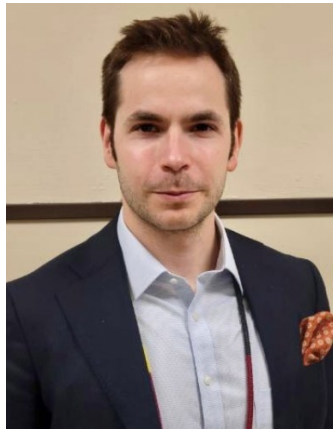




CCLA/CCLET is so excited to be making a stop on its nationwide rights education roadshow in PEI! Students will have a chance to critically examine important rights issues from multiple perspectives as they engage directly with legal and Charter experts who are working to make positive social change and challenging systemic barriers across the country.



This roadshow's keynote speaker is Alain Bartleman. Alain Bartleman is a lawyer who works for a firm specializing in Aboriginal law where he represents Indigenous clients.

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CCLA/CCLET thanks TJX Canada for sponsoring this Rights Roadshow and for making important rights education available nationwide.

Rights Roadshow Conference Agenda:

9:00 – 9:45 am: Keynote address

Words Matter: Truth and Reconciliation. You can't have reconciliation without truth. Alain Bartleman

10:00 – 11:00 am: Breakout Session 1

A. Room 901: When Rights Collide. With April Julian

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B. Room 903: Quand les droits se croisent : Avec Talayeh Shomali

L'ACLC croit que plus vous en savez sur vos droits et libertés, plus vous êtes capable de les respecter et de les défendre. Talayeh vous aidera à mieux comprendre vos droits et libertés fondamentaux tels qu'ils sont définis dans la Charte canadienne des droits et libertés, et vous encouragera à réfléchir sérieusement aux limites justes et raisonnables de ces droits lorsqu'ils sont en conflit.

C. Room 904: Power to the People: Protest Rights and the Charter. With Cara Zwibel

The right to peacefully assemble is protected by Canada's Charter, but what does this mean in practical terms? Are some forms of protest off limits? How do we draw reasonable lines? We will explore these questions in this session.

D. Room 905: An Eye on AI. With Brenda McPhail

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The Canadian constitution guarantees the presumption of innocence, the right to a fair trial, and the right to be released on reasonable bail. On an average day in 2018/19, however, there were about 23,500 adults held in our provincial and territorial jails and nearly two thirds (63%) of them were legally innocent – charged with a crime and waiting for their trial or release on bail. Although crime rates in Canada have generally fallen over the last three decades, the rate of pre-trial detention has dramatically increased. This session will explore the causes and impacts of this trend both for the people who are detained behind bars, as well as for the criminal justice system as a whole.

F. Room 907: The Icing on the Cake. With Noa Mendelsohn Aviv

A bakery refuses to make a wedding cake for a same-sex marriage. A doctor refuses to tell their patient about birth control. And a hotel refuses to host an anti-LGBTQ+ conference. We live in a society that prohibits discrimination in our workplaces and stores. But what if the refusals are based on a religious or ideological belief system. What do we mean by equality and freedom of

religion, and why are they important? How do we resolve the conflicts between the right to equality and the rights of individuals to their own beliefs?

G. Room 908: Who gets to be a judge in Canada? With Laura Berger

In Canada, judges make big decisions that affect our lives -- like where kids should live after their parents split up and how much jail time people should serve for committing a crime. They can even decide whether laws violate the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. In this workshop, we'll discuss the role that judges play in our democracy, along with current debates about making the "bench" (the judiciary) in Canada more diverse. How do you become a judge? What equips judges to make such important legal decisions? Should judges of the Supreme Court of Canada have to speak both French and English? And why are so many judges old and white?

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Why is freedom of expression important and how do we protect it? What do we do about expression that is harmful, like hate speech or misinformation? This session will get us to think critically about these issues and pull apart some controversial cases.

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F. Room 907: Know Your Rights: Racial Profiling and Police Stops. With Noa Mendelsohn Aviv

This session will walk you through CCLA's Know Your Rights Guide to give you a general idea of what the law says that police can, cannot, or might be able to do when interacting with people. This workshop will help you manage these interactions, and provide information on how some people fight for their own rights, the rights of others, and for equality.

G. Qui peut devenir juge au Canada ? Avec Laura Berger

Au Canada, les juges prennent des décisions qui peuvent avoir un énorme impact dans la vie des gens. Pensons à la décision concernant la garde des enfants dans un cas de divorce ou la détermination de la peine d'emprisonnement pour une personne déclarée coupable d'un crime. Les juges peuvent même décider si des lois violent la Charte des droits et libertés. Dans cet atelier, nous discuterons du rôle joué par les juges dans notre démocratie, ainsi que des débats actuels sur le manque de diversité au sein de la magistrature. Comment devient-on juge ? Qu'est-ce qui permet aux juges de prendre des décisions juridiques aussi importantes ? Les juges de la Cour suprême du Canada devraient-ils être tous bilingues ? Et pourquoi tant de juges sont-ils vieux et blancs ?

