



Couple Appointed to UNB's Law School



**Jane Thomson (O'Brien Fellow 2016) and husband Michael Marin
Both are Assistant Professors in the Faculty of Law
at the University of New Brunswick**

"It was almost fate, really. As you can imagine, it's hard enough for academic couples to land in the same city when they're in completely different fields, but to have two opportunities at the same time, in the same faculty in your areas of expertise is quite rare." - Michael.

Jane Thomson and her husband, Michael Marin met while they were both clerks at the Supreme Court of Canada in 2010.

After the Supreme Court, Jane practice law in Toronto and then attended Harvard Law School, while Michael, originally from Montreal, attended Cambridge University.

Finally, they moved together to Ottawa. They married in Fredericton in 2013, just up the street from where they now live with their two young daughters: two - year - old Ruth, nicknamed Poppy, and six-month-old Lillian, or Lily.

Jane Thomson is currently a Ph.D. candidate in law at Queen's University and a 2016 Vanier Scholar. Her research focuses on the use of private law theory to affect social and economic legal reform, with a focus on how attitudes and biases within the legal community itself may exacerbate problems associated with access to justice in Canada.

Jane holds a Master of Laws from Harvard Law School and a Bachelor of Laws from Dalhousie University. She served as law clerk to the Honourable Justice Cromwell at the Supreme Court of Canada, and to the Honourable Justices MacPherson, Cronk, Juriansz and MacFarland at the Ontario Court of Appeal. Jane also holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in political science from Carleton University and Simon Fraser University, respectively.

A member of the Law Society of Upper Canada since 2009, Jane practiced family law for three years in Toronto and Ottawa. She has also served as a part-time professor at the University of Ottawa's Faculty of Law for two years.

Jane is a graduate of Fredericton High School and was valedictorian in 1997.

THE O'BRIEN FOUNDATION In Recognition



Roxann Guerrette

In recognition of her service and engagement in the community, National Bank presented Roxann with a financial award of \$1000.00. She decided that she would like to have the O'Brien Foundation receive this cheque. Roxann believes that as a member of the Alumni *"I should be an ambassador and encourage the foundation that has helped me in reaching my goals. I also believe the value of research is bigger than the money invested."*





Roxann Guerrette (2016)

Congratulations Roxann Guerrette!

Roxann is from the small town of Ste-Anne of Madawaska, New Brunswick. She always had the desire and motivation to expand her knowledge in the biomedical field. This being said, she pursued a Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree in Ottawa at la Cité collégiale. Knowing the importance of finding a cancer cure, she dedicated her co-op program to the field of cancer and conducted an internship at Atlantic Cancer Research Institute under the supervision of Dr. Gilles Robichaud and at the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute under the supervision of Dr. Luc Sabourin. Her projects focused on aggressive cancer cell behavior and genetic elements leading to breast cancer malignancy.

In September of 2013, she initiated her Master's program in Science (MSc) at Université de Moncton supervised by Dr. Gilles Robichaud. Roxann's research project has received the attention by the scientific community and has been funded by various funding agencies such as: The Canadian Institute of Health Research, the New Brunswick Innovation Foundation, TD Bank, Assumption Life and the Beatrice Hunter Cancer Research Institute. Given Roxann's extracurricular activities, she has also been recognized by many distinctions such as the Student Excellence Award from the Science Faculty at the Université de Moncton.

In January of 2015, Roxann's thesis was deemed extremely relevant and was thus fast-tracked to the PhD program. She intends to pursue breast cancer research through a postdoctoral fellowship in personalized medicine. She aspires to be a prolific researcher in New Brunswick. Roxann is honored to be recipient and ambassador of the Leonard and Kathleen O'Brien Humanitarian Trust.

THE O'BRIEN FOUNDATION New Brunswick Woman Cycles for Cancer Research



Roxann Guerrette stands with her cycling group from last years 1,200 km “Hero du Coeur” tour from Moncton to Edmundston to raise money for cancer research. This year Guerrette is joining 30 other cyclists for the “ACRI Tour of Hope” which will raise money for cancer research she is doing at the Université de Moncton.



Roxann completed the 650 km tour this year. She stands beside her father David in celebration.

