



British  
High Commission  
Ottawa



## **Biographies**

### **Andras Vamos-Goldman**

Andras Vamos-Goldman is the Executive Director of Justice Rapid Response (JRR), an intergovernmental stand-by facility of active duty criminal justice experts who have been specifically trained in international investigations, and who are readily deployable at the request of the international community in situations where human rights and international criminal law violations may have occurred. Mr. Vamos-Goldman is a Canadian diplomat, whose career included assignments to the East African countries of Kenya, Uganda and Somalia; Washington DC; the United Nations in New York (where he served as both political coordinator and legal adviser); as well as Deputy High Commissioner to South Africa. He has also worked as a private international law attorney; as a consultant with the United Nations and the International Criminal Court (ICC); and as law and policy adviser to the CEO of the University of British Columbia's Liu Institute for Global Initiative.

Mr. Vamos-Goldman's involvement with international criminal justice goes back to the late 1990s. He was on the Bureau of the ICC Preparatory Committee in the years immediately prior to the coming into force of the Rome Statute. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Sierra Leone Special Court, becoming the founding Chair of its Management Committee. He has been involved with JRR from its conception and helped to develop it to becoming a fully operational intergovernmental facility.

Mr. Vamos-Goldman has a BA and LLB from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada and an LLM in international and comparative law from Georgetown University in Washington DC. He is a member of both the Law Society of Upper Canada and the New York Bar. Mr. Vamos-Goldman is married to Afshan Khan, CEO of Women for Women International.

### **Rouben Khatchadourian**

Rouben Khatchadourian is a career diplomat and joined Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) in 1996. Since September 2010, he leads the Political and Foreign Policy team as the Counsellor (Political) at the Canadian High Commission in London. Prior to his London posting, Rouben led the Canadian G8 Presidency Summit Policy Unit, directly supporting Canada's Sherpa and the Prime Minister's Office in policy formulation and negotiations for the G8 & G20 summits between 2008 and 2010 – a time of considerable activity on the global governance stage. During Canada's 2010 G8 Presidency, as Chair of the Maternal Health Working Group, Rouben also played a lead part in negotiating the multi-billion dollar Muskoka Maternal and Child Health Initiative. Prior assignments in Ottawa include various policy and negotiations roles, including as Director of Policy for the Americas Strategy Taskforce, and as a Deputy Director in the Trade Policy Branch responsible for free trade agreements. Other foreign postings include Riyadh, Amman, and Beijing. Prior to joining DFAIT, Rouben was commissioned in the Canadian Forces as a combat engineer officer and his military service included a stint with NATO forces in Bosnia (IFOR). Rouben is a graduate of the Hautes Etudes Commerciales (HEC Montreal) and the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).

### **Clive Wright**

On 10 May 2013, Clive Wright ended a four-year tour as head of the Foreign Policy Team in the British High Commission in Ottawa, Canada. He joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1977. Clive has served in a variety of roles in Turkey, Libya, Egypt, Qatar, South Africa, Austria and the United States, as well as in the FCO in London on several occasions over the past 35 years, and to where he now returns. During his last tour in London, Clive led the UK delegation to the Kimberley Process negotiation, an international agreement that broke the link between rough diamonds and the funding of civil wars in various parts of Africa. His previous overseas tour before Ottawa, in Washington DC, involved transatlantic aviation security policy. In Ottawa he led a team that monitored and reported on Canadian foreign policy priorities, as well as providing the Government in Ottawa with background on UK priorities.

### **Dr. Steve Hewitt**

Dr. Steve Hewitt is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of American and Canadian Studies at the University of Birmingham and the author of a number of books and articles related to security and intelligence. He is also President of the British Association for Canadian Studies (BACS).

#### **Dr. Catherine O'Rourke**

Dr Catherine O'Rourke is Lecturer in Human Rights and International Law and Gender Research Coordinator at the Transitional Justice Institute, University of Ulster. Her forthcoming monograph *Gender Politics in Transitional Justice* (Routledge, 2013) examines feminist engagement with, and gendered outcomes of, transitional justice in Chile, Northern Ireland, and Colombia. She was recently commissioned (with TJI colleagues Professor Fionnuala Ní Aoláin and Dr Aisling Swaine) to conduct a UN study on reparations for conflict-related sexual violence. She has a broad interest in the impact of international law on domestic gender politics. Her research with Christine Bell on the impact of UNSC Resolution 1325 on peace agreements is being used extensively by the United Nations and women's NGOs in the measurement and evaluation of the UN's Women, Peace and Security agenda. She is active in local feminist advocacy in Belfast and is a member of the steering group of the Irish feminist peace initiative Hanna's House.

