

# RORY BANFALVI

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## EDUCATION

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**Henry N.R. Jackman Faculty of Law, University of Toronto**, Toronto ON Sept. 2025 – present  
*Candidate for Juris Doctor, 2028*

**University of Toronto (St. George Campus)**, Toronto ON Sept. 2021 – Jun. 2025  
*Honours Bachelor of Arts in Gender Studies and Ethics, Society & Law*

Selected Awards:

- Best Degree in Arts, awarded to graduating University College student with highest CGPA (Apr. 2025)
- New College Student Leadership Award in Women and Gender Studies (Apr. 2025)
- Criminal Justice Association of Ontario Award, recognizing community involvement and exceptional academic performance in the field of criminal justice (Dec. 2024)
- Howard Ferguson Scholarship, recurring award for academic excellence (Oct. 2022 – Apr. 2025)

Theses:

- No Time Like the Present: Why Ontario Courts are Ready for a *Tanudjaja et al.* 2.0. (2025)
- Tell Us About a Time You Overcame Adversity: The Neoliberalization of U.S. College Admissions in the Post-Affirmative Action World (2024)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**University of Toronto Women & Gender Studies Institute**, Toronto ON Sept. 2023–May 2025  
*Founding Editor-in-Chief, Generations: Women & Gender Studies Undergraduate Journal*

- Critically reviewed submitted manuscripts for cogency, relevance, and accuracy of research
- Delegated tasks to editorial team of seven copy editors and two managing editors

**University of Toronto Faculty of Arts & Science**, Toronto ON Oct. 2022 – Jun. 2023  
*Alumni Relations and Advancement Assistant*

- Leveraged administrative software to track alumni engagement with UofT campaigns and events
- Researched international venues for alumni appreciation and donor stewardship events

**Osgoode Hall Law Professional Development**, Toronto ON May 2022 – Aug. 2022  
*Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop (ITAW) Program Coordinator*

- Coordinated 6-day, dual delivery, intensive trial skills program for lawyers with 2-5 years of experience
- Updated instructional materials, topics included: examinations, expert witnesses, and impeachments

**Professor Lorne Tepperman**, Toronto ON Sept. 2021 – Dec. 2021  
*Editorial Assistant*

- Invited by Professor Tepperman to edit sociology textbook “Real Life Sociology”
- Critically reviewed 8 chapters for content, contemporary relevance, and presentation of information

## VOLUNTEER AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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**David Asper Centre for Constitutional Rights**, Toronto ON Sept. 2025 – present  
*Working Group Member: Charter Issues in AI and Predictive Policing*

- Conduct literature review regarding data-scraping and potential *Charter* breaches
- Research and draft memo outlining the evolution of s.8 search and seizure frameworks since 2020

**Law in Action Within Schools (LAWS)**, Toronto ON Sept. 2025 – present  
*Materials Developer*

- Author instructional trial advocacy guides for students and volunteers at participating LAWS schools
- Design fact patterns and create evidence for in-class mock trial programming

**Trial & Error Mock Trial Bootcamp**, Toronto ON

Aug. 2022 – present

*Co-Founder & Executive Director*

- Designed 5-week asynchronous mock trial summer program for high school and undergraduate students
- Authored 150+ pages of instructional materials for trial and appellate advocacy

**ORAL ADVOCACY**

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**Drexel Kline and UCLA Law's Trial by Combat Mock Trial Competition**, Philadelphia, PA

Jun. 2025

*Trial-By-Combat Champion*

- Earned 1st place at 2025 One-on-One Collegiate Mock Trial National Championship, earning title of best undergraduate mock trial competitor in the U.S. and Canada
- Prepared municipal negligence case in less than 24 hours, arguing for both plaintiff and defendant

**University of Toronto American Mock Trial Program**, Toronto ON

May 2022 – Jun. 2025

*Program Director and Team Captain*

- Coached two teams through advanced US federal evidence procedure and trial advocacy skills
- Led A-team from unranked in 2022 to ranked 32 out of 750+ teams in 2025

**University of Toronto Mock Trial**, Toronto ON

Sept. 2021 – Apr. 2025

*Mock Trial Competitor*

- 2025 All-American Defense Attorney, awarded to top 0.005% of competitors across the U.S. and Canada
- Competed in 24 tournaments, earning 18 team recognitions and 12 individual best-attorney awards
- Presented opening and closing statements and performed cross and direct examinations before a judge in complex civil and criminal trial simulations
- Topics included: pharmaceutical kick-backs, the slayer rule, conspiracy, and employer negligence

**Lion's Cup National Undergraduate Mooting Competition**, Toronto ON

Jun. 2023 – Jun. 2024

*Mooter*

- Presented oral arguments before judges as appellant and respondent in two criminal-constitutional moots
- Placed 6th in 2024, mooting *R. v. Bykovets*, and placed 2nd in 2023, mooting *R. v. Beaver*
- Awarded 3rd overall oralist prize in 2023

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

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“The Professor's Tools Will Never Dismantle the Professor's House,” Rory Banfalvi, (2024) 1.1.1: Generations: The Woman & Gender Studies Undergraduate Journal at 12.

“Violence as Morally Justified to Achieve Queer Liberation: Eudaimonia and Burdened Virtue Theory,” Rory Banfalvi, (2024) Mindful: Journal of Ethics at 6.

“Putting the Partial in Impartiality: The Necessity of Embodied Adjudication,” Rory Banfalvi, (2023) 1.8.1: University of Toronto Undergraduate Law Journal at 11.

“When Marvel's Project Insight Becomes a Reality: Positivism Versus Critical Race Theory on AI Driven Predictive Policing Algorithms,” Rory Banfalvi, (2022) 1.7.1: University of Toronto Undergraduate Law Journal at 24.

**SKILLS AND INTERESTS**

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Conversational French, learning Dutch and Hungarian. Avid Texas hold'em player and pilates-goer. Interests include formula 1 racing, baking “everything but the kitchen sink” cookies, and musical theatre.