

# Maroussia Lévesque

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## Current Position

S.J.D. (completion expected November 2025) | Harvard Law School

- Lecturer, **Comparative AI Governance** with Martha Minow (Spring 2025)
- Affiliate, Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society

## Education

Machine Learning (Python/TensorFlow) | Eastern Bloc artist-run center, May 2021

LL.M. (degree waived, Dean's Scholar Prize) | Harvard Law School, May 2020

J.D./ B.C.L. | (semester abroad at the University of Barcelona) | McGill University, May 2012

B.F.A. Computation Arts (with Distinction and Graduation Prize, Co-op program) | Concordia University, May 2007

## Teaching and Research Interests

- Primary Interests: Law & Technology, Equality and Non-Discrimination, Legislation and Regulation
- Secondary Interests: International Human Rights Law, Labor and Employment Law, Criminal Law

## Peer-reviewed and Law Review Publications

- Smoke and Mirrors? Corporate Power and AI Regulation (forthcoming, University of Illinois Journal of Law, Technology & Policy, prepared for job talk) 2025
- Analog Privilege (NYU Journal of Legislation & Public Policy) 2024
- Stem Cell Research Funding Policies and Dynamic Innovation: A Survey of Open Access and Commercialization Requirements | Stem Cell Reviews and Reports, Springer, New York, first author, with Jihyun Rosel Kim, Rosario Isasi, Bartha Maria Knoppers, Aurora Plomer and Yann Joly 2014
- (Im)Mobile Nation | Mobile Nation Anthology Riverside Architectural Press, Toronto, first author, with Jason E. Lewis 2008
- Cityspeak: Reconfiguring Public Media Space | Wi journal, Mobile Digital Commons Network, Montreal, with Jason E. Lewis and Lucie Bélanger 2007

## Judicial Clerkship

Quebec Court of Appeal, Montreal

*Clerk for the Chief Justice and legal counsel to the Court, 2013-2015*

- Prepared legal memoranda on civil and criminal cases before the Court
- Assisted with drafting reasons, publications and speaking engagements
- Assisted the court in the transition to the new Code of Civil Procedure

## Select Professional Experience

Canadian Foreign Service Institute, Ottawa

*Course facilitator, 2021 – 2023*

- Designed and co-delivered 3-day course on the geopolitical dimensions of new technologies (six iterations)

Global Affairs Canada (Foreign Policy Dpt), Ottawa

*Policy Analyst, 2018; Senior Policy Analyst, 2019*

- Drafted departmental AI foreign policy and strategy
- Led multistakeholder and interdepartmental consultations on AI
- Advised policymakers on the implications of AI for foreign policy
- Community liaison in AI events and meetings, including with High Commissioner for Human rights

Inquiry Commission on the Protection of Confidential Journalists' Sources, Montreal

*Criminal Intelligence Analyst, 2017*

- Drafted legal memoranda on electronic surveillance warrants and criminal law procedure
- Designed and implemented protection measures for confidential evidence; negotiated with attorneys

Quebec Administrative Labor Tribunal, Montreal

Attorney, 2016-2017

- Represented the tribunal on judicial review
- Researched and drafted legal memoranda on labor and employment matters

McGill University Centre of Genomics and Policy, Montreal

Research Assistant, 2012

- Researched intellectual property matters in stem cell commercialization

## Select Merit-based Scholarships and Academic Prizes

- Doctoral Research Grant – (first rank) | Quebec Society & Culture Research Fund 2021-25
- Doctoral Fellowship – (additional offer for ranking among best applications) | Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
- Dean’s Scholar Prize (awarded to top students for extraordinary work) | Fairness & Privacy Seminar 2019
- Macdonald Travelling Scholarship | McGill University Faculty of Law 2018
- Scholarship for re-entering the Research Community | Quebec Society & Culture Research Fund
- John Peters Humphrey scholarship | Canadian Council on International Law
- Travel grant for Media Arts Professional | Canada Council for the Arts 2008
- Computation Arts cohort prize | Concordia University 2007