She was the recent recipient of the coveted O'Brien Foundation Fellowship and the Leonard and Kathleen O'Brien Humanitarian Trust for her research in personalized medicine.

She said she decided it was important not only to do the research to help find the cure for cancer, but also contribute whatever time and energy she can to fund her research.

“It is definitely encouraging to see my work is contributing to people who are personally suffering from the effects of cancer,” said Guerrette.

“I wish more researchers would do the same because it grounds me.”

She's met several people affected by cancer, people who've conquered cancer, or friends and family members who have lost a loved one to cancer since she started her research.



James E. Lockyer (1978) QC CD

Lawyer, Professor, and Politician

Jim graduated with a BA degree from Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick then earned his LLB at the University of New Brunswick. He went on to London, England to study at the London School of Economics and Political Science, obtaining his LLM degree in 1976. He received an O'Brien Fellowship in 1978. He obtained a DEA from the Université de Paris 1 (Panthéon-Sorbonne) in 1979.

After being admitted to the Barrister's Society of New Brunswick in September 1975, Jim practiced law with the Moncton law firm of Stewart & Cooper. He taught law at the Faculté de droit of the Université de Moncton from November 1977 until June 1987. During this time he was named vice-dean and acting dean in 1983 and was Dean of the Faculté de droit from 1984 to 1987. After his career in provincial elected office (1987-1999) he returned to the law school in 2000 where he has taught full-time. His area of expertise is Civil Procedure, the Law of Sales and both Appellate and Trial Advocacy. In June 2008, Jim was named a recipient of the American College of Trial Lawyers "Award of Merit" for his contribution to the teaching of trial advocacy.

For 16 years (1983-1999) Jim Lockyer held public office. He was elected to Moncton City Council in 1983 and re-elected in 1986. In the 1987 New Brunswick general election, Jim was elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick as the Liberal Party's candidate for the riding of Moncton West. In 1987, he was appointed Attorney General and Minister of Justice, posts he would hold twice. In addition, he served as the Minister of Supply and Services and Minister of Education. He is a former president of the Law Society of New Brunswick. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1987. He served twenty-three years in the Canadian Forces Reserve and was awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration and Clasp. He is currently the Honourary Colonel of the 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's). Jim was named recipient of the Lieutenant-Governor's Dialogue Award by Dialogue NB in June 2009.

Jim lives in Moncton, New Brunswick, james.lockyer@umoncton.ca

THE O'BRIEN FOUNDATION David N. Rogers (1982)



David N. Rogers has both unique and unusual skills. His training in the practice of law includes a Master's Ticket, LL.M. in Admiralty and extensive Trial experience over a 30 year period.

David was educated in public schools in Saint John, New Brunswick and graduated from Saint John High School in 1975. Thereafter, he received training in the Aristotle/St. Thomas Aquinas School of Thought from the Jesuits at St. Mary's University graduating on the Dean's List in 1979. He then entered the University of New Brunswick Law School where he continued to enjoy academic success. David won the Harrison Shield in 1982 and graduated the same year. Fortunately, he received the O'Brien Foundation Fellowship, the MacKenzie King Travelling Scholarship and the Tulane Faculty of Law Entrance Scholarship. These Scholarships allowed him to attend Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana and earn an LL.M. in Admiralty, with distinction, in 1983.

After graduation, David travelled to Vancouver, the largest port in Canada, for training specifically in the field of Admiralty Law. He was admitted to the British Columbia Bar Society, now the Law Society of British Columbia, in 1984. Shortly after his return home to Saint John, David was admitted to the Bar in New Brunswick in 1985.

David Rogers is the only individual in New Brunswick who has a degree specifically in the field of Admiralty. In fact, we know of no other individual in Canada that has this specific degree. David has his Captains ticket and went through a re-certification in 2013.

David's 30 year association with Gilbert McGloan Gillis commenced in 1981 under the tutelage of Thomas L. McGloan, Q. C., and Donald M. Gillis, Q. C. D. M. Gillis was one of the original members of the O'Brien Foundation Board. He has appeared at all levels of the provincial and federal system, including the Supreme Court of Canada, on numerous occasions.

