014, she represented Canada at the International Leadership Course held Lancaster, England. She continues her role as the Edmonton Garrison Military Co-Chair for the Defence Women's Advisory Organization (DWAO) and the National Military Co-chair for the Defence Visible Minority Advisory Group (DVMAG). She officially assumed her position as the Company Sergeant Major of 15 Field Ambulance in the summer of 2016. She is also a member of the Edmonton Ex-Service Women's Branch #215 and is also a member of the 3rd Canadian Division Edmonton Operation Honour Team.

First and foremost, she is a wife and mother to three daughters ages 11, 8 and 8. In her spare time, she is dance instructor with the University of Alberta Recreational Services.

Allison McCulloch

Allison McCulloch is an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at Brandon University. She is the author of *Power-Sharing and Political Stability in Deeply Divided Societies* (2014) and co-editor of *Power-Sharing: Empirical and Normative Challenges* (2017). Her research considers the design of political institutions in deeply divided societies. Specifically, she is interested in the role of external actors in the adoption and implementation of negotiated political settlements, the incentives for ethno-political moderation and extremism that such settlements offer, and how to integrate a gender perspective into power-sharing theory and practice.

Amrita Mishra

Dr. Amrita Mishra is an action researcher and Project Director at the Indo-Canadian Women's Association in Edmonton, where she works against specific forms of family violence and gender violence in immigrant families. In this role, she creates platforms for inter-agency collaborations to better help immigrant women living with family violence. Dr. Mishra writes and speaks extensively on intersectional approaches to understanding and dealing with gender violence (eg the blog <https://workinginpartnership.wordpress.com/>.) She has spoken at the 2016 "Building Empathy, Conquering Apathy Symposium" (Edmonton) and has delivered guest lectures at the University of Calgary, University of Alberta, Sexual Assault Center of Edmonton, and the Canadian Immunization Research Network, among others. Dr. Mishra has published policy analyses on gender and HPV immunization (Dalhousie University, 2009-2011), emerging modes of collaboration in biomedical science (UAlberta, 2011-2014), and the structuring of work and authority in Indian bioscience labs (papers accessible via <https://www.linkedin.com/in/amishrapolicydynamics>). She has been awarded grants and fellowships by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Austrian Development Agency, University Grants Commission India, and Indian Council of Medical Research. Her diverse projects are driven by her deep belief that "it is vital to move from information to knowledge, from knowledge to insight, and from insight to social equity and justice."

Raquel Oleksin

OCdt Raquel Oleksin is a third-year student studying Economics and Business at the Royal Military College (RMC) of Canada. Since being at RMC, she has been an active member of the RMC Precision Drill Team and the RMC Cross-Country and Track & Field team. In addition, OCdt Oleksin has held various leadership positions within the college including the position of First-Year Orientation Program (FYOP) instructor at the start of her third year. This past semester, OCdt Oleksin spent the semester abroad on an internship in Brussels, Belgium working with the Canadian Delegation to NATO. During her time at NATO, she actively participated in a variety of NATO working groups, which provided an insightful experience to the opportunities and challenges facing the NATO Alliance. Further, she was fortunate enough to aid in the organization of events pertaining to International Women's Day as well as the Women, Peace, and Security initiative. Moving into her fourth year at RMC, OCdt Oleksin plans to complete her honours degree in Economics and Business, graduating during the spring of 2019. Post RMC, OCdt Oleksin will be scheduled to continue her military training in order to become a qualified Health Care Administration Officer. In the near future OCdt Oleksin plans to further her career aspirations by applying to medical school in hopes of later becoming a medical officer in the Canadian Armed Forces.

Jennifer Parker

Lieutenant-Colonel Parker joined the Canadian Forces as a reservist in 1993 while attending the University of Western Ontario where she completed her Master's Degree in Music (Performance) in 1997. Realizing that a free-lance music career was not busy enough, she chose to commission from the ranks in 2003 as a Regular Force Logistics officer. Throughout her career, she has worked within 2 Service Battalion, 1 Service Battalion, and Canadian Army Headquarters and has obtained a Master's degree in Defence Studies. Her operational deployments include: Op DANACA, Golan Heights, Israel and Op ATHENA (Kabul). Lieutenant-Colonel Parker is currently the Commanding Officer of the 3rd Canadian Division Support Group Technical Services Branch. She receives unwavering support from her husband Stephen and her children, Kaidence and Andrew. In her spare time, she enjoys long distance running, skiing, and classical music.

