**Dr. Natalie Ann Ghosn, Esq.**

Research Interests

Human Rights Law; Law, Gender and Religion; International Law and International Relations, Alternative Dispute Resolution

Recent Publications

Book: *Religion, Law and Dispute Resolution in Canada and the USA: Case Studies of Islam and Judaism:* **Palgrave-MacMillan** (SpringerNature Publishing Group, 2024).

<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-031-59940-8>

Book: *The Fragility of the Lebanese State*: **Lexington Books** (Roman and Littlefield, 2024)

[https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781666968842/The-Fragility-of-the-Lebanese-State](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Frowman.com%2FISBN%2F9781666968842%2FThe-Fragility-of-the-Lebanese-State&data=05%7C02%7CNatalie.Ghosn%40smu.ca%7C9cc3a4704ae94585cf3308dcbaf24cef%7C060b02ae57754360abbae2e29cca6627%7C1%7C0%7C638590797037059767%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=vwlpubspLhhmHv0YllrsSChMm7%2BsYb%2BGes6pQY8%2BQz8%3D&reserved=0)

Degree-Seeking Education

**Ph.D. 2019 University of Miami** (Miami, Florida)

Department of International Studies (International Law)

Dissertation: Alternative Dispute Resolution in Islam and Judaism

**LL.M. 2011 University of Miami** (Miami, Florida)

School of Law (Public and Private International Law; Human Rights Law; International Criminal Law)

**LL.B. Equivalent 2023 Federation of Law Societies of Nova Scotia** (Ottawa, Ontario)

Canadian Law (General)

**J.D. 2010 Florida Coastal School of Law** (Jacksonville, Florida)

Focus: State and Federal Law

**B.A. 2007 Dalhousie University** (Halifax, Nova Scotia)

Major: Political Science

Jurisdictional Licenses

The Florida Bar – Issued by the Supreme Court of Florida (2010)

Multistate Professional Responsibility - Issued by The Florida Bar (2010)

Federation of Law Societies of Canada – Issued by the National Committee of Accreditation (2023)

Nova Scotia Barrister’s Society - *Pending*

University Teaching Experience

Dalhousie University

* Human Rights: Legal Issues (Law, Justice and Society, Political Science)
* The Politics of Crime (Political Science)
* Unity and Diversity 2 [Canadian Federalism] (Political Science)
* Indigenous Politics in Canada (Political Science)
* Unity and Diversity [Canadian Federalism] (Political Science)
* Introduction to Government I (Political Science)
* Introduction to Government II (Political Science)

Saint Mary’s University

* Honor’s Student Supervision in Charter Politics and Canadian Equality Law (Upper Level Fourth Year Course – Political Science)
* International Law (Political Science)
* Law and Politics I (Political Science)
* Law and Politics II (Political Science)
* Canadian-American Relations (Political Science)
* Politics of the Middle East (Political Science)
* Introduction to the Qur’an (Religious Studies)
* Gender, Sexuality and Religion (Religious Studies)
* Law and Politics III (Political Science)
* The Islamic Religious Tradition (Religious Studies)

Acadia University

* Law and Society 1 (LAWS)
* Law and Society 2 (LAWS)
* Canadian Law and Politics (Political Science)
* International Law (Political Science)
* The Politics of Gender (Political Science)
* The United Nations and Contemporary Global Governance (Political Science)
* Gender and Development (Political Science)
* Canadian Politics (Political Science)
* Introduction to Women and Gender Studies (Women’s and Gender Studies)
* History of Islam and Gender (History and Classics)

Mount Saint Vincent University

* Women, War and Peace (Women and Gender Studies and Political Science)
* Women, Culture and Food (Women and Gender Studies)

Other Teaching Competencies

International Relations (Doctoral Level Comprehensive Exam – 2015)

Fields Tested (Written and Oral)

* IR Theory
* Global Public Health
* Security and Conflict
* European Studies
* International Development
* US Foreign Policy
* International Law
* International Institutions and Global Governance

International Political Economy (Doctoral Level Comprehensive Exam – 2016)

Fields Tested (Written and Oral)

* Global Public Health
* Political Theory
* Global Economic Governance
* Trade Agreements
* Globalization and the State
* Development

International Law (LL.M. 2011)

* International Human Rights Law
* International Criminal Law
* Comparative Law
* Comparative Politics/I.R.
* Comparative Religious Law

American Law (General) (Florida Bar Exam 2010)

