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Licenced Barrister and Solicitor; Migration Researcher Specializing in Refugee and Human Rights Law

EDUCATION	
2016	 University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario Juris Doctor John Yaremko Award in Human Rights (2015); Ting Sum Tang Memorial Prize in Canadian or International Human Rights Law (2015)
2012	 York University, Toronto Ontario M.A. in Anthropology with Diploma in Refugee Studies Summer Course in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies, Centre for Refugee Studies Thesis: "The 'Bogus Refugee: Discourses of Fraud in Bill C-31 and Canadian Immigration Policy"
2011	 University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba B.A. Honours. in Social Anthropology/Psychology Summer Institute on Student Leadership and Global Citizenship, May 2010
WORK EXPERI	ENCE
08.2017 – present	 International Human Rights Program, University of Toronto Faculty of Law Research Associate Lead researcher on landmark project investigating human rights abuses of migrant workers in Canada's temporary foreign worker program.

08.2017 – present

Thinking Forward: Migration and Human Rights from a Community-Based Perspective, Toronto, Canada

Supervising students enrolled in the award-winning legal clinic, assisting with public advocacy.
Supporting the work of the Program, including lead on social media initiatives and outreach.
Representing Program publically, including at Supreme Court of Canada as an intervenor.

Partner

- Founding partner of a network and consultancy committed to creative problem-solving on migration, human rights, democracy, and gender issues.
- Consulting with and supporting community groups, frontline workers, and various levels of government on access to justice and human rights.

07.2016 - 09.2017

Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic, Toronto, Canada

Articling Fellow; Lawyer Researcher

- Provided legal information and advice in family and refugee law to women who have experienced multiple forms of violence and psychological and emotional trauma.
- Drafted pleadings and developed litigation strategies.
- Investigated and prepared client cases, interviewed clients, managed client files, legal research; represented clients in proceedings at relevant family courts and immigration and refugee tribunals.
- Led domestic and international consultations and advocacy on women's rights issues

12.2014 - 06.2016

International Human Rights Program, University of Toronto Faculty of Law

Health and Human Rights Research Fellow

- Research project funded by the Elton John AIDS Foundation examining the negative impact of Canada's refugee policies on refugees with HIV due to rampant violence, discrimination based on sexual orientation, and gender-based violence.
- Conducted 50 first-person interviews with UN personnel, NGOs, refugee advocates, and

refugees in Jordan, Turkey, and Canada; data analysis; co-authored final report for Ministry of Immigration and Foreign Affairs.

12.2012 - 07.2016

Emerging Scholars and Practitioners on Migration Issues (ESPMI) Network - Refugee Research Network, International Research Cluster

Coordinator- Executive Committee

- Managed transnational network of 400+ researchers and practitioners.
- Created, edited, and published two volumes of an original open-source peer reviewed journal.
- Ongoing social media outreach coordinating, daily management of website and Twitter.
- Represented network at IASFM conferences in Kolkata, India (2013), Bogota, Columbia (2014), and Poznan, Poland (2016).

09.2013 - 04.2015

Downtown Legal Services, Toronto, Ontario

Refugee and Immigration Caseworker

- Individual carriage of 15-20 files, under the supervision of staff lawyer.
- Assisted refugee claimants in hearings before the Immigration and Refugee Board, with Humanitarian and Compassionate Applications, Judicial Reviews, and Motions before the Federal court, including a constitutional challenge in 2015.

01.2012 - 01.2015

SINGA Project, Paris, France; Toronto, Ontario

Research Consultant

• Interviewed refugee claimants in Toronto and co-authored original paper on refugees and Information and Communication Technologies in Canada as part of an international study.

03 - 09.2013

Christie Refugee Welcome Centre, Toronto Ontario

Refugee Settlement Worker

- Intake of new refugee clients into the Toronto shelter database, liaised with housing, health, and legal departments for holistic case management, including administrative and outreach duties.
- Prepared clients for refugee hearings, including document preparation and liaising with counsel.