In 2015 David went on a pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago in Spain. In 2016-2017, he is continuing his academic pursuits this time in the field of finance.



Dr. Albert D. Fraser

Albert D. Fraser was born in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada and received his Ph.D. in biochemistry at Boston University, USA in 1976. He was a post-doctoral fellow in Clinical Biochemistry at the Banting Institute, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto from 1976-78 and was funded by an O'Brien Foundation Fellowship.

Dr. Fraser received professional certification from the Canadian Academy of Clinical Biochemistry, the American Board of Clinical Chemistry (Toxicological Chemistry) and the American Board of Forensic Toxicology (Forensic Toxicology). He was trained as a laboratory inspector for the US National Institute on Drug Abuse drug testing certification programme (now administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration – SAMHSA).

Albert was the Director of the Therapeutic Drug Monitoring/Clinical & Forensic Toxicology Laboratory, Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre in Halifax, Nova Scotia for 25 years. He was also Professor of Pathology, Faculty of Medicine and College of Pharmacy at Dalhousie University. In 2007, he was appointed Head of Biochemistry and Toxicology at Atlantic Health Sciences Corporation in Saint John, NB.

His clinical and research activities include analysis of drugs of abuse in biological fluids and clinical pharmacokinetic studies of immunosuppressant drugs used in organ transplantation and anticonvulsant drugs for seizure control in children.

He was Clinical Head of Biochemistry, Laboratory Medicine at Saint John Regional Hospital, Horizon Health Network and Provincial Forensic Toxicologist for the Office of the Chief Coroner, Province of New Brunswick from 2007 - December 2013. Currently, he is a consultant forensic toxicologist to the Correctional Service of Canada, Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission and advisor to the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport.



*Left to right: Dr. Albert Fraser (1976) with Dr. Daniel Bourgeois (1991)
Photo taken at the O'Brien Foundation Reception at Government House*



Dr. Sylvain Poirier

Sylvain Poirier détient un doctorat en parasitologie de l'Université McGill (1995) et un baccalauréat en zoologie-botanique de l'Université de Sherbrooke (1981). Depuis 1996, il a occupé des postes de haute direction reliés au développement de capacités en matière de recherches et services industriels au sein d'institutions privées et publiques du NB. Il s'est joint au CCNB en 2005 à titre de responsable du développement institutionnel (développement international, e-apprentissage, formation continue, recherche appliquée). Il se concentre depuis mars 2013 au développement du secteur de l'entrepreneuriat et de l'innovation au CCNB. Cela implique la gestion du bureau de recherche et la supervision de projets en innovation sociale ainsi que de projets et initiatives stratégiques en agriculture, aquaculture expérimentale, biotechnologie, développement durable, fabrication avancée, matériaux avancés et technologies avancées de soudage. Le CCNB s'est classé dans la liste des 50 collèges du Canada les plus actifs en recherche appliquée au cours des cinq dernières années (20e en 2015 et 25e en 2016). Son équipe composée de 25-30 employés, dévoués à combler les besoins des PME, a généré de nouveaux revenus et investissements de plus de 15 millions de dollars pendant cette courte période. Il a siégé et siège toujours à divers groupes

de travail, comités consultatifs et conseils, tant nationaux que provinciaux.

Sylvain Poirier holds a PhD in Parasitology from McGill University (1995) and a Bachelor's Degree in Zoology-Botany from the Université de Sherbrooke (1981). Since 1996, he has held senior management positions related to the development of capabilities in research and industrial services within private and public institutions of NB. He joined the Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick (CCNB) in 2005 as head of institutional development (applied research, continuing education, e-learning, international development). He focuses since March 2013 on the development of the entrepreneurship and innovation sector at the CCNB. This involves managing the research office and overseeing social innovation projects as well as strategic projects and initiatives in advanced manufacturing, advanced materials, advanced welding technologies, agriculture, biotechnologies, experimental aquaculture, soil and water conservation, and sustainable development. The CCNB has been ranked among Canada's 50 most active colleges in applied research over the last five years (20th in 2015 and 25th in 2016). Its team of 25-30 employees, dedicated to meeting the needs of SMEs, has generated new revenues and investments of more than \$15M during this short period. He has served and still serves on various working groups, advisory committees and councils, both national and provincial.



