

A portrait of Josh Favel, a young man with dark hair, smiling. He is wearing a red and grey raglan shirt. The background is a colorful, abstract pattern with geometric shapes. Overlaid on the left side is a large, stylized graphic of a feather or a series of connected triangles in shades of orange, red, and white.

# INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO FACULTY OF LAW

The logo of the University of Toronto, featuring a stylized 'U' and 'T' in blue and white.

**JOSH FAVEL**  
JD CLASS OF 2019

- Poundmaker Cree First Nation
- Awarded Dean's First Year Leadership Award
- Editor-In-Chief of the Indigenous Law Journal
- Member of the Indigenous Law Students' Association
- Winner of the 2018 Callaghan Memorial Moot
- Member of the Faculty's intramural volleyball and soccer teams

# STAFF AND FACULTY SUPPORT



**AMANDA CARLING**

*Manager,  
Indigenous Initiatives*

Métis  
UofT JD, 2012

**PROF DOUGLAS  
SANDERSON**

*(Amo Binashii)*

Opaskwayak Cree  
Nation  
UofT JD, 2003  
Columbia LLM, 2004



*"I applied to U of T Law because, as a Métis woman, I wanted to attend the best law school in the country. But when I was offered a spot in the class of 2012, I hesitated to accept because I had heard rumours about how competitive U of T Law students could be. Further, I grew up in a small city and everything about moving to Toronto scared me. Despite all my concerns, I accepted the offer and, in 2009, I started my first year at U of T Law.*

*Three years flew by and while the program was challenging academically, not a day went by that I did not feel supported by the staff, faculty and my classmates. My fellow ILSA members have become a second family."*

*"Returning to the U of T as a faculty member has been a dream come true. I like to teach in the first-year program, especially the small group settings, because it gives me the chance to really get to know and engage with students. Being involved in building and shaping the Aboriginal/Indigenous law program is an honour and a privilege.*

*This is an important time in Canadian history, and the legal profession plays a vital role in working through the project of reconciliation between Indigenous and settler Canadians."*

Professor Sanderson's scholarship focuses on Aboriginal institutions, post-colonial reconciliation and rebuilding community.

Indigenous students are supported by faculty, staff, curriculum, the Indigenous Initiatives Office (IIO), the Indigenous Law Students' Association (ILSA) and the Indigenous community in Toronto and the surrounding areas.

Students forge meaningful, long-lasting and mutually beneficial relationships with each other, with members of our faculty and staff, with our alumni, and with members of Toronto's diverse urban Indigenous population.

# NOTABLE ALUMNI



## MAGGIE WENTE

Serpent River  
First Nation  
UofT LLB/MSW, 2002

Maggie is a partner at Olthuis Kleer Townshend (OKT) LLP where she has a broad practice serving First Nations governments, their related entities, businesses and not-for-profit corporations.

Maggie advises on Treaty and Aboriginal rights in litigation and negotiation, the duty to consult and accommodate, Indian Act matters, reserve land management, and First Nations governance. Maggie also provides employment, labour and human rights advice to OKT's clients.

## MARGARET FROH

Métis  
UofT LLB, 1996



Margaret is the first woman to serve as President of the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO).

Margaret decided to pursue a law degree after volunteering on a legal defence committee for Mary Pitawanakwat, an Ontario Ojibway-Potawatomi woman who was fighting discrimination within the federal public service.

Margaret has spent her career working on behalf of Métis, First Nations and Inuit peoples including acting as Aboriginal Issues Coordinator for the Law Society of Upper Canada.



## HOW TO APPLY

Indigenous applicants can apply to the JD program through the general or Indigenous applicant category. For a detailed description of our admissions policies, procedures and requirements, visit the **JD Admissions page of the Faculty of Law website**.

## WIYASIEWIN MIKIWAHP NATIVE LAW CENTRE SUMMER PROGRAM

- U of T Law strongly encourages incoming Indigenous students to attend this summer preparatory program offered in Saskatchewan.
- Funding to help cover the cost of attending may be available.
- Students who successfully complete the program will enter first year with the mandatory property class completed.

We wish to acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto operates. For thousands of years it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.



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