

## **Canadian Journal of Law and Society / Revue Canadienne Droit et Société**

Report to the Canadian Law and Society Association

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### **1). Highlights**

- 1). The transition to Cambridge University Press is complete and our first issue with them is now out. We remain very satisfied with the services and support provided by CUP including an online ms management system and a concerted effort to market the journal internationally.
- 2) The financial picture is still good for the journal. We were successful again in the SSHRC competition, securing three years worth of funding, and continue to maintain other revenue streams through copyright royalties.
- 3) Though the journal is taking a more international focus we continue to represent the Canadian Law and Society movement in a number of ways including a focus on 'Canadian' book reviews in English, a commitment to bilingualism and a new feature on Canadian political movements.
- 4) We are also introducing a yearly special issue competition. Look for the next CFP in the late fall.
- 5) The Journal continues to support the Association in different ways including supporting membership drives as well as providing some funds for graduate student travel.
- 6) There are some personnel changes underway at the journal. Lisa Wright, our amazing editorial assistant, is completing her two year term. We can't thank Lisa enough for the professionalism and skill she has brought to the job. Dawn Moore is also completing her term as managing editor. Melanie Adrian from Carleton will be taking Dawn's place. We are delighted to have Melanie on board and know she will bring a great deal of energy and talent to the journal.

### **2. Manuscripts**

On average we receive about 70 manuscripts a year and publish 24. We are pleased to report the high quality of the manuscripts we receive and also wish to express our sincere gratitude to all those who have served as reviewers.

### **3. Special issues**

We are pleased to announce that the 2014 special issue will be edited by Stacy Douglas and Suzanne Lenon and is on decolonization and law. Renisa Mawani from the editorial board is overseeing this special issue on behalf of the Journal.

### **4. Book Reviews**

We are very happy to continue working with Liora Israel, our book review editor for French language books. This addition greatly improved and expanded the scope of French language book reviews. As well, we are pleased to continue working with Diane Crocker as the English language book review editor.

- **Process of Selecting Books**

The book selection process aims to stretch the boundaries of the “Law & Society” question. Recent books have addressed issues relevant to Aboriginal studies, Empire, Sexuality, Gender and Race that have been overlooked by the academic mainstream. Every book we review, however, has some connection to Canada: either it was published in Canada, written by a Canadian or addresses Canada in some way. However, the Journal welcomes international reviewers.

- **Book Reviewers**

If there is a book of interest in need of review, a general consult with an expert in the field to be the reviewer or for suggestions of reviewers. Reviews are also a good stepping stone for advanced graduate students, so sometimes reviews are solicited from various graduate students who come recommended by a faculty member.

- **The Review Process**

Reviews are typically about 750 words. This usually means they come in at under 1000! Recently, there had been some trouble with reviewers who have gone way beyond this word count. In order to preempt such situations, the editor emphasizes that we have a strict policy on word count when invitations to review a book are extended. When a review is received, it is read over for clarity and style, and revisions continue until we get a draft that satisfies us both. Then, the review is sent to the editorial assistants and catalogued in their system, if time permits Dawn or Mariana look it over.

- **Keeping Track of the Process**

Our tracking system involves a shared Excel File that is updated through DropBox and permits both the book review editor and editorial administrators to access and update review status, contact and citation information of the books under review. This process will enable easy transition(s) between new and current editorial administrators and book review editors.

## 5. **Membership**

The number of CLSA members/CJLS individual subscribers for our last published issue (27.2) was 196, which is about the same as membership in January 2012.

## 6. **Report on Finances**

## A. Sources of Revenue

In November 2011, the CJLS was awarded a SSHRC Aid to Scholarly Publications grant. The first year of funding was remitted to the CJLS on 27 February 2012, and the second installment of the grant will be remitted at the end of February 2013 (see bolded line in chart). Again, I extend due gratitude to the hard work of Brigid Bedard and past editors involved in the application for this continuity of important SSHRC funds and now will look forward to the upcoming application for FY 2014-15. Notably, the application deadline is 30 June 2013, but the applications have yet to be released.

Year	Requested Amount	Recommended Amount
2011-12	\$25,350.00	\$25,350.00
<b>2012-13</b>	<b>\$26,350.00</b>	<b>\$26,350.00</b>
2013-14	\$25,400.00	\$25,400.00
Total	\$77,100.00	\$77,100.00

Budget 2013 / 14

### Revenue

SSHRC \$25 400  
CUP. \$29 000  
Institutional sub \$3000  
Single issue. \$1500  
Foreign exch. \$50  
Total \$58 950

### Expenses

Ed assistant. \$20 000  
Production. \$6300  
Tax. \$1200  
Translation. \$2000  
Promotion. \$700  
Travel. \$1500  
CIsa subv. \$3000  
Total. \$34 700

Surplus \$24 250

