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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Municipal, Planning, and Land Development Lawyer 2023 – 2026
SmithValeriotte LLP Law Firm (SV Law)

Articling & Summer Student 2021, 2022-2023
Miller Thomson LLP

Legal Intern 2021 – 2022
Samuelson-Glushko Canadian Internet Policy and Public Interest Clinic (CIPPIC)

Policy and Programs Assistant 2019
Ontario Ministry of Education

Settlement Worker's Assistant & Library Settlement Worker (Co-op/Part-time), 2016-2017
Kitchener Waterloo Multicultural Centre

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Contract Teaching Faculty (Co-Instructor with Mallory Ament) 2026 – Present
PO 389E (Municipal Law and Politics in Ontario), Wilfrid Laurier University

Contract Teaching Faculty (Co-Instructor with Eric Davis) 2025 – 2026
PO 389E (Municipal Law and Politics in Ontario), Wilfrid Laurier University

Teaching Assistant 2017 – 2019
POLI 210 (Political Science Research Methods), POLI 321 (Issues in Canadian Public Policy),
POLI 378 (Canadian Judicial Process), McGill University

Instructional Assistant 2016 – 2017
PO 217 (Asking Questions in Political Science: An Introduction to Research) & PO 218
(Answering Questions in Political Science: Research in Practice), Wilfrid Laurier University
○ Guest Lecturer, Intro to Survey Research and Design (120 students), 2016

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant 2020 – 2021
Dr. Wolfgang Alschner, University of Ottawa

2020 Technoship Fellow (1L Research Internship) 2020
Centre for Law, Technology and Society, University of Ottawa

Research Assistant 2019
Dr. Eric Belanger, McGill University

Research Assistant 2015-2017
Dr. Andrea Perrella & Laurier Institute for the Study of Public Opinion and Policy

ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

Peer Reviewer 2026 – Present
Ontario History Journal

Faculty Program Assembly Committee Member (Student-at-Large) 2022-2023
University of Ottawa Faculty of Law

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Faculty Hiring Committee (Student-at-Large) 2022-2023
University of Ottawa Faculty of Law

Assistant & (later) Associate Editor 2019-2021
Ottawa Law Review

Dean's Technology Fellow 2020 – 2021
University of Ottawa Faculty of Law – Common Law Section
○ This innovative project received the University's [Award for Most Innovative Project in the Provision of Distance/Online Education](#)

Conference Assistant 2018
2018 Canadian Municipal Election Study Conference

Communications Assistant 2015
Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Wilfrid Laurier University

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor (J.D.) 2019–2022
University of Ottawa

Master of Arts (M.A.) in Political Science 2017–2019
McGill University

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Political Science (Co-op) with Distinction (Hons.) 2013 –2017
Wilfrid Laurier University

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

Michelle Liu, Brittany Singh & **Giovanni Giuga**, "Pro-Pronouns: Gender Identities on Social Media, Video Conferencing, and Learning Platforms" in Nasma Ahmed, Suzie Dunn & Florian Martin-Bariteau, eds, [Can't Compute: Moving Towards an Equitable Digital World](#), (Ottawa: University of Ottawa Research Chair in Technology and Society, 2023).

Wolfgang Alschner et al, "Plain Language: Automatic Readability Assessment of Statutes" in Serena Villata, Jakub Harašta, Petr Křemen, eds, [Legal Knowledge and Information Systems - Jurix 2020: The Thirty-third Annual Conference Brno, Czech Republic, December 9–11, 2020](#), (Washington DC: IOS Press, 2020) 207.

- I was the third author (of four) on this book chapter.

Blog Posts & Legal News Articles

Eric Davis & **Giovanni Giuga**, "[Gaming a Municipal Election: The Problem with Registered Third-Party Corporations](#)" *AMCTO Municipal Monitor* (Q3 2024), 7.

***Giovanni Giuga**, "[Starving Off Copyright Trolls: An Approach to Non-Commercial Statutory Damages Reform](#)" (24 July 2022), online (blog): *Ottawa Law Review Blog*.

Giovanni Giuga & Michael Piaseczny, "[Shareholder activism during COVID-19: Bump in the road](#)" (30 May 2022), online: *The Lawyer's Daily (now Law360 Canada)*.

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Giovanni Giuga & Michael Piaseczny, “[Shareholder activism during COVID-19: Setting the stage](#)” (26 May 2022), online: *The Lawyer's Daily* (now *Law360 Canada*).