Canadian Law (General) (Federation of Law Societies of Canada)

Other Education

**2020-2023 The Federation of Law Societies of Canada** (Ottawa, Ontario)

Designation: LL.B. Equivalent - Eligibility for Bar Admission/Barrister’s Society Admission in any Canadian Province

**2015 – 2023 Shalom Hartman Institute** (Jerusalem, Israel)

Fellowship in: *Critical Understanding of the Complex Religious, Political, and Socioeconomic Issues Facing People in Israel and Palestine*

**Summer 2012 The Tunis Exchange** (Tunis, Tunisia)

Topic: *Political Issues Facing Tunisia and the Wider Region*

**Summer 2012 The Beirut Exchange** (Beirut, Lebanon)

Topic: *Lebanese Politics Through Direct Engagement with Political Leaders, Academics and Leading Intellectuals*

**Spring 2011 Miami – Leipzig Seminar** (Leipzig, Germany)

Topic: *Ideas of Freedom, Democracy, Civil and Human Rights from the Perspective of German and American Law*

**Winter 2010 Caribbean Law Clinic** (Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago)

Topic: *Study and Assessment of Legal Problems Confronting Individual Caribbean Countries or States*

**Summer 2009 Study Abroad** (Cairo, Egypt)

Topic: *Islamic Law, International Oil and Gas Law*

**Winter 2009 Study Abroad** (George Town, Cayman Islands)

Topic: *Offshore Banking Law, Comparative Caribbean Law*

**Summer 2008 Study Abroad** (London, Paris, Brussels, Geneva)

Topic: *European Union Law, International Human Rights Law*

**Spring 2007 Study Abroad** (Havana, Cuba)

Topic: *Cuban Women, Culture & Society*

Academic Work Experience

**2022-Present Part-Time Academic:** Dalhousie University, Department of Political Science

**2023-2024 Part-Time Academic:** Acadia University, Department of Legal Studies

**2023-2024 Part-Time Academic:** Saint Mary’s University, Department of Political Science

**2021-2024 Part-Time Academic:** Acadia University, Department of Politics

**2022-2023 LTA Assistant Professor:** Saint Mary’s University, Department of Political Science

**2021-2022 Part-Time Academic:** Saint Mary's University, Department of Religion

**2021-2022 Part-Time Academic:** Acadia University, Department of History

**2021-2022 Part-Time Academic:** Acadia University, Department of Women and Gender Studies

**2021-2022 Part-Time Academic:** Mount Saint Vincent University, Political Studies Department and Women and Gender Studies

**2016-2019**  **Graduate Teaching Assistant:** Department of Political Science, UM, Professor Bradford McGuinn

**2013-2015** **Graduate Teaching Assistant:** Department of Religion, UM, Dr. Amanullah De Sondy

Awards & Honors

**2015 Award:** Recipient of the Graduate School Academic Excellence, Leadership and Service Award, University of Miami

**2010 Award:** Pro Bono Service Award, Florida Coastal School of Law

**2010 Award:** Certificate of Merit, Florida Coastal School of Law

**2009 Honor:** Dean’s Honor, Florida Coastal School of Law

**2008 Honor:** Dean’s List, Florida Coastal School of Law

**2007 Honor:** Dean’s List, Dalhousie University

Departmental Service

*As a visible minority from a half Trinidadian, half Lebanese background, I can contribute to campus diversity and I also seek endeavors that contribute to campus diversity.*

 Law and Society Weekly Speaker Series (10:30-11:30AM, Weekly - Ongoing) (Acadia University)

 Large Scale Student Networking Event for International Careers – February 7, 2024 (Saint Mary’s University)

 Canadian Politics Weekly Speaker Series – (9:30-10:30AM, Weekly - Ongoing) (Acadia University)

 Honour’s Student Thesis Supervision (Saint Mary’s University)

 Organizer and host of weekly International Speaker Series (Acadia University)

 Large-Scale Conference and Small-Scale Meeting Planning

 Liaison between the graduate school, dean’s office, home department, administration

and graduate students

 Host of monthly dissertation round-table

 Co-Founder Graduate Student Weekly Writing Group

 Organizer of panels in prominent speaker series

 Preparer of funding requests for on-campus co-departmental events

 Budgetary Planning

 Social Media Liaison

 Advertising of courses, programs, special events

Recent Research and Publications

Book, *Religion, Law and Dispute Resolution in Canada and the USA: Case Studies of Islam and Judaism* (Palgrave-MacMillan, 2024).