Maria Angelica Quesada

Originally from Colombia, Angelica is a PhD student in the Department of Educational Policy Studies at the University of Alberta where she is working on the relations between settlers, immigrants, newcomers and Indigenous peoples in Canada when they join efforts in defending the environment. She leads facilitation and coordination of a Prairies region hub for Righting Relations, an initiative to strengthen economic and political justice and decolonization in Canada through adult education and community organizing. Angelica also leads local human rights research and program evaluation at the John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights. She also has served as a Settlement Practitioner with the Edmonton Immigrant Services Association (EISA) and continues her work in this area today in her work teaching courses in the Immigrants/Refugees Specialization of the Community Support Worker Program (CSW) Program at NorQuest College.

Raging Grannies, Edmonton Gaggle

Raging Grannies began in Victoria BC 30 years ago, and is now international, with gaggles in most major cities in North America. We meet at Unconventions every other year, in a host city, usually in the summer.

Edmonton Raging Grannies is more than 25 years old, with a few founding members and many interesting women from many professional backgrounds: Teachers, librarians, a minister, and more. Outside of the Granny umbrella, our members are active in many worthy charities and volunteer organizations, and some attend churches, sing in choirs.

Our purpose is to "speak out" using song on issues of peace, health care, environment, social justice, GBLTQ rights, indigenous rights, and more. We are sometimes asked to sing songs of support for oppressed groups, but often we are in the front lines of protest, at marches and demonstrations. We dress for the occasion, with some of these colourful accessories: hats, boas, shawls, flouncy skirts, and our Raging Granny T shirts. We have banners and placards and props that convey our message.

We recently published a letter to the Edmonton Journal Editor advising voters to consider our priorities for a better city.

Music is our main form of communication. We take familiar songs and rewrite them to fit the issue at hand. The audience starts to hum along and is receptive to our message. Humour is a useful tool. We are not excellent singers, but several of our members sing well. Singing talent is not required of our members, but we want to agree on most issues (after lively discussion). Our main purpose is to communicate the message of the day, and we are very well received by cheering crowds.

Melanie Richter-Montpetit

Melanie Richter-Montpetit is Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in the Department of Politics at the University of Sheffield (UK). Her research interests are in International Relations with a focus on War and Security Studies; Feminist, Queer and Decolonial Theory; and Transnational American Studies. Her work has appeared in *Millennium – Journal of International Studies*, the Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics, *Security Dialogue*, *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, and the *Austrian Journal of Politics*. She is presently preparing a book manuscript exploring the post-9/11 US national security imaginary and associated transnational practices of war and violence. Tentatively entitled ‘Beyond the Erotics of Orientalism: Queer and Feminist Investments in Liberal War’ the book examines the stubborn persistence of aggressively racial-sexual security practices in this ‘post-racial/sexual/gender’ era. In conversation with recent debates in Native Studies, Black Studies and Queer Studies, the book traces how post-9/11 US national security - including its targeting of Muslim/ified people and spaces - is inflected by and enabled through structures of settler colonialism and antiblackness.

Melanie Richter-Montpetit is Chair and Program Chair of the ISA-LGBTQA Caucus. The ISA’s Feminist Theory and Gender Studies Section recently presented her with the inaugural Early Career Community Engagement Award. She is the recipient of a 2017-2018 Leverhulme Research Fellowship and currently a Visiting Scholar at the University of Toronto.

Gaëlle Rivard Piché

Gaëlle Rivard Piché is a strategic analyst for Defence Research and Development Canada in Ottawa where she currently works with the Royal Canadian Navy’s Staff. She recently completed her Ph.D. in International Affairs at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (Carleton University), for which she conducted extensive field research in Haiti and El Salvador between 2012 and 2015. Her academic research focuses on security sector reform, capacity building, and the broader consequences of international interventions in fragile states. In 2014-2015, she was a Fulbright research fellow in the International Security Program at the Harvard’s Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs. In parallel to her academic experience, she has worked for the United Nations’ Department of Peace Keeping Operations in New York. She is a consultant for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on security sector reform and peace operations. Gaëlle is a founding member of WIIS Canada who has benefited from the network as a student and now a young professional. Through the last 10 years, she has contributed to the organization of several annual workshops. As a woman who has conducted research and worked in male-dominated environments, she considers it crucial to get involved in such networks in order to support and exchange with other women in the field.

