

# Maroussia Lévesque

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## Current Position

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

Lecturer: **Comparative AI Governance** (Spring 2025), with Martha Minow

## Education

Eastern Bloc | Introduction to Machine Learning (Python/TensorFlow), May 2021

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

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

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

## Teaching and Research Interests

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

## Peer-reviewed Publications and Works in Progress

- Smoke and Mirrors? Corporate Power and AI Regulation (forthcoming, University of Illinois Journal of Law, Technology & Policy, prepared for job talk) 2024
- Analog Privilege (NYU Journal of Legislation & Public Policy)
- 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

Harvard Law School Cambridge US

*Research Assistant for Professor Martha Minow, 2020 -*

- AI-related research on legislative, policy and technical developments, including judicial uses of AI

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 and representation 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

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-
- 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

- DemocraCIA | Luminare / Civic Compass Buenos Aires (upcoming) 2024
- 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
- 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
- Before worrying about AI's threat to humankind, here's what else Canada can do | CBC
- AIDA or Beta? Discussing Canada's New Artificial Intelligence and Data Act and Beyond | Concordia University
- Collective op-ed on AI regulation (French : Beware of hastened AI regulation) | La Presse
- 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 2021
- Scoping AI Governance: A Smarter Tool Kit for Beneficial Applications | CIGI
- Privacy concerns in AI-powered emotional tracking | Freedom Online Coalition Ottawa 2020
- AI and Foreign Policy | MILA Research Institute Montreal
- AI Emotion Recognition | York University Privacy & Surveillance Seminar Toronto
- Artificial Intelligence and Diplomacy | New York University

## 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

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

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