And the seed of a bequest sprouted:

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

Sonia Smith. Librarian. Nahum Gelber Law Library. 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
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 »
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**

Wainwright Librarian
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

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https://www.mcgill.ca/wainwright/grants

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

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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
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