#### **Prof. Marilyn Booth**

Marilyn Booth holds the Iraq Chair in Arabic and Islamic Studies at the University of Edinburgh and has just ended three years as head of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies; she also directs the RCUK-funded Centre for the Advanced Study of the Arab World (CASAW). She is currently writing two books on early feminist writing in Egypt (1880s-1930s). She edited *Harem Histories: Envisioning Places and Living Spaces* (2010), and a special issue of *Journal of Women's History* on 'Women's autobiography in the Middle East and South Asia' (2013). Her literary translations comprise 14 translations of novels, short story collections and memoir. Her most recent monograph is *May Her Likes Be Multiplied: Biography and Gender Politics in Egypt*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 2001. She is Middle East and Europe regional editor for the Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures (EWIC).

#### **Dr. Avila Kilmurray**

Avila Kilmurray has been Director of the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland since 1994. Previously she was Regional Coordinator of the Rural Action Project (NI) – an EU Anti-Poverty initiative – and Development Officer with the Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action. In 1990, Avila was appointed the first Women's Officer for the Amalgamated Transport & General Workers' Union (now Unite). She served on the Northern Ireland Committee of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU) and on the Executive Council of the ICTU. Avila has long been active in the Women's Movement and was a founder member of the Northern Ireland Women's Coalition. Avila has written extensively on Community Development, Women's Issues and Conflict Transformation. The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland was a founder member of the Foundations for Peace Network, a peer network of independent indigenous funders working in contested societies. Avila currently serves on the Northern Ireland Committee of the Heritage Lottery Fund; she is a Board member of the Global Fund for Community Foundations; a member of the Working Group for Philanthropy for Social Justice and Peace; and a recently appointed Board member of Conciliation Resources. Avila has a PhD from the Institute of Governance, Queens University Belfast.

#### **Prof. Patrick James**

PATRICK JAMES is Dornsife Dean's Professor of International Relations and Director of the Center for International Studies at the University of Southern California (PhD, University of Maryland, College Park). James specializes in comparative and international politics. His interests at the international level include the causes, processes and consequences of conflict, crisis and war. With regard to domestic politics, his interests focus on Canada, most notably with respect to the constitutional dilemma. James is the author or editor of 22 books and over 120 articles and book chapters. Among his honors and awards are the Louise Dyer Peace Fellowship from the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, the Milton R. Merrill Chair from Political Science at Utah State University, the Lady Davis Professorship of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Thomas Enders Professorship in Canadian Studies at the University of Calgary, the Senior Scholar award from the Canadian Embassy, Washington, DC, the Eaton Lectureship at Queen's University in Belfast, the Quincy Wright Scholar Award from the Midwest International Studies Association (ISA), the Beijing Foreign Studies University Eminent Scholar, the Eccles Professor of the British Library, and the Official Faculty Visitor at Nuffield College, Oxford University. He is a past president of the Midwest ISA and the Iowa Conference of Political Scientists. James has been Distinguished Scholar in Foreign Policy Analysis for the ISA, 2006-07, and Distinguished Scholar in Ethnicity, Nationalism and Migration for ISA, 2009-10. He served as President, 2007-09, of the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States, and Vice-President (2008-09) of the ISA. He is serving President of the International Council for Canadian Studies for 2011-13. James also served a five-year term as Editor of *International Studies Quarterly*.

#### **Dr. Johanne Devlin-Trew**

Dr Johanne Devlin Trew is lecturer in the School of Criminology, Politics and Social Policy at the University of Ulster, Jordans-town and is the author of *"Leaving the North: Migration and Memory, Northern Ireland, 1921-2011"* (Liverpool, in press, 2013) and *"Place, Culture and Community: The Irish Heritage of the Ottawa Valley"* (Newcastle, 2009). She taught previously at Memorial University of Newfoundland and Concordia University, Montreal.

# Canada