Speaker Bios:

Alain Bartleman, CCLA Special Advisor, Indigenous Issues. Alain Bartleman is a lawyer. He works for a firm specialised in Aboriginal law where he represents Indigenous clients. Alain is a member of the Chippewas of Rama First Nation (Mnjikaning). Alain studied law at the Institut des Etudes Politiques de Paris, the University of Geneva, as well as McGill University. He speaks French and English and regularly comments on Indigenous legal issues in English and French media.

Laura Berger, CCLA Staff Lawyer. Laura began her legal career with the CCLA, first as an articling student and then as Acting Director of the Criminal Justice Program. She later moved to Ottawa and worked as an advisor to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, focusing on judicial appointments and policy issues affecting the courts and the judiciary. Laura earned her BA in comparative literature and her JD from the University of Toronto. Outside of work, she is an experienced backcountry canoe guide and is certified to teach downhill skiing and sea kayaking (although not at the same time).

Abby Deshman, CCLA Director, Criminal Justice Program. Abby Deshman is a lawyer and the Director of the Criminal Justice Program at the Canadian Civil Liberties Association. She also teaches at the Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies at the University of Toronto, and is a Mentor with the Law Practice Program at Ryerson University. Previously, she served as a Corrections Advisor on the Ontario government's Independent Review of Corrections and as a Senior Policy Advisor to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services. Abby has also worked with the United Nations High Council for Refugees in Kenya and Human Rights Watch's Terrorism/Counterterrorism division in New York.

April Julian, CCLA Director of Education. April joined the Canadian Civil Liberties Association and Education Trust in 2009. She is responsible for coordinating and delivering CCLET's various education initiatives in Ontario and beyond. In conjunction with her colleagues at CCLA/CCLET, April delivers civil liberties workshops and programming to various audiences of approximately 10,000 learners per year – including elementary and high school students, pre-service and in-service teachers, newcomers to Canada, and youth in custody. As an Ontario Certified Teacher, April also develops educational resources that encourage learners of all ages to gain a deeper understanding of their rights and freedoms and think critically about balancing competing interests in a democracy.

Brenda McPhail, CCLA Director, Privacy, Technology and Surveillance. Brenda received her PhD from the University of Toronto Faculty of Information, and holds Master's degrees in Information Studies and English. Her work focuses on litigation, advocacy and public education relating to the ways in which privacy rights are at risk in contemporary society. Current areas of focus include national security, intelligence, and law enforcement surveillance technologies, information sharing in the public and private sector, and the social impacts of existing and emerging technologies such as smart city tech, the internet of things, big data and artificial intelligence.

Noa Mendelsohn Aviv, CCLA Executive Director and General Counsel. Noa Mendelsohn Aviv joined the CCLA in 2002 and has directed both CCLA's Equality and Freedom of Expression programs, writing, appearing and advocating on such issues as refugee protection, 2SLGBTQI+ rights, racial profiling, reproductive justice, freedom of expression, religion, and the intersection of rights. Noa has stewarded litigation for the organization, including CCLA's Bill 21, abortion access, and solitary

confinement challenges, and dozens of interventions in courts across the country. Noa obtained her LL.B. and LL.M. (cum laude) from the Hebrew University in Israel, and her B.A. (with distinction) from York University. She completed her legal articles at the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, and was called to the Israeli Bar in 1998. Noa has also practiced litigation, labour, and commercial law in Jerusalem, and served as Acting Administrative Director of Hebrew University Law Faculty's Center for Human Rights.

Talayeh Shomali, CCLA Manager, Education and Community Engagement: Talayeh is passionate about easing the access to justice for diverse groups and she feels lucky that her day to day job includes talking to people about their fundamental rights and freedoms. In her previous jobs, she has coordinated several justice projects, including Family Law Information for Women (FLEW), which is an Ontario-wide, accessible and multilingual legal information campaign.

Talayeh holds a M.A in Women and Gender Studies from University of Toronto, a B.A in Law and Society/ English Literature from York University and a B.A in Civil Law from her home country, Iran, where she worked as a lawyer before immigrating to Canada. She is fluent in French and Farsi.

Cara Zwibel, CCLA Director, Fundamental Freedoms Program. Cara was called to the Ontario bar in 2005. She has a political science degree from McGill University and law degrees from Osgoode Hall Law School (LL.B.) and New York University (LL.M.). Her work with CCLA involves providing legal opinions and research, coordinating litigation and interventions, representing CCLA before the courts, preparing submissions to legislative bodies and assisting with the CCLET's public education work.