09.2011 - 01.2013

CultureLink and Romero House, Toronto, Ontario

Refugee Settlement Worker - Case Management Support and Interpretation

- Translated documents and interpreted in Czech and Slovakian for refugee hearings and at family courts.
- Prepared applications for Legal Aid assistance, Ontario Works, and refugee claims.

09.2011 - 05.2012

Centre for Refugee Studies, York University, Toronto, Ontario

Research Associate - Conference Organizer

- Planned the "Transnational Social Support" conference for the Centre on October 11-12, 2012.
- Organized accommodation, catering, facilities, advertising, reimbursements, transportation, and liaised with presenters before, during, and after workshop.
- Supervised a team of rapporteurs and assistants. Authored final report.

09.2011 - 08.2012

Centre for Refugee Studies, York University, Toronto, Ontario

Graduate Research Assistant

• Funding and grant applications, prepared international workshop on transnational social policy. Transcription of videos and consolidation into articles for publications. Research for centre.

04 - 09.2008

The International Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Youth Leadership Program Coordinator (contract)

• Coordinated and developed summer and fall programs aimed at integrating refugee and immigrant children and youth in Canadian society, administration work and grant writing, community outreach services, active mentorship through leadership group activities.

English (Fluent) Czech (Fluent) Slovakian (Fluent) French (Intermediate) Spanish (Beginner) Arabic (Beginner)

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

17th Annual International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM), Thessaloniki, 24 - 26 July, 2018 Presenter: Living on the Margins: Analyzing Security, Safety, and Precarious Migration Status in the Canadian Context Structures of Protection: Rethinking Refugee Shelter Conference, University of Oxford 18 - 20 July, 2018 Invited Participant: Architectures of Trauma: The Impacts of Immigration Detention on the Psychosocial Wellbeing of Migrants in Canada 18th Annual Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS), 22 - 25 May, 2018Ottawa, Ontario Presenter: Economic Migrant, Temporary Foreign Worker, or a Refugee? Conceptual Failures in Canada's Protection Regime 17th Annual Canadian Association For Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS), 12 – 15 May 2017 Victoria, British Columbia "Forgotten Corridors: Global Displacement and the Politics of Engagement" Presenter: Protecting Women: Culture-Based Reasoning and Forced Marriages in Canada and The Solitary Cell? Importing Criminal Practices into Administrative Immigration Detention through the Use of Solitary Confinement 16th Annual International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM), Poznan, 12 – 15 July 2016 Poland "Rethinking Forced Migration and Displacement" Panel Chair and Presenter: Many "Moving" Parts: Rethinking Refugees, Relief, and Knowledge Production on Migration in the Middle East 15 – 16 June 2015 "Innovations in Forced Migration:" Showcasing research from the Refugee Research Network (RRN) and beyond, Toronto, Canada **Conference Planning Committee Presenter:** The networking of emerging scholars and practitioners: Value, lessons, and looking to the future 14th Annual Canadian Association For Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS), 13 – 15 May 2015 "Advancing Protection and Fostering Belonging in an Era of the Criminalization of Migration" Presenter - Access to Justice in the Immigration Holding Centre: A Discussion of the Obstacles to Fair and Equal Treatment Facing Canadian Immigration Detainees 15 - 18 Jul 2014 15th Annual International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM), Bogota, Colombia "Forced Migration and Peace" Presenter – Information and Communication Technologies and Refugee Resettlement: An International Comparative Approach 29 - 30 Nov 2013 CCGES Transatlantic Forum 2013, York University, Toronto, Ontario "Borders, Migration, Crisis"

