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## **Reconciling Indigenous Legal Systems and Administrative Law**

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#### **Dr. Val Napoleon (Director and Co-Founder, ILRU)**



As Director and co-founder of ILRU, Dr. Val Napoleon is responsible for the vision and direction of ILRU, and bridging the work of ILRU with University of Victoria's Faculty of Law and beyond through teaching, writing and public engagement. She is also a principal investigator on ILRU's projects.

Val is Cree from Saulteau First Nation and an adopted member of the Gitanyow [northern Gitksan].

#### **Dr. Rebecca Johnson (Associate Director, ILRU)**



As Associate Director of ILRU, Dr. Rebecca Johnson is responsible for the vision and direction of ILRU, and bridging the work of ILRU with University of Victoria's Faculty of Law and beyond through teaching, writing and public engagement. She is also a principal investigator on ILRU's projects.

Rebecca is a settler born in Treaty 7 Territory. She spent—and continues to spend—her summers in Secwepemcúl'ecw. She is fortunate and grateful to live on the unceded territories of the ɫə́kʷəŋən and the ƳSÁNEĆ peoples.

### **Jessica Asch (Research Director, ILRU)**



As Research Director of ILRU, Jessica Asch is responsible for the vision and direction of ILRU's research, and serving as project lead and senior researcher on its projects. She is also responsible for supervising the day-to-day operations at ILRU, including all students and staff. Jessica also teaches, and facilitates workshops and presentations at the law school, as part of ILRU projects, and in the broader community.

Jessica is a settler from Treaty 6 Territory. She is fortunate and grateful to live on the unceded territories of the ɫə́kwəŋən and the W̱SÁNEĆ peoples.

### **Tara Williamson (Research Director, ILRU)**



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Tara is a member of the Opaskwayak Cree Nation and was raised in Gaabishkigamaag (Swan Lake, Manitoba). She is fortunate and grateful to live on the unceded territories of the ɫə́kwəŋən and the W̱SÁNEĆ peoples

### **Brooke Edmonds (Coordinator, ILRU)**



As Coordinator of ILRU, Brooke Edmonds works collaboratively with the ILRU team, community partners, and the UVic community to facilitate the ILRU's vision and goals. She is ILRU's lead on outreach, communications and publications, and also facilitates workshops and presentation as part of ILRU's projects and in the broader community.

Brooke is a visitor from te Whānau-ā-Apanui located in Aotearoa (New Zealand). She currently lives on the unceded territories of the ɫə́kwəŋən and the W̱SÁNEĆ peoples.

## Dr. Janna Promislow



Dr. Janna Promislow is an Associate Professor at the University of Victoria (UVic). Before teaching administrative law at UVic, Janna clerked with the Law Courts of Alberta, and practiced law with Davis & Company in the Northwest Territories, where she served Sahtú communities addressing land claims implementation issues and residential schools claims. In a break from graduate studies, she worked as a policy advisor for the Government of Ontario on consultation with Indigenous communities.

Janna's teaching and research interests encompass constitutional and administrative law, Aboriginal law, colonial legal history, Indigenous-settler relations and treaties, Indigenous law, and legal pluralism. She has published on Aboriginal administrative law, treaty relationships and interpretation, and the historical development of intersocietal law between Indigenous and European fur traders.