Hailey Robinsmith

Hailey Robinsmith recently received her MA in Political Science from the University of Toronto, and holds an Honours BA from Simon Fraser University. Her research interests have primarily focused on international security and defence with a special focus on terrorism, radicalization, cybersecurity, defence policy, and international human rights law. She has participated in various Model NATO Summits in North America and Europe, and was a co-organizer of Vancouver’s own Global Model NATO Summit in 2016. In 2018, she led a Cyber Safety Workshop to inform the public about cybersecurity and online safety. Hailey is also involved in youth engagement and policy discussions in her community where she is a member of her local Constituency Youth Council and her city’s Social Policy Advisory Committee.

Lindsay Robinson

I completed my undergraduate degree in Labour Studies and Political Science in 2015 at McMaster University, completing a thesis on the topic of employment policy and health and safety of sex workers in Canada. I continued at McMaster University, completing my Master's degree in International Relations in 2016, developing research interests in feminist political economy, feminist security studies, and the global political economy of climate change, and earning a distinction for my major research paper. At McMaster, I worked as a lead research assistant on the EXCLerator Report, assessing women and racialized minorities' representation in leadership positions across Hamilton and Halton. I am currently in my first year of my PhD at Carleton University, where my research uses a feminist, post-colonial lens to unpack the language of empowerment, transnational business feminism, and 'smart economics' in gender and development discourse and narratives.

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Elise Sammons

Elise Sammons is a first year PhD student at the University of Alberta in the Department of Political Science. She completed her MA at UBC where she focused her research on the politics of missing persons through an examination of family and community responses to the Missing Children of Canada's Indian Residential School system. Her current research interests include the politics of memory and commemoration and the politics of refugees.

Leah Sarson

Leah Sarson is a 2017–19 SSHRC post-doctoral fellow at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, where she is a post-doctoral fellow at the Dickey Center for International Understanding, a visiting Arctic fellow at the Institute of Arctic Studies, and a former Fulbright researcher. In July 2018, she will join the Department of Political Science at Dalhousie University as an assistant professor.

She is based at the University of Toronto, where she is a visiting fellow at the Bill Graham Centre for Contemporary International History and a senior fellow at the Canadian International Council. She is also co-founder and president of the Toronto chapter of Women in International Security (WIIS)-Canada and an elected member of the WIIS-Canada board of directors. Dr. Sarson's current research explores Indigenous global politics in the extractive resource sector, while her broader research interests focus on Canadian foreign policy, International Relations, gender, and the Arctic. Her publications include articles in *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal* (2014), *International Journal* (2016), and *Études internationales* (2017).

She completed her PhD in Political Studies in December 2016 at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, where she is also a fellow at the Centre for International and Defence Policy.

Dr. Sarson has also held professional positions at Simon Fraser University, the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, and Global Affairs Canada, among others.

David Semaan

I am a Master's student at the University of Alberta in the Political Science department. My research critically interprets mechanisms of identity coherence as it relates to hegemonic masculinities. I engage with critical understandings of whiteness and masculinity as they relate to queer identity formation. I aspire to take this research further into pursuing a PhD.

Jihan Sharifi

Jihan Sharifi is the International Business Officer for the Alberta International Development Office (AIDO) within the Alberta Ministry of Economic Development and Trade (EDT). In her role with the AIDO Jihan facilitates and coordinates Alberta's engagement in international development activities in order to contribute to economic opportunities for Alberta and Albertans in diverse international markets. In her capacity, Jihan leverages the public sector from Alberta to support private sector, educational institutions and civil society organizations in their international development activities. Prior to her role with the AIDO, Jihan was a Program Advisor with EDT's Alberta Export Expansion Package where she worked with internal and external stakeholders to provide funding assistance that would contribute to increasing Alberta's exports and diversifying its economy. Jihan holds a Master of Public Policy from the University of Calgary's School of Public Policy and a BA in Political Studies from the University of Manitoba.

Meaghan Shoemaker

Meaghan Shoemaker is a PhD Candidate in the Department of Political Studies at Queen's University and contracted consultant for the Department of National Defence in Kingston, Ontario. Meaghan is also the lead for Centre for International and Defence Policy's Gender Lab, a research group that conducts first-class research and analysis on topics related to gender and defence studies. Currently the Gender Lab is focused on a five-year Early Researcher Award Project led by Principle Investigator Dr. Stéfanie von Hlatky. In 2016, Meaghan developed the Veteran Service Provider Internship, which placed Queen's University undergraduate students with veteran service providers across Ontario. This workshop was supported by the Department of National Defence's Defence Engagement Program, Canada Company, the Ontario Ministry for Research and Innovation, as well as Queen's University, and focused on the ways in which veteran service providers and Veteran Affairs Canada must address changes in care-after-service using a gender lens.

Meenu Sikand

Founder of the AfA (Accessibility for All), Meenu Sikand is a Canadian immigrant of South-Asian origin. She brings 30 years of personal and professional experience advancing the disability agenda nationally and globally with a passion to improve employment situation of WWD (Women with Disabilities), as she knows firsthand what it's like to have a disability and accessibility barriers that prevent persons with disabilities (PWD) from achieving their full human potential. Under her leadership, AfA focuses on public education campaigns to raise disability and diversity awareness, human rights training and development of accessibility policies for broader public and private sectors. In 2017, AfA participated in the renewal of Canada's 2017 – 2022 National action Plan on Women, Peace & Security. She is also serving on the Accessibility Standards Advisory Council of Ontario.

Meenu is a well-respected accessibility planning specialist. As the trainer for the Queen's University International Centre for the Advancement of Community Based Rehabilitation (ICACBR) program, her most recent international development assignment was in Bangladesh for the project Access to Health and Education for All Children and Youth with Disabilities (AHEAD). Meenu is an alumnus of Mobility International USA's (MIUSA) Women's Institute on Leadership and Disability program and holds a Master's degree in Critical Disabilities Studies from York University.

AfA, one of the proud founding member of the Canadian Alliance on Race & Disabilities (CARD), hosted the first one day forum on the intersection of race and accessibility in Toronto. Purpose of the CARD is to promote inclusion of racialized PWD through anti-oppressive practice, research, representation and collaboration.

Pamela Simpson

Pamela Simpson is a Master's Candidate in International Relations at Queen's University. Her main focus is shifting power dynamics between a top-down and bottom-up approach to local governance in East Africa. Previously looking to how Information Communication Technology aids in democratic development, her interests have shifted to see how women-based groups are employing different tactics to fill the democratic deficit in Kenya, and more broadly, Africa. Her work for the past two years has specifically focused on GNGOs in Uganda, Ghana, and Kenya.

Chenoa Sly

Chenoa Sly is a JD Student at the University of Alberta. She holds a Master of Arts degree in political science, with a focus in international relations. Her thesis research considered the ways in which the language of humanitarianism could be coopted to justify political projects, compromising humanitarian space and endangering humanitarian workers and their beneficiaries. Chenoa is an active volunteer with the Canadian Red Cross disaster management and international humanitarian law education teams in Edmonton.

Heather Smith

Dr. Heather A. Smith is the Director of the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Technology at the University of Northern British Columbia and a Professor of Global and International Studies. She is the recipient of the 3M National Teaching Fellowship (2006), the Canadian Political Science Excellence in Teaching Award (2012), and a two time recipient of the UNBC Excellence in Teaching Award. She is also the Regional Vice-President Canada for the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (ISSOTL), and a 2018-2019 BCcampus Scholarly Teaching Fellow. She has recently been appointed as a Research Fellow at the Centre for Security and Development at Dalhousie University as well as a Visiting Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Fellow at the Dalhousie Centre for Learning and Teaching. An active scholar, one of her most recent publications include with Tracy Summerville (2017) "Four Conversations We Need To Have About Teaching and Learning in Canadian Political Science", in *Canadian Journal of Political Science*; "Unlearning: A Messy and Complex Journey with Canadian Foreign Policy" *International Journal*, (2017), Vol. 72(2) 203–216; with Angela Kehler, Roselynn Verwoerd, and Heather Smith, "We are the Process: Reflections on the Underestimation of Power in Students as Partners in Practice" *The International Journal of Students as Partners*, (May 2017), Vol 1(1) and "Not High On Our Radar? Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women in Canada" in Rebecca Tiessen and Stephen Baranyi (eds), *Obligations and Omissions: Canada's Ambiguous Actions on Gender Equality in the South*, (Kingston and Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2017).