Book, *The Fragility of the Lebanese State* (Lexington Books: Roman and Littlefield, 2024).

Forthcoming

Chapter Contribution, *Islam in Five Minutes,* “Does Islam Oppress Women”:Equinox Publishing.

Release Date: July 2024 (<https://www.equinoxpub.com/home/islam-five/>)

Chapter Contribution, *Islam in Five Minutes,* “Can Women Lead Communal Prayer”:Equinox Publishing.

Release Date: July 2024 (<https://www.equinoxpub.com/home/islam-five/>)

Book (Edited Volume), *The New Middle Power* (Case studies of Brazil, India, Saudi Arabia and the UAE and Turkey).

Expected Release: 2024

In-Progress

Working Paper: Reconciling Secular and Religious Law in Canada and the USA.

Working Paper: Canadian Courts and the Recognition of Religious Law.

Working Paper: Religious Schools, Immigrant Integration and LGBT Rights: Case Study of Atlantic Canada.

Other Publications and Conference Papers

Conference Paper, Atlantic Provinces Political Science Association, *Alternative Dispute*

*Resolution and Gender Considerations in Islam and Judaism,* October 2021.

Conference Paper, American Academy of Religion Northeast Region, *Pastoral Care as a Form of*

*Alternative Dispute Resolution,* March 2018.

Conference Paper, American Academy of Religion Southeast Region, *International Law, Gender*

*and the United States,* April 2018.

Book Review of *Citizen Hariri, Lebanon’s Neoliberal Reconstruction* by Hannes Baumann: Oxford

University Press (2016) – Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (2017)

Book Review of *A Political Economy of the Middle East* by Cammett, Diwan, Richards and

Waterbury: Westview Press (2015) – Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa

(2016)

Chapter Contribution: *The ABA Guide to International Bar Admissions – Nova Scotia,* Edited by

Russell W. Dombrow and Nancy A. Matos (2012)

*Latin America and the Caribbean – Year in Review Country Report – Trinidad and Tobago* – The

International Lawyer: A Quarterly Publication of the ABA/Section of International Law (2012)

Other Professional Experience

**2024-Present Mentor – The Halifax Partnership [Halifax, Nova Scotia]**

**2022-Present Vice President** Canadian International Council – Halifax Branch [Halifax, Nova Scotia]

**2022-Present Weekly Volunteer:** Canada Lebanon Society (Children’s Lebanese School School) [Halifax, Nova Scotia]

**2022-2024 Board Member (Diversity Advisor):** Canadian International Council – Halifax Branch [Halifax, Nova Scotia]

**2018-2021 Advisory Member:** Muslim Jewish Advisory Council [Miami, Florida]

**2015-2021 Regional Chair and Academic Outreach Officer:** Florida Muslim Bar Association [Miami, Florida]

**2015-2021 Board Member:** Middle East American Professionals Association [Coral Gables, Florida]

**2014-2015 President:** International Studies, Graduate Student Association [Coral Gables, Florida]

**2013 Board Member:** Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia [Halifax, Nova Scotia]

**2009 Legal Intern:** International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia [The Hague, The Netherlands]

**2008-2010 Chair and Recruiter:** Canadian Recruiting Project [Jacksonville, Florida]

**2007-2010 Delegate:** Dean’s Multicultural Roundtable [Jacksonville, Florida]

**2008-2009 Legal Intern:** Senator Obama’s Campaign [Jacksonville, Florida]

**2005-2006 Public Relations Officer:** Dalhousie Debating Team [Halifax, Nova Scotia]

**2007 Administrative Assistant:** The Globe and Mail, Canada’s National Newspaper [Halifax, Nova Scotia]

**2007 Sales and Customer Service Associate:** Corpratel [Halifax, Nova Scotia]

**2003-2007 Volunteer:** Halifax Sexual Health Center [Halifax, Nova Scotia]

Scholarly Affiliations and Professional Memberships

The Florida Bar – Licensed Attorney Member in Good Standing

Canadian International Council – Halifax Branch (“CIC”) – Member of the Board

International Bar Association (“IBA”)

Inter-American Bar Association (“IABA”)

American Bar Association, Section of International Law (“ABA-SIL”)

Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (“ASMEA”)

American Academy of Religion (“AAR”)

Atlantic Provinces Political Science Association (“APPSA”)