***Giovanni Giuga**, “[A Case for a Refundable Federal Political Contributions Tax Credit](#)” (12 April 2021), online (blog): *Ottawa Law Review Blog*.

Giovanni Giuga & Michael Piaseczny, “[Child access during COVID-19’s first wave in Ribeiro v. Wright: Other variables](#)” (11 January 2021), online: *The Lawyer's Daily* (now *Law360 Canada*).

Giovanni Giuga & Michael Piaseczny, “[Child access during COVID-19’s first wave in Ribeiro v. Wright: Expansion and restriction](#)” (22 December 2020), online: *The Lawyer's Daily* (now *Law360 Canada*).

***Michael J Piaseczny & Giovanni C Giuga**, “[Why it’s Unlikely that a Ruth Bader Ginsburg – Amy Coney Barrett Scenario Will Happen in Canada](#)” (26 October 2020), online (blog): *Ottawa Law Review Blog*.

Conference Presentations

Giovanni Giuga “Encouraging Affordable Housing Supply in Ontario: Expanding Development Charge Act, 1997 Exemption Provision” inaugural Emilio Binavince Student Research Colloquium, (Ottawa: University of Ottawa, 2022).

Other

Giovanni Giuga & Mallory Ament, “[Riding associations are key to Ontario Liberal’s revival](#)” (21 June 2022), online: *Toronto Star*.

CERTIFICATIONS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Barrister and Solicitor (L1) <i>Law Society of Ontario</i>	2023
Notary Public <i>Government of Ontario</i>	2023
Decolonizing the Boardroom <i>Charity Village</i>	2024
Foundations of Equity & Anti-Black Racism <i>Kojo Institute</i>	2024
Canadian Securities Course (C.S.C.) <i>Canadian Securities Institute</i>	2022 (Expired 2025)
Introduction to Gender-based Analysis Plus <i>Women and Gender Equality Canada, Government of Canada</i>	2022
Rainbow Diversity Training 101 & 201 <i>SPECTRUM: Waterloo Region’s Rainbow Community Space</i>	2022
San’yas: Indigenous Cultural Safety Training Program <i>BC Provincial Health Services Authority</i>	2019

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Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans Course on Research Ethics (TCPS: CORE) 2019
Government of Canada

Survey Design 2015
Laurier Summer Institute for Research Methods

COMMUNITY OF INVOLVEMENT

Inaugural Council Member 2026 – Present
Laurier Law Council

Trustee 2025 – Present
Waterloo Region Law Association

Board Member and Vice President 2024 – Present
Doon Pioneer Park Community Association

Board Member 2024 – 2026
Friends of the Waterloo Region Museum

○ Chair of the Grants and Sponsorship Committee
Committee Member 2023 – 2026

Waterloo Region Community Foundation's Racial Equity Fund
Board Member 2022 – 2026

SPECTRUM: Waterloo Region's Rainbow Community Space
○ Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Member

Board Member 2022 – 2026
Bridges to Belonging Waterloo Region

Committee Member 2022 – 2023
Region of Waterloo's Community Change Committee for the Upstream Fund

○ Funds community projects tackling the root causes of social and economic issues
Board Member 2015 – 2016

Wilfrid Laurier University Student's Union

MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Member, Law Society of Ontario (2023 – Present)

Member, Waterloo Region Law Association (2023 – Present)

Member, Wellington Law Association (2023 – 2026)

Member, Waterloo Historical Society (2023 – Present)

Member, Osgoode Legal History Society (2025 – Present)

Member, Ontario Historical Society (2026 – Present)

Lifetime Member, Grey County Historical Society (2025)

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AWARDS

Young Alumnus of the Year Award, Wilfrid Laurier University Alumni Association, 2025

(Co-Recipient) Clawbies Award – Best Student Projects, Canadian Law Blog Awards, 2020
(Inter Alia Editorial Board Member)

(Co-Recipient) Public Interest Fellowship, University of Ottawa, 2020

(Co-Recipient) Common Law Summer Student Fellowship, University of Ottawa, 2020

Jack and Mary Harper Memorial Scholarship, Wilfrid Laurier University, 2016

Arts Undergraduate Society (AUS) Co-Op Award, Wilfrid Laurier University, 2016

Dean's Honour List, Wilfrid Laurier University, 2014-2016

Doug and Joyce Lorimer Award, Wilfrid Laurier University, 2016