In its eighth year, the Hennick Centre for Business and Law strengthened its promotion of interdisciplinary education, research and professional development by introducing new activities and projects dedicated to learning at the intersection of business, law, and public policy. The Centre continues to expand its business law programming for students, raise its profile and advance its overall mission to promote and develop interdisciplinary business and law scholarship and education.

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EVENTS

The Hennick Centre held, co-sponsored or was invited to speak at a number of events this year. We extend our appreciation to the sponsors, funders, and collaborators whose support of and involvement in our events played an important role in advancing the Centre’s mission. Events in the last year included the following:

**JD/MBA WELCOME EVENT**
13 September 2016
The Hennick Centre hosted its annual JD/MBA Student Welcome Event to kick-off the academic year. This event provides the opportunity to learn valuable updates and advice from Student Services, and participate in an open Q&A session to learn important information about the program and resources available to the students throughout their studies. The line-up of speakers included Hennick Centre Directors, JD/MBA program Faculty Co-Directors, Associate Deans-Students of Osgoode and Schulich, President of the Legal and Literary Society (Osgoode), President of the Graduate Business Council (Schulich), and Co-Presidents of the JD/MBA Students’ Association.

**JD/MBA ALUMNI DINNER**
16 November 2016
The Hennick Centre and the Osgoode-Schulich JD/MBA Alumni Association took part in the annual fall Alumni Dinner for all graduates of the JD/MBA program of Osgoode Hall and Schulich School of Business at the Rosewater in downtown Toronto. This event served as an opportunity to reunite with classmates, meet fellow alumni and listen to a one-on-one conversation with Richard E. Waugh [MBA'74, Hon LLD'07] OC, Former Deputy Chairman, President & CEO of Scotiabank, moderated by Jason Arbuck [JD/MBA’97], Partner, Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP. The Osgoode-Schulich JD/MBA Alumni Association is committed to fostering a community where alumni can jointly pursue mutually shared interests and issues.

**SPECIAL LECTURE FEATURING ARTUR AGIVAEV**
JD/MBA’12, MANAGING DIRECTOR WCM CAPITAL
25 November 2016
In collaboration with JD/MBA Students’ Association, the Centre-sponsored bi-annual LunchWith event welcomed to campus WCM Capital Managing Director Artur Agivaev for an afternoon lecture. During the talk attended by JD/MBA students and Faculty, Mr. Agivaev shared his post-graduation experiences and many valuable insights with our future business and law leaders.

**STARTING UP & SCALING UP: DRIVING GROWTH IN CANADA THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION**
3 February 2017
The Hennick Centre supported the JD/MBA Students’ Association 20th Annual Conference which explored the unique ways that professionals working in and between business and law can rally Innovation and Growth in Canada. The conference keynote address was delivered by Julia Deans, CEO of Futurpreneur. In a full day of panel discussions hosted with venture capitalists, senior government officials, legal experts and successful entrepreneurs. Hennick Centre Director Prof. Ed Waitzer and Prof. Peter Macdonald were active contributors to the success of the event, which also featured the Award Ceremony for the 2016 Hennick Medal for Academic Achievement.
The Hennick Medal for Career Achievement is presented annually to a distinguished leader who has earned international recognition in the business and legal communities. The 2016 Hennick Medal for Career Achievement was awarded to Carol Hansell (LLB/MBA’86), founder and Senior Partner of Hansell LLP and Hansell McLaughlin Advisory and one of Canada’s foremost experts in corporate governance. This event—attended by over 200 guests from the business and legal community—was dedicated to the memory of Dr. James Gillies, a public servant, economist, and the Founding Dean of the Schulich School of Business.

The Hennick Centre sponsored an Exclusive LunchWith event with Norman Bacal, author, lawyer, and former managing partner of Heenan Blaikie. During the lecture, Mr. Bacal discussed his recently released book Breakdown regarding the rise and fall of Heenan Blaikie. He also shared insights about his career path and present life as a Canadian author.

As in previous years, the Hennick Centre Directors attended the lunch hosted by Dean Dezső Horváth and Dean Lorne Sossin to mark the achievements of all JD/MBA students on the completion of the academic year, congratulate outgoing graduates, and meet the newly elected incoming executives of the JD/MBA Students’ Association of the 2017-18 term. The annual lunch serves as a debrief session, allowing for an open discussion between the students, Directors and Deans. This year, all attendees received a generous gift from Dean Horváth, a signed copy of his new book Re-Imaging Capitalism (left) which includes a chapter contribution by Edward Waitzer on Reasonable Expectations and Fiduciary Obligations.
NEW HENNICK CENTRE WEBSITE
The Hennick Centre recently re-launched a new and improved website. Following feedback from students and peers, the Centre developed a new platform which now houses all online content relevant to our ongoing projects, the JD/MBA program, news and publications. Our website is now an interactive community which includes an events calendar and a blog allowing for a deeper connection between our students, alumni and peers. We look forward to your suggestions, submissions, and hands on access—visit our website and get involved!