	Presenter – "Canadian Legislation and Anti-Roma Discourse"
28 –30 Nov 2013	Canadian Council For Refugees Fall Consultation, Kitchener, Ontario "Everyone has a part to play: what's your part?" Organizer – Panel: What is happening in the new refugee system?
18 Oct 2013	Borders, Walls, and Securities Conference, UQAM, Montreal, Quebec Presenter - "None is Too Many": Geographic and Legislative Segregation of Roma Refugee Claimants"
07 – 10 Mar 2013	13 th Annual Canadian Association For Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS), Halifax, Nova Scotia Presenter - "The Roma Refugee - A Persona Non Grata in Canadian Immigration and Refugee Policy," and "'The Bogus Refugee' and discourses of fraud in Canadian immigration policy - Czech Roma Asylum Claimants and Foucauldian Discourse Analysis"
06 – 09 Jan 2013	14 th Annual International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM), Kalcutta, India Presenter - "Bogus Refugee: Bill C31 and the Discourses of Fraud in Canadian Immigration Policy"
28 – 1 Dec 2012	Canadian Council For Refugees Fall Consultation, Toronto, Ontario "Our Vision: A Fair and Honourable Future for Refugees" Participant and Steering Committee Member – Inland Protection Working Group
6 – 12 May 2012	Summer Course on Refugee and Forced Migration Issues, Centre for Refugee Studies, Toronto, Ontario Intern and course organizer under Dr Jennifer Hyndman
27 – 28 April 2012	Centre for Refugee Studies Annual Graduate Student Conference, York University, Toronto, Ontario Moderator and Participant

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

(2018). "Attrition Though Enforcement and the Deportation of Syrians from Turkey and Jordan." Petra Molnar. In *Advancing Protection and Fostering Belonging in an Era of the Criminalization of Migration*. Edited by Idil Atak and James Simeon. McGill-Queens University Press. Forthcoming.

(2018). "Stories of Resettlement: Reception of Syrian Refugees in Canada." Petra Molnar. In *From Far and Wide: Stories of Refugees and Migrants in Canada*. Edited by Susan Dodd. Fernwood. Forthcoming.

Peer Reviewed Articles

(2017). Discretion to Deport: Intersections between Health and Detention of Syrian Refugees in Jordan. Petra Molnar. *Refuge* 33 (2) 2017, Available at: https://refuge.journals.yorku.ca/index.php/refuge/article/view/40401/36454.

(2016). Cracks Where the Lights Gets in Cracks Where the Light Gets in: Recent Legal Breakthroughs in Detention and Crimmigration in Canada. Petra Molnar and Stephanie Silverman. *Metropolitics*. 7 December 2016.

(2016). "The Boy On The Beach:" The Fragility Of Canada's Discourses On The Syrian Refugee 'Crisis." Petra Molnar. *Contention Journal: Civil Society and Uncivil Times.* Fall 2016.

(2016). Everyday Injustices: Barriers to Access to Justice for Immigration Detainees in Canada. Stephanie Silverman and Petra Molnar. *Refugee Survey Quarterly* 35 (1): 109-127.

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- (2014). The "Bogus" Refugee: Roma Asylum Claimants and Discourses of Fraud in Canada's Bill C-31. Petra Molnar. *Refuge* Vol 30 (1) 2014. Available at: http://pi.library.yorku.ca/ojs/index.php/refuge/article/view/38604.
- (2013). Reimagining Social Policy Toward Transnational Social Support. Kimberly Veller, Petra Molnar Diop and Sofia An. 2013. *Transnational Social Review A Social Work Journal No 4*.

Reports

- (2016). On Vulnerable Ground: Syrian Refugees At Risk of HIV in Turkey and Jordan Recommendations for Canada's Response. Petra Molnar and Kristin Marshall. *International Human Rights Program, University of Toronto Faculty of Law,* Internal Report Submitted to the Canada's Ministry of Immigration and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- (2014). Refugees & ICT Assessment, Opportunities and Risks: How can ICT best be used by and for refugees? Petra Molnar, Claire Tempier. *SINGA Project*. Available at: http://issuu.com/singafrance/docs/singa international study 2014 re.

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- (2015). "Managing Editors Statement." *Refugee Review: Reconceptualizing Refugees and Forced Migration in the 21st Century*. ESPMI Network Refugee Research Network. Petra Molnar, Brittany Wheeler.Vol 2(1): 2015. https://refugeereview2.wordpress.com/
- (2013). "Managing Editors Statement," *Refugee Review: Social Movements*. ESPMI Network Refugee Research Network. Petra Molnar Diop, Brittany Wheeler, Oana Petrica, Negin Dahya. Vol 1(1): 2013. www.refugeereview.wordpress.org.