Leigh Spanner

Leigh Spanner is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Political Science at the University of Alberta. Her research interests are concerned with gender and militarization, and her current research project considers these dynamics in the Canadian military family. Leigh is the lead organizer of the 11th Annual WIIS-C Workshop, and is thrilled to be among this outstanding group of participants.

Allison Spiegel

Originally from Toronto, Canada, Allison Spiegel is currently working as the Grants Coordinator at the Centre for Feminist Foreign Policy based in London, UK. She recently completed her MA in Conflict Resolution in Divided Societies from King's College London where her dissertation focused on discursive representations of Afghan women in the British press post-9/11 as a means of justifying foreign interventionism. Her research interests include discursive representations of the "Other", experiences of forced migrants from the Modern Middle East, and human rights in Israel and Palestine. Before this, Allison earned her Honours BA in History and Middle East Studies with a concentration on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict from the University of Toronto. Allison is passionate about female mentorship and was recognized for her efforts as a recipient of the inaugural St. Hilda's Board of Trustees Leadership Award in 2015.

Makere Stewart-Harawira

Dr. Makere Stewart-Harawira, Professor in Indigenous, Environmental and Global Studies, was appointed to the Department of Educational Policy Studies in the Faculty of Education, University of Alberta in 2004. Professor Stewart-Harawira's research interests centre on three key themes: the integration of Indigenous knowledges and science for addressing critical issues of sustainability, globalization and environmental governance, and global transformations. For the past several years Stewart-Harawira has been engaged in collaborative community-based research that pays particular attention to Indigenous places, water governance and land use. Stewart-Harawira is also an Expert Member of three Commissions of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN). Makere is of Scots, Maori and English descent and is an active, registered member of the Waitaha ki Waitaki Iwi in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Caitlin Thompson

Caitlin is a student at the University of Alberta and scholar at the Peter Lougheed Leadership College. She is the Executive Coordinator of the Alberta Hate Crimes Committee and her research interests include combatting hate crime and hate-related incidents.

Sarah Thornton

Born in Kemptville, Ontario, Maj Sarah Thornton joined the CF in 1991 and graduated from RMC with a BA in Military and Strategic Studies in 1995. Following Air Navigator training in Winnipeg, she was posted to 423 (Maritime Helicopter) Squadron in Shearwater where she sailed as a Tactical Coordinator, Passive Sensor Operator, and Crew Commander aboard HMC Ships Iroquois, Provider, Fredericton, Ville de Quebec, and Winnipeg and as Navigator Standards Officer for the Squadron. Subsequent tours in the Maritime Helicopter community as an instructor, Navigator Training Officer, Standards Officer, and Executive Officer at 406 (Maritime) Operational Training Squadron as well as A3 Plans & Tasks and Deputy Wing Operations Officer at 12 Wing provided the experience in both operational and staff realms.

Moving away from fleet and airfield management to HR, these tours were followed by the tremendous opportunity to serve as career manager for the ACSO and CE occupations.

Released from the Regular Force in 2013 to support the needs of her family, Sarah rejoined the Air Reserves in 2014 at 443(MH) Sqn as the Project Officer for the new hangar facility in Pat Bay. Following a deployment on OP IMPACT ROTO1, she took on her current position of 443(MH) Sqn Air Reserve Flight Commander.

In addition to her CAF service, Sarah has been an active volunteer in her community and local schools. She has been employed as a term employee with Emergency Management BC harnessing her skills and experience with planning and operations to support disaster exercises such as Ex Coastal Response.

Megan Titcomb

Currently in my 4th year at the University of Alberta my interest in international relations and Cultural Psychology has me studying Political Sciences and Psychology. I am fascinated by the intersection between these two subjects-- international relations, to me, is filled with real-world applications of Cultural Psychology, while injecting the complexities that come with the influences of the myriad of contextual factors that come from history and geopolitics. It is this fascination that leads me to pursue these subjects and their relationship in my studies as well as in my extracurricular life. My work with the Culture in Action Lab at the University has lead me to participate in a project aimed at observing the dissemination of fake news in America and its effects on politics. Additionally I have volunteered as a Court Worker with the Elizabeth Fry Society and I am currently interning at a local law firm. Criminal Defense has proven a very rewarding pursuit for me. It is refreshing to be able to plainly help people and make a difference by providing resources and listening without judgment. I also feel that this experience will provide me with invaluable experience that will aid me in my journey attending Law School upon completion of my undergraduate degree. When I need some time away from global politics and justice I retreat into my first love of the culinary arts. As a Culinary Apprentice I have worked in the restaurant industry since I was 15 and I still love to cook for myself and friends in my spare time. My greatest accomplishment in the field was winning a cooking competition with my Mole Poblano and operating as General Manager of a small restaurant over this past summer; a role I'm looking forward to reprising.

