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Education

2014-2017 **MD, McMaster University**
2008-2011 **JD, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto**
2003-2007 **BA (First Class Honours), Philosophy, University of Alberta**
2000-2003 **National Theatre School of Canada, Montréal**

Professional Memberships

2022 **Fellow, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada**
2017 **College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario**
2017 **Called to the Bar of Alberta (Law Society of Alberta)**
2012 **Called to the Bar of Ontario (Law Society of Ontario)**

Academic Awards and Achievements

2020 CAMH Emergency Dept. Masters of Interprofessional Collaboration (MICE) Award
2017 Valedictorian (Elected), McMaster University Medical Class of 2017
2011 Valedictorian (Elected), University of Toronto Faculty of Law Class of 2011
2011 Top Team, Wilson Moot (Constitutional Law and Equality)
2010 Outstanding Performance, 2010 Summerworks Performance Festival, Now Magazine
2009 Second Place Oralist, Cassels Brock Moot
2005 Roscoe Robinson Miller Scholarship, University of Alberta
2004-2006 Jason Laing Scholarship, University of Alberta
2004 Best Cultural Performance, Western Canada Eritrean Festival, Saskatoon
2004 Roger S. Smith Undergraduate Student Researcher Award, University of Alberta
2003 Royettes Scholarship, National Theatre School of Canada

Forensic and Medico-Legal Experience

Forensic psychiatry experience as a psychiatry resident includes management and treatment of patients detained under the Ontario Review Board at a forensic facility, testifying at review board and Consent and Capacity Board Hearings, conducting NCR, fitness to stand trial, and mental health diversion assessments, and drafting associated reports.

Medico-legal experience includes conducting healthcare and financial capacity assessments, mental health assessments and report writing for immigration lawyers at the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture, and safety assessments under the Mental Health Act of Ontario.

Work Experience

Present Psychiatrist and lawyer in independent practice. Psychiatric practice includes a combination of rural hospital locum services, psychotherapy, and providing psychiatric assessments in various areas of the legal system.

**July 2017-
July 2022** **Resident physician in psychiatry, University of Toronto**
Diagnosis and treatment of patients in various settings including inpatient, outpatient, and emergency departments in various hospitals and facilities. Experience in child/adolescent,

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adult, geriatric, and forensic psychiatry. Individual and group psychotherapy practice including psychodynamic psychotherapy, interpersonal psychotherapy, cognitive behavioural therapy, group psychotherapy, and supportive counselling. Resident rotations have included the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture, University Health Network, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Mount Sinai Hospital, St. Michael's Hospital, St. Joseph's Health Centre, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, and Humber River Hospital.

- Nov 2012-
June 2014 **Staff Lawyer (Criminal Law Duty Counsel), Legal Aid Ontario**
Conducted bail hearings, negotiations, guilty pleas, and sentencing submissions in provincial criminal court.
- July 2011-
May 2012 **Articling Student, Cavalluzzo Hayes Shilton McIntyre & Cornish LLP**
Conducted legal research and writing, and preparation of facts and evidence for court, arbitration, and labour board hearings for a leading social justice law firm. Provided representation at an administrative tribunal.
- May-
August 2010 **Summer Law Student, African Canadian Legal Clinic**
Conducted legal research and writing, client interviews, summary advice, and assistance with human rights tribunal hearings and mediations.
- May-
August 2009 **Caseworker, Downtown Legal Services, University of Toronto Faculty of Law**
Provided representation, preparation, and advice for criminal trials, pretrial negotiations, sentencing submissions, and peace bond matters, as well as university disciplinary proceedings.
- 2004-2005 **Research Assistant, CRC Humanities Computing Studio, University Alberta**
Developed a database of Eritrean/Ethiopian literature and art, conducted interviews, and translated folklore from Tigrinya and French to English.
www.eritreanprintandoralculture.ca

Publications

Sedqizadah S, Ghebrehariat L, Weersink KT, Fisman DN, Naidoo KA. Involuntary isolation: interpreting mental health legislation during the COVID-19 pandemic. Br J Psychiatry. 2021 Nov 219(5):575-577.

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35048823/>

Butt, H, Ghebrehariat L, Stephens G, "Resident doctors are humans, not heroes: It's time to abolish 26-hour shifts," Healthy Debate, February 12, 2021

<https://healthydebate.ca/2021/02/topic/abolish-26-hour-shifts/>

Research Projects and Presentations

"Mental Health at Work: Critical Perspectives", Critical Psychiatry Reading and Discussion Group, November 22, 2021

"Involuntary Detention of Children and Youth: Legal and Social Considerations", Grand Rounds Presentation at Youthdale Treatment Centre, May 17, 2021

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“Challenges at the Intersection of Law and Medicine in Mental Health”, webinar panel discussion, University of Ottawa Centre for Health Law, Policy and Ethics, March 19, 2021

“Depression In It’s Many Forms”, presentation at TAIBU Community Health Centre, February 2, 2019

“Narrative Psychiatry and Richard Rorty”, Research Elective Paper, February 2017

“The ‘Moral Adventure’ of Forensic Psychiatry in the Immigration Context”, Research Elective Paper, November 2017

“Meaningful Work: The Politics and Philosophy of Workplace Mental Health”, December 2018 Grand Rounds Presentation, University Health Network, Toronto

Witness at the House of Commons Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights, Regarding Bill C-4, an Act to Amend the Youth Criminal Justice Act, June 1, 2010
<https://www.ourcommons.ca/DocumentViewer/en/40-3/JUST/meeting-20/notice>

Extra-Curricular Activities and Community Involvement

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| 2020-2021 | Member of the Board of Directors of The Theatre Centre, Toronto |
| 2018-2021 | Co-founder and co-facilitator, Critical Psychiatry Reading and Discussion Group, Toronto |
| 2016 | Master of Ceremonies, Pegasus Conference Welcome Reception
Provided entertainment for a conference about peace, global health, and sustainable solutions. |
| 2014 | Writer, director, and performer of “Lwam is Eritrea’s Greatest Hockey Player”
Prepared and performed a solo stand up comedy show in the 2014 Toronto Fringe Festival. |
| 2013 | Volunteer, Ontario Justice Education Network, Toronto
Mentored and tutored high school students in preparation for a mock trial before a Superior Court Judge. |
| 2013 | Master of Ceremonies, Black Law Students Association of Canada Annual Conference Gala, Ottawa |
| 2012 | Organizer and co-host, “The Frivolous and Vexatious Show”, Toronto
Ontario Bar Association Young Lawyers' Division Comedy Night |
| May-August 2010 | Actor, “Homegrown”, Summerworks Performance Festival, Toronto
Rehearsed and performed a lead role in a play about criminal justice. |
| April-May 2010 | Actor, “Out the Window”, Theatre Centre, Toronto
Rehearsed and performed several roles in a play about criminal justice, police conduct, and mental health issues. |

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- 2009-2011 **Facilitator, Theatre Workshop, Global Citizenship Conference, