

Jean Thomas

Ph.D., J.D., LL.M., M.A., B.A.

Current Position

2014-Present **Queen's University Faculty of Law**
Assistant Professor

Previous Positions

2012 – 2013 **European University Institute**
Max Weber Fellow

2010 – 2012 **Bowen H. McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society,
Stanford University**
Post-Doctoral Fellow

Education

2007 – 2010 **New York University School of Law**
Ph.D. in Law (awarded in June 2010)
Dissertation Title: "Public Rights, Private Relations"
Supervisor: Prof. Jeremy Waldron
Dissertation Committee: Prof. Jeremy Waldron, Prof. Liam Murphy,
Prof. Samuel Scheffler

2006 – 2007 **New York University School of Law**
Master of Laws

2003 – 2006 **Faculty of Law, University of Toronto**
Juris Doctor

1999 – 2003 **Faculty of Arts and Science, University of Toronto**
Master of Arts in English Literature

1995 – 1999 **Faculty of Arts and Science, University of Toronto**
Honors Bachelor of Arts in English Literature (with Distinction)

Teaching

- 2015-2017 **Queen’s University Faculty of Law**
Colloquium in Legal and Political Philosophy
- 2014-2016 **Queen’s University Faculty of Law**
Torts
- 2014 Fall **Queen’s University Faculty of Law**
Human Rights
- 2010 – 2012 **Stanford University**
“Human Rights and Moral Questions”, a seminar for advanced undergraduates, graduate students and upper-level law students
- 2010 – 2012 **Stanford University**
Advisor to Senior Thesis students in the Ethics in Society Honors Program

Service and Administrative Activities

- 2015-2016 **Faculty Advisor, Queen’s Law Journal**
- 2015-2016 **Curriculum Committee Member**
- 2015-2016 **Co-Coach, Winkler Class Actions Moot Team**
- 2014-2015 **Advisory Committee Member**
Introduction to Legal Studies Course Development

Publications

Books

Public Rights, Private Relations, Oxford University Press, 2015

Articles

‘Which Interests Should Tort Protect?’ 61 *Buffalo Law Review* 1 2013

Book Chapters

‘Our Rights, but Whose Duties? Re-Conceptualizing Rights in the Era of Globalization’ in Anat Scolnicov and Tsvi Kahana, (eds), *Boundaries of State, Boundaries of Rights: Human Rights, Private Actors, and Positive Obligations*. Cambridge University Press,

Presented Papers

- 2015 **A Model of Rights**
McMaster University Philosophy Department Visiting Speaker Series,
- Liberalism and the Normativity of Culture**
Constitutional Culture: Identities, Texts, Institutions,
Queen’s University Faculty of Law
- 2012 **Which Interests Should Tort Protect?**
Paper presented at the Private Law Theory Workshop,
Faculty of Law, University of Toronto
- 2011 **Narrative, Temporality, and the Moral Self**
Paper presented at the Post-Doctoral Workshop of the Center for
Ethics in Society, Stanford University
- 2010 **Public Rights, Private Relations – A Proposal for
Delineating the Scope of Human Rights in the Private
Sphere**
Paper presented at the Political Theory Workshop of the Department
of Political Science, Stanford University
- Teaching Human Rights**
Paper presented at a panel discussion organized by the Stanford
Program on Human Rights and the Stanford Center for Teaching and
Learning
- 2007 **Relations of Dependency: Tort Law and Social
Inequality**
Paper presented at the Critical Tort Panel of the Conference of the
Canadian Association of Law Teachers, June 2007

Scholarships and Awards

2008 – 2011	Doctoral Award , Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada
2007	John Bruce Moore Award in Law and Philosophy , Faculty of Law, New York University
2007	Ontario Graduate Scholarship , Government of Ontario (unable to accept due to location of study)
2007	Tomlinson Fellowship , Faculty of Law, McGill University (unable to accept due to location of study)
2006	Tory Fellowship , Faculty of Law Review, University of Toronto (declined)
2006	Honours Standing , Faculty of Law, University of Toronto
2004	Blake’s Scholar’s Award , Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP
2004	Tibor Prince Integrity Award , Faculty of Law, University of Toronto
2003 – 2005	Millennium Scholarship , Government of Canada
2002	Mara Roebuck Memorial Graduate Prize in English , Department of English, University of Toronto
1998	Regents’ Scholarship , Victoria College, University of Toronto

Experience in Advocacy and Legal Research

2006 – 2008	Prof. Denise Réaume, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto Research Assistant
2005 – 2006	Prof. Sophia Moreau, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto Research Assistant
2005 – 2006	Women’s Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF) Subcommittee Member
Summer 2005	Davis & Company LLP Summer Student
2004	Prof. Martha Shaffer, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto Research Assistant
2004	Prof. Jim Phillips, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto Research Assistant
2004	Sierra Leone Working Group, International Human Rights Program, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto Member

2003 – 2004

Downtown Legal Services, Toronto, Canada
Volunteer Caseworker