Encyclopedia Entries

- (2018). "LGBTQ+ Refugees in Canada." Petra Molnar. *Historica Canada: The Canadian Encyclopedia. https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/lgbtq2-refugees-in-canada/*
- (2017). "Canada's Temporary Foreign Worker Programs." Petra Molnar. *Historica Canada: The Canadian Encyclopedia. https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/canadas-temporary-foreign-worker-programs/*
- (2017). "Canada's Safe Third Country Agreement." Petra Molnar. *Historica Canada: The Canadian Encyclopedia*. http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/canadaunited-states-safe-third-country-agreement/
- (2017). "Canadian Response to the Syrian Refugee Crisis." Petra Molnar. *Historica Canada: The Canadian Encyclopedia*. http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/canadian-response-to-the-syrian-refugee-crisis/
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Op Eds and Other

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- (2015). "Our Tour of Shame." Kristin Marshall, Maia Rotman, and Petra Molnar. The Huffington Post (6 October 2015).
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- (2014) Exposing The "Ugly Side" Of Canada's Immigration Laws: An Interview With Amar Wala, Director And Producer Of *The Secret Trial 5*. Petra Molnar. *Rights Review Vol 8(2)*. http://ihrp.law.utoronto.ca/page/rights-review-magazine/current-issue-82-2015.

INTERVIEWS, PUBLIC LEGAL EDUCATION SEMINARS, AND INVITED LECTURES

CTV News, Segments on Trump Administration's child separation policy at US-Mexico Border, June 19 and 21, 2018.

CBC Radio, Syndicated Radio Segments, World Refugee Day and Global Refugee Crisis, June 21, 2018.

Citizen Lab Summer Institute, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, "Machine-Assisted Decision Making in Immigration and Refugee Cases" June 15, 2018 – **Workshop Coordinator** (with Ms Lex Gill)

5th Annual PGME Global Health Day, University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine, May 31, 2018 – **Invited Lecturer**

Postgraduate Medical Education, University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine, May 15, 2018, Laura Brittain, Module 17E Health and Human Rights – **Invited Lecturer**

The Dangers of Discretion: Dilemmas, Developments, and Ongoing Challenges in Canada's Immigration Detention Regime, October 30, 2017, Dr. Ethel Tungohan, AP/POLS4103 - Diversity and Politics in Canada, York University – **Invited Lecturer**

Refugee Law: An Introduction. Law in Action Within Schools (LAWS), July 18, 2017, Toronto, Canada – Invited Lecturer

Canada's Migration Regime: Disjunctures, Gaps, And Inequalities. March 15th, 2017, Dr. Sasha Kondrashov, SOCW 3000-01 Canadian Social Policy, Thompson Rivers University - **Invited Lecturer**

Are Refugees Welcome Here? Trump, Immigration, and Canadian Responses, Centre for Ethics, CARFMS Seminar, February 3, 2017 – Organizer and Moderator

The Dangers of Discretion: Dilemmas, Developments, and Ongoing Challenges in Canada's Immigration Detention Regime, Centre for Refugee Studies, January 17, 2017 – **Invited Lecturer**

Canada's Migration Regime: Disjunctures, Gaps, and Inequalities. November 9th, 2016, Dr. Ethel Tungohan, AP/POLS4103 - Diversity and Politics in Canada, York University – **Invited Lecturer**

The Dangers of Detention: Dilemmas, Developments, and Ongoing Challenges in Canada's Immigration Detention Regime January 24th, 2017, Dr. Anna Pratt, CRIM 4658 - Law, Crime and Borders: Immigration Penality, York University – **Invited Lecturer**

Refugee Law: An Introduction. Law in Action Within Schools (LAWS), July 21, 2016, Toronto, Canada – Invited Lecturer

Canada's Response to the Global Refugee Crisis: Taking Stock and Moving Forward, CERIS and Factor-Iventash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto, December 3, 2015 – **Invited Panelist**