## Select Presentations, Media and Other Publications

- Will AI make us stupid, and what can we do about it? | Simons Institute, UC Berkeley 2024
- DemocraCIA | Luminare / Civic Compass Buenos Aires
- The Future is Analog (If You Can Afford It) | Tech Policy Press
- Comparative AI Governance | Law & Society Annual Meeting Denver
- Democracy, AI & Human Rights | Organization of American States Permanent Council Washington 2023
- AI Governance | CIGI Digital Policy Hub Waterloo
- Multistakeholder AI governance | Francophonie / UN Digital Global Compact NYC
- (De)Generative AI | AI+Society with Kristen Thomasen Ottawa
- AI in the legal practice | Canadian Bar Association Insolvency Law Conference Montreal
- Co-creating a shared human rights agenda for AI regulation and the digital welfare state | NYU Center for Human Rights and Global Justice / Amnesty Algorithmic Accountability Lab NYC
- Disclosing the use of AI in law | Canadian Bar Association Magazine interview
- Co-Designing Generative Futures | Global Network of Internet & Society Centers (panel co-moderator) Cambridge US
- Expert Consultation on the Declaration on Information Integrity Online | University of Ottawa
- Analog Privilege | AmnestyTech; BKC; Harvard Fairness & Privacy Seminar; Law & Society Annual Meeting (Law and Political Economy Collaborative Research Network) London UK; Cambridge US; San Juan Porto Rico ([presentation](#))
- Before worrying about AI’s threat to humankind, here’s what else Canada can do | CBC interview
- AIDA or Beta? Discussing Canada’s New Artificial Intelligence and Data Act and Beyond | Concordia University
- AI Regulation Should Not Be a Blank Cheque for Government | CIGI, with Florian Martin-Bariteau
- Governance and rights protection in the digital era | Modern Law Podcast, Canadian Bar Association 2022
- Risk-related approaches to AI governance | ADM+S symposium Australia ([presentation](#))
- Scoping AI Governance: A Smarter Tool Kit for Beneficial Applications | CIGI report 2021
- Privacy concerns in AI-powered emotional tracking | Freedom Online Coalition Ottawa
- AI and Foreign Policy | MILA Research Institute Montreal 2020
- AI Emotion Recognition | York University Privacy & Surveillance Seminar Toronto ([presentation](#))
- Artificial Intelligence and Diplomacy | New York University
- Regulatory Frameworks Relating to Data Privacy and Algorithmic Decision Making in the Context of Emerging Standards on Algorithmic Bias | NeurIPS Conference Proceedings 2018

## Select Civic Engagement

- Brief to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Industry and Technology on proposed AI and Data Act 2024
- Co-chair | Data for Policy Special Track : critical global perspectives on the governance of AI datasets 2023-24
- Invite-only consultations on Quebec artificial intelligence (AI) regulation | Quebec Innovation Council
- Informal consultation on responsible AI | Inter-American Development Bank Lab 2022
- Invite-only consultations on the Digital Charter, draft AI bill and Code of Practice on generative AI | Federal Canadian government
- Brief on COVID contact-tracing applications | Quebec Legislative Assembly 2020
- Administrative assistance to asylum claimants | Maison d'Haïti 2015-16
- Volunteer legal counsel | Lawyers Without Borders, Port-au-Prince, Haiti 2014
- Translator | Canadian Council for Refugees
- Member of the Board of Directors of digital artist-run center and collective | ATSA 2014-17
- Fundraiser for local free legal clinics | McGill Christie Memorial Bike Ride 2010-16
- Member of the Board of Directors of digital artist-run center and collective | StudioXX 2008-09
- Research psychological harassment & temporary agencies regulation | Au Bas de l'Échelle 2008
- Logistical and administrative support to asylum claimants | YMCA 2001

## Memberships and Affiliations

- AI Governance Working Group Co-organizer, Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society 2022-
- Senior Fellow, Center for International Governance Innovation 2020-
- Working Group member, Indigenous AI, Abundant Intelligences
- Legal section participant, IEEE Algorithmic Bias technical standard 2019-20
- Licensed to Practice Law, Quebec Bar 2012-

**Languages** Native French, fluent Spanish and Portuguese, basic Haitian Creole, Catalan and Arabic