Renée Vaugeois

Renée Vaugeois has over 20 years of experience working in community development and human rights both locally and globally. She has served for 13 years as Executive Director of the John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights and is a long standing member of the Alberta Hate Crimes Committee. Internationally she has managed and coordinated projects for the Government of Alberta and the University of Alberta. She also founded and is current Treasurer of Ainembabazi Children's Project, an organization dedicated to building resilient families and economies in East Africa.

Stéfanie von Hlatky

Stéfanie von Hlatky is an associate professor of political studies at Queen's University and the Director of the Queen's Centre for International and Defence Policy (CIDP). She received her Ph.D. in Political Science from Université de Montréal in 2010, where she was also Executive Director for the Centre for International Peace and Security Studies. She's held positions at Georgetown University's Center for Peace and Security Studies, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Dartmouth College's Dickey Center for International

Understanding, the Centre for Security Studies at ETH Zurich and was a Fulbright Visiting Research Chair at the University of Southern California's Centre for Public Diplomacy.

She has published in the *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, the *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal*, *International Journal*, *European Security*, *Asian Security*, as well as the *Journal of Transatlantic Studies* and has a book with Oxford University Press entitled *American Allies in Times of War: The Great Asymmetry* (2013). She has also published two edited volumes: *The Future of US Extended Deterrence* (co-edited with Andreas Wenger) with Georgetown University Press (2015) and *Going to War? Trends in Military Interventions* (co-edited with H. Christian Breede) with McGill-Queen's University Press (2016). Stéfanie von Hlatky is the founder of Women in International Security-Canada and current Chair of the Board. She also serves on the Senate of the Princess of Wales' Own Regiment. She has received grants and awards from NATO, the Canadian Department of National Defence, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Public Safety, the Government of Ontario's Ministry of Research and Innovation and Fulbright Canada.

Debra V. Wilson

I am a sixty-year-old, African-American, Muslim, Feminist and an MA student. I was born on the South-Side of Chicago, to two intellectually gifted parents from Mississippi.

In the 1980's whilst pursuing a business career in Chicago, I frequently traveled to London, England, and worked in the third sector around feminist issues related to security and women. Post 9/11 my activism expanded to include working with British-Somali communities in partnerships with a feminist NGO, the Metropolitan Police Service and the House of Lords, to better understand how some Muslim youth experienced Britain's national security modelling.

I have also lived in Ireland and now in Canada. I am a survivor of 'the Troubles' as they manifested themselves in Dundalk, Ireland. Haifa, Israel is a place that I will return to again and again, as it both challenges me, and gives me hope. And I am a published writer.

Beth Woroniuk

Beth Woroniuk is currently the Policy Lead at The MATCH International Women's Fund. She also coordinates the Women, Peace and Security Network-Canada, monitoring the Canadian government's implementation of the women, peace and security (WPS) agenda. For more than 25 years, Beth has advised and worked with bilateral aid agencies, UN entities and NGOs, strengthening their work on gender equality and women's rights in numerous countries (including Ukraine, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Honduras, and Bolivia – as well as 4 years in Nicaragua). She has developed analytical tools, supported policy development, designed training, provided technical support, and conducted evaluations. Beth has also carried out research, blogged, lobbied, testified before Parliament, and led initiatives on WPS. She is currently on the Steering Committee of the NATO Civil Society Advisory Panel on Women, Peace and Security. Beth has degrees from the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Toronto.

Badriyya Haruna Rasheed Yusuf

Badriyya Yusuf is an Assistant Lecturer in the Department of History and International Studies at Yusuf Maitama Sule University, Nigeria. She teaches International Relations, Diplomacy, Negotiation and Gender & Politics. Her Master's degree is in Sustainable Development (MDP) from the University of Winnipeg.