HENNICK BUSINESS LAW INTERNSHIPS
Hennick Summer Internships prepare Osgoode students for the world beyond law school by exposing them to the real world nature of problem-solving and the client side of legal practice, assisting them in building strong resumes, and gaining valuable experiential education. The summer internships are one of the most heavily subscribed experiential education programs at Osgoode. This year the Centre’s Summer Internship program provided 5 placement opportunities: Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), FirstService Residential, Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Ontario (IIROC), Mount Sinai Hospital / Sinai Health System, and Ontario Securities Commission (OSC).

OSGOODE VENTURE CAPITAL CLINICAL PROJECT
Osgoode Venture Capital Clinical Project (OVC)– a partnership between the Centre and Wildeboer Dellelce LLP– was a new addition to Osgoode’s business law-focused experiential education programs in 2014, that has been growing steadily ever since; now marking the completion of its 3rd successful year. During the 2016-17 term, it increased student participation from 14 to 21 students, and enjoyed an increase in demand, drawing a record high number of client and student applicants. Five Osgoode students worked throughout summer 2016 as client recruiters, and 16 students during the 2016-17 academic year under the pro-bono guidance and supervision of nine Wildeboer Dellelce lawyers, providing legal services to seven entrepreneurial ventures (including a start-up of one of our current JD/MBA student) in the financing and equity structuring stages of growth.

LAW WITHOUT WALLS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM
LawWithoutWalls (LWOW) is an international academic program of the University of Miami’s School of Law where students work with scholars, legal professionals and business experts from around the world to create a business plan in response to a problem in legal education or practice. The Hennick Centre sponsors the participation of Osgoode/Schulich students in LWOW. This year we congratulate JD’18 candidate Brandon Burke for his outstanding participation in the program. To read about his experience please visit our blog, post entitled: “A Chance to Be Different and to Make a Difference.”
JD/MBA STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

As noted above, each year, the JD/MBA Students’ Association with the support of the Hennick Centre hosts a conference to explore prominent themes and issues at the intersection of law, business, and public policy. The conference enjoyed high attendance records, CPD-LSUC accreditation for legal professionals, and another strong year of sponsorship support.

HENNICK FELLOWSHIPS

The Hennick Centre offers JD and JD/MBA students the opportunity of being involved with the workings of the Centre or any of its Special Projects. Joining the Centre as a Hennick Fellow is a fantastic way to get involved in our activities and initiatives, expand work experience, and network with leaders of the business and law community. This year, the Centre hosted five student fellows. Their duties included working alongside the Centre’s Assistant Director on special projects and research associate duties under the supervision of the Centre’s Co-Director Prof. Cynthia Williams.

The Centre is also presently hosting two Senior Fellows: Garrick Apollon, Legal Counsel with the Department of Justice for over 10 years and part-time professor at the University of Ottawa Telfer School of Management; and Étienne Trépanier, an expert in entertainment and communications law, legal counsel with the Department of Justice for over 18 years, and legal advisor for the Department of Canadian Heritage. Our Senior Fellows (with the involvement of Osgoode students in the production effort) are working on a visual advocacy documentary film Collared aimed at prevention of white collar crime and promotion of business and legal ethics.

“LUNCH WITH” SERIES

The Hennick Centre continues to provide sponsorship for the bi-annual JD/MBA “Lunch With” Series. In Fall 2016 and Winter 2017 JD/MBA students attended informal lunch and learn talks with business and law industry leaders. The talks serve to provide students with insight into the business and legal issues faced by industry leaders on the job, as well as the range of career opportunities available to joint graduates allowing an intimate discussion among JD/MBA students and a leading professional about his/her career and experiences.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Centre’s JD/MBA Mentorship Program connects current JD/MBA students with graduates of the Osgoode-Schulich joint degree program for the duration of every academic year. During the 2016-17 term, the Centre enjoyed its highest number of Alumni-Mentor participants, providing mentorship opportunities for 54 students.

