

And the seed of a bequest sprouted:



**The Wainwright
collection of the
Nahum Gelber
Law Library at
McGill University**

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McGill University, Montreal, Canada



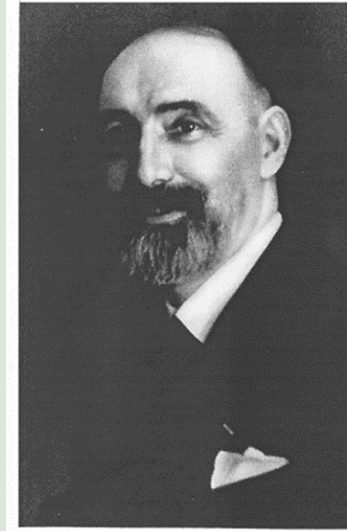
Arnold Wainwright, Q.C. 1879-1967

McGill University Professor Emeritus

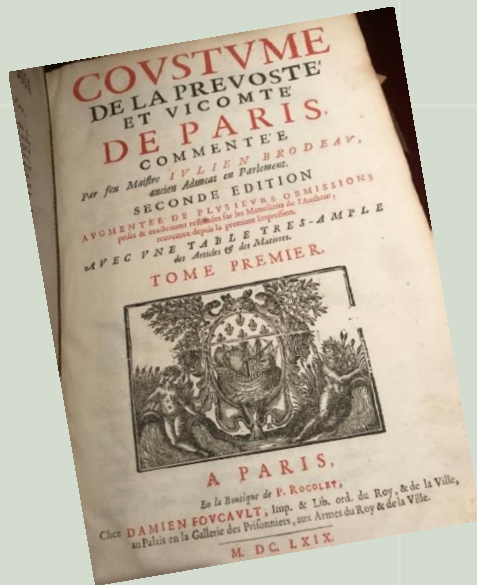


François-Jean-Marie Olivier-Martin 1879-1952

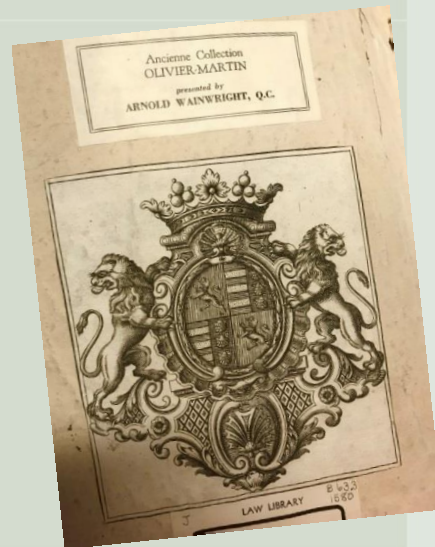
Leading authority on French pre-revolutionary law



“My hope is that the collection would encourage graduate and undergraduate research into the Quebec Civil Code” A. Wainwright



Montreal



France

The formal presentation of the Olivier-Martin collection to the Faculty by Me. Wainwright





Upon his death in 1967, Arnold Wainwright bequeathed the residue of his estate to McGill University for the benefit of the Faculty of Law, to promote the scholarly study of the Civil Law of Quebec

innovative partnership



- **Wainwright Lectures Series**
- **Wainwright Fellowships**
- **Wainwright Professorship of Civil Law**
- **Wainwright Legal Essay Competition**
- **Wainwright Scholarships for law students**
- **Wainwright Library Fund**

«Un des grands trésors du patrimoine national français hors de l'Hexagone, au même titre que les impressionnistes au Met »



1998 Nahum Gelber Law Library



**Peter M. Laing Special
Collections Room**

BCL/LLB Program at GLANCE

- **Two** law degrees received upon completion of the program – LLB (equivalent to a JD) and BCL
- **3,3.5 or 4** years of full time studies
- Integrated approach that combines civil law and common law

1999 McGill Program → Trans-systemic and bilingual

Development of a library collection

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Wainwright Librarian



Wainwright Lectures Series

- 1973 inauguration of the Wainwright Lecture Series
- “The Wainwright Lectures are an important part of the intellectual life of this faculty and have contributed substantially to the flourishing civil law tradition in Quebec.”
(Judge Nicolas Kasirer)





The 2019 Wainwright Lecture



Wainwright Legal Essay Competition

- 1975 Created to honour the memory of the late Arnold Wainwright, Q.C.
- To promote the research into the evolution and influence of the Civil Law particularly in Canada

Elisabeth Beauchamp 2017-2018	« Existe-t-il un 'droit à l'enfant' en droit québécois? »
Suzanne Zaccour 2016-2017	« Justice contractuelle et gestation pour autrui: critique féministe d'une proposition de réforme du droit de la famille québécois en matière de gestation pour autrui. »
Alexis Ringue 2015-2016	« Le Nouveau Code de procédure civile du Québec: vers un rééquilibrage du balancier de la mixité du droit processuel. »
Daniel Wilband 2014-2015	« Civil Injunctions as a Shield for Labour. »
Caroline Bélaire 2013-2014	« Adapter la servitude de conservation québécoise aux besoins en matière de protection des milieux naturels. »
Etienne Cossette-Lefebvre 2012-2013	« Faute et atteinte illicite: de la spécificité de l'article 49 de la Charte par rapport aux recours généraux en responsabilité civile. »
Gordon Mason 2011-2012	« Methodology of Equity and the Equity in Methodology : An Analysis of the Application of Good Faith in Contract Law. »



Wainwright Fellowship

“Wainwright research grants are available for the promotion of the Civil Law, in accordance with the terms of the will of Arnold Wainwright. The notion of Civil Law is to be interpreted widely and extends to fields such as Commercial Law, Civil Procedure, Maritime Law, Private International Law and Comparative Law, provided that it encompasses the Civil Law as a major element”

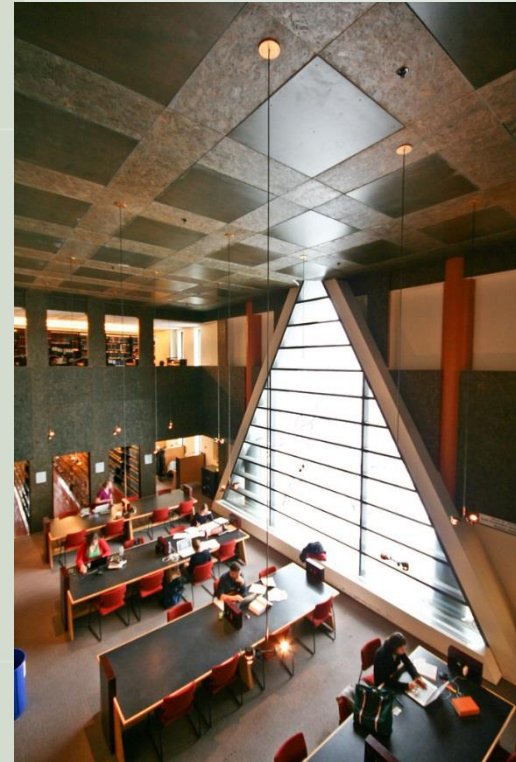
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Professor Paul-André
Crépeau
(1926-2011)

Wainwright Graduate Scholarships

- 1993-1994 creation of the Wainwright Graduate Scholarships
- A Granting Policy and Criteria for Civil Law Research Grants is adopted by the Wainwright Committee



Wainwright Undergraduate Scholarship



Wainwright Scholarships and Bursaries awarded to undergraduates of promise having distinguished scholastic records.

Remarkable law scholars with research interests in civil law and comparative law

Wainwright Chair



Daniel Jutras

Full Professor
Wainwright
Chair in Civil
Law

Wainwright Visitor



In residence at the Centre for Private
and Comparative Law to conduct
research into Civil and Comparative
Law



mcgill.ca/wainwright/library

Wainwright Collection today consists of over 3000 volumes, (approximately 1700 titles)

Established criteria

Reflects the global influence of civil law across continents, its historic evolution, as well as its linguistic diversity

Wainwright monograph acquisitions

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Picture of reading hall by Scott Norsworthy