Health Rights, Security, and Stigma: Syrian Refugees in Turkey and Jordan, UN Day of Peace, McLaughlin College, York University, 22 September, 2014, Toronto, Canada – **Invited Lecturer**

International Refugee Law and HIV/AIDS, Law in Action Within Schools (LAWS), 13 July, 2015, Toronto, Canada – Invited Lecturer

Changes to Canada's Citizenship Act: A Primer, Toronto Tibetan Buddhist Association, June 17, 2015, Toronto, Canada – Invited Lecturer

"Multiculturalism and Barriers to Citizenship," Course: 208 Immigration Policy, Prof. Roohullah Shabon, Seneca College, February 17, 2015 – **Invited Lecturer**

Satellite Clinic for Downtown Legal Services: Information on Poverty Law, Church of the Redeemer, Toronto, Canada, November 2013, February 2014, June 2014, August 2014, October 2014, February 2015 – **Presenter**

Series of 5 Public Legal Education Seminars on a variety of topics relating to refugee law, immigration law, and human rights – Sojourn House, June to August 2014 – **Presenter**

CrossRoads TV Programme, TVI, Toronto ON, January 5, 2014 – Panelist, immigration and refugee issues

VOLUNTEERING AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

Present	ESPMI Network Advisory Committee As the former coordinator of the ESPMI Network (2012-2016), advising the current Executive Committee on ongoing projects, management of social media initiatives, and the publication of <i>Refugee Review</i> , ESPMI's peer-edited multi-disciplinary journal.
2014 – Present	Refugee Research Network Research Cluster on Detention and Asylum Member of a cluster of academics and practitioners researching and publishing in areas of immigration detention.
2013 – 2015	IHRP/Asper Cetre Refugee Law Working Group Co-authored a memorandum for Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers on Federal Court of Appeal refugee decisions.

2013 – 2014	HIV/AIDS Legal Clinic of Ontario (HALCO) Pro Bono Placement Assisted in the Spousal Sponsorship Clinic. Carriage of files, intake, and completing spousal sponsorship applications for LGBTI clients and clients living with HIV/AIDS.
2011 – 2013	Canadian Council for Refugees (CCR) – Steering Committee Member, Toronto, Ontario Inland Protection Working Group Member of steering committee responsible for organizing bi-annual consultations and working group meetings on refugee issues in Canada and internationally.
2010 – 2011	"Join the Dialogue on Bill 94," Winnipeg, Manitoba Founder, Contributor, Editor, and Publications Designer Facilitated community dialogue and advocacy on Quebec's religious accommodation legislation.
2009	N.E.E.D.S. Centre (Newcomer Employment and Education Development Services Inc.), Winnipeg, Manitoba <i>Volunteer</i> Tutored and taught English to refugee youth, supporting the staff of the centre.
2008 – 2009	St. Christopher House, Toronto, Ontario Program Developer Developed a cross-cultural music program aimed at integrating various immigrant communities in Toronto together through music learning.
AWARDS	

- Canadian Bar Association Immigration Law Founder's Award (Runner-Up) 2016
- John Yaremko Award in Human Rights 2015
- Ting Sum Tang Memorial Prize in Canadian or International Human Rights Law 2015
- Bob Johnson Scholarship, University of Oxford 2012
- Rhodes Scholarship (Semi-finalist) –2011
- York University Graduate Student Scholarship 2011
- Carla Thorlakson Bursary (for full-time students at the University of Manitoba who are studying human migration or have conducted research into the status of women, both in Canada and worldwide) –2010
- Dean's Honour List University of Manitoba all terms from 2009-2010
- Dean's List Scholar University of Toronto (top 10% of students, cumulative GPA 3.5 or higher) 2007-2009
- **Masaryk Memorial Institute Daicar Scholarship** –2008 (Merit-based scholarship for students of Czech heritage)
- University of Toronto Scholars Scholarship -2007
- Miller Thomson Foundation Scholarship –2007
- Victoria Olchowecki Fine Arts Scholarship –2007