Congratulations JD/MBA Class of 2017!
ALUMNI

The Hennick Centre remains committed to supporting the growth and development of the Osgoode-Schulich JD/MBA Alumni Association. The establishment and growth of the alumni network is an important step in promoting the JD/MBA program. As part of its commitment to expanding and engaging this network of former JD/MBA students, the Hennick Centre supported the fall alumni dinner and has been working to involve alumni in the progress and success of the new generation of JD/MBA students through mentorship programs.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP & PUBLIC POLICY

The Hennick Centre’s directors were involved in a wide range of research projects and provided scholarly thought leadership on topics of importance to the business and legal communities.

Professor Ed Waitzer was actively involved in thought leadership conferences and sessions at home and abroad covering a range of topics including pension fund management, capital markets, innovation, and corporate governance. Professor Waitzer was a regular contributor to the op/ed pages of leading national publications such as the Globe and Mail and the Financial Post and authored several academic papers.

Professor Peter Macdonald was actively involved this year in the promotion and growth of the joint JD/MBA program and enriching the student experience. On May 3, 2017 he was honored with an MBA Teaching Excellence Award at Schulich for the 2016/2017 academic year. He has also been appointed the Director of Schulich’s Centre for Teaching Excellence effective July 1, 2017 in addition to his continuing role as Schulich’s Co-Director of the JD/MBA Program.

Professor James Darroch remains on the Board of Directors of the Toronto Financial Services Alliance, a public/private initiative that promotes Toronto as a global financial center. Professor Darroch also provides leadership to the Financial Services Leadership Program at CIBC, and is presently working on a book about the future of banking.

Professor Cynthia Williams has received a grant from the Ivey Foundation for the Commonwealth Climate and Law Initiative (CCLI), a project initiated at Oxford University to evaluate the corporate law obligations of boards of directors to develop transition strategies towards a low-carbon economy, and to discuss those strategies in their securities filings. CCLI is a research, education, and outreach project currently involving institutions in four Commonwealth countries: Australia, Canada, South Africa, and the United Kingdom. CCLI Canada will be producing two White Papers during the summer of 2017, one on directors’ and institutional investors’ fiduciary obligations regarding climate change; and one on disclosure. These White Papers will form the basis of conferences in Toronto [Oct 20, 2017] and Vancouver [Oct. 18, 2017].
Looking ahead, the Davies Fund for Business Law of the Hennick Centre (created in 2006 to inspire interest in business law among students and build ties with the broader legal and business communities in Toronto) will be hosting the 2016-17 Davies Business Law Lecture presented by Frank H. Easterbrook, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. He was Chief Judge from November 2006 to October 2013, and has been a judge on the court since 1985. Easterbrook is noted for his use of economic analysis of law, his legalist approach to judicial interpretation, and for being one of the most prolific judges of his generation as well as one of the most cited appellate judges in the United States. He is also a senior lecturer of law at the School of Law, University of Chicago. This highly anticipated lecture will be presented at Osgoode on October 20, 2017.

In a brand new initiative, the Centre in partnership with the Fund for Innovation in Law and Media (FILM) of Osgoode has introduced a new visual advocacy project, currently in its development stages. *Collared: A Story of Insider Trading and White Collar Crime* is a documentary film project, which explores the Canadian white-collar crime scene and the shortcomings of Canada’s enforcement of financial crimes. Through the open and uncensored testimony of convicted inside trader Joseph Grmovsek and interviews with leading scholars, former prosecutors, and forensic psychologists, the documentary *Collared* will bring to the public the story of insider trading in Canada and abroad. The project engaged 9 Osgoode students during the 2016-17 academic term in the research, development and production of the documentary, an initiative led by two Senior Fellows of the Centre. The film teaser featuring the students and Dean Sossin are on our website. Completion of the project and documentary screening is aimed for fall 2017.

The Centre is gearing up for a new academic year and is looking forward to welcoming a brand new group of JD/MBA students this coming fall! Our goal remains to progress in promoting interdisciplinary education, professional development, and experiential education programs for law and business students.

The Centre will continue to collaborate with partners at York University and within the business and legal communities to develop innovative and relevant programming for students, scholars, practitioners and policy makers. In addition to promoting the Centre’s interdisciplinary vision, our initiatives will support our goal of strengthening our profile on campus and with our target audiences. Among the Centre’s greatest strengths is the continued support of its Advisory Council [past and present] whose contributions and counsel have played an integral role in the Centre honoring its mandate. In particular, we express appreciation to Jay and Barbara Hennick and Mickey Cohen for their endless support of the Centre.
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