Dr. Jillian Hudgins

Dr. Jillian Hudgins received the O'Brien Fellowship in 2007 for her work on the mineralogy, petrology and chronology of lunar granulitic breccias. She graduated with a PhD in geology in 2009 and published this work in *Geochemica et Cosmochemica Acta*, *Meteoritics and Planetary Science*, and *American Mineralogist*.

Life then led her to the Republic of Maldives, where she worked for 4 years on coral reef restoration and environmental education projects. She developed a country-wide citizen science-based Sea Turtle Photo-ID program and helped to organize the first ever Sea Turtle Photo-ID conference held in 2016. She also worked with the IUCN and Maldivian government to develop their sea turtle conservation plan and has co-authored a guidebook to the sea turtles of the Maldives.



Dr. Jillian Hudgins currently works part time as the senior project scientist at the Olive Ridley Project, an UK-based environmental charity that she helped to co-found. The organization is focused on researching and preventing the interaction of discarded fishing gear with marine life in the Indian Ocean. She works with coastal fishing communities in developing countries around the Indian Ocean in order to improve their environmental education and empower them to develop recycling and reuse programs for their waste that could otherwise end up in the ocean. She also runs a citizen science program in the Maldives dedicated to rescuing and documenting entangled marine animals. She continues to publish scientific research associated with this work in journals such as the *Marine Pollution Bulletin*. Jillian lives in Fredericton, NB and also works as the Project Coordinator for the Nashwaak

Watershed Association Inc., based in Marysville. The organization is dedicated to monitoring and re-establishing the health of the watershed through data collection, on the ground habitat restoration, and community outreach and education.

THE O'BRIEN FOUNDATION Something New to Consider



Established in 1971, **The Leonard and Kathleen O'Brien Humanitarian Trust** provides postgraduate fellowships for deserving students who wish to pursue advanced study or research in any academic, artistic, or professional field at any recognized university or research establishment. The fellowships are administered by a Committee known as The O'Brien Foundation.

The Honourable J. Leonard O'Brien was a life-long resident of Nelson-Miramichi who made distinguished contributions to the forest industry and the public service of New Brunswick. Mr. O'Brien was a lumber merchant, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, 1925-1930, Member of Parliament 1940-45, and Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, 1958-65.

Kathleen (O'Leary) O'Brien was born in Richibucto and attended Mount Saint Vincent's College in Halifax before graduating in Nursing from the Roosevelt Hospital School in New York. Her extensive charitable work was recognized by Pope Paul VI in 1963 when Mrs. O'Brien was made a Dame of Magistral Grace of the Order of Malta. She died in 1971 and Mr. O'Brien in 1973.

As a final memorial to himself and his wife, Mr. O'Brien made two bequests which reflect their deep concern for the natural resources of New Brunswick and for the education of its people.

- The first bequest was the grant of Beaubear's Island to the Crown as a national Historic Park to be preserved "in its primeval state where citizens of New Brunswick and others may relax and enjoy peace, quiet and solitude in the place where the first settlers sought the same."
- The second bequest provided for the establishment of the O'Brien Foundation to grant fellowships to students, scholars, and artists wishing to pursue postgraduate study and research.

O'Brien Foundation fellowships are awarded through an annual competition. In its forty-one years of operation, from 1975 to 2016, the Foundation has received 2,340 applications and granted 316 fellowships. In 2016, the fifth fellowship was presented by the O'Brien Foundation Alumni. The total value of the awards granted in these years is now 1,577,000.00.

To date members of the alumni have donated more than \$40,000.00 since we initiated the Alumni Fellowship Award. Alumni members have been invited to contribute toward providing this additional award to deserving candidates that might not receive funding due to the limited funding of the foundation. There have been 31 different donors and several have donated more than once.

We gratefully acknowledge the support of our Alumni & Friends

The O'Brien Foundation is a humanitarian trust operated exclusively for educational purposes. Donations are welcome from any persons or organizations wishing to assist promising students and artists to develop their knowledge and skills through advanced study.

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