

Kira Davidson

Kira received her Juris Doctor with distinction from the University of Alberta in 2020. As a law student, Kira worked as a research assistant to two professors at the Faculty of Law, conducting research into topics of public international law and anti-corruption law. She also acted as co-chair of the Women's Law Forum Speaker Series Committee to coordinate the club's 2019/2020 installation of its annual symposium, and as a contributor to ReconciliACTION YEG, the Faculty of Law's student-run blog on Indigenous rights and reconciliation in Canada.

After graduating from the University of Alberta, Kira earned her Master of Laws (LLM) in Human Rights with distinction from the University of Edinburgh. There, she interned with Engender, a Scottish feminist policy organization, writing her dissertation on the feminist value of the UK's Human Rights Act during a time when the future of the Act was under review by the UK's Conservative government.

Prior to joining the Centre for Constitutional Studies in March 2025, Kira articulated with the British Columbia Law Institute in Vancouver. She was called to the bar as a member of the Law Society of British Columbia in May 2024. In joining the Centre as its new Public Legal Education Coordinator, Kira is returning to her home province of Alberta and the University of Alberta Faculty of Law, where her legal research and educational career began.

Kira's constitutional interests are particularly focused on the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and she is excited to lead the Centre's public initiatives teaching the public about their rights under this document. Outside of work, Kira is a keen reader and is partial to classic literature, political non-fiction, and poetry.

Aleena Reitsma

Aleena Reitsma, M.S.W., J.D., completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Alberta. Thereafter, she moved to Toronto to undertake a joint Masters of Social Work (MSW) and Juris Doctor (JD). Aleena articulated with the Ministry of the Attorney General in Toronto, and then served as a Legal Fellow and Assistant Field Officer with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Ghana (UNHCR). Following her return to

Canada, Aleena worked with Legal Aid Saskatchewan (LAS) in Meadow Lake where she indicates she gained a true appreciation for the importance of the *Charter*.

Aleena brings a wealth of experience and an abundance of enthusiasm to her position with the Centre. She looks forward to engaging with the faculty, the public, and to coordinating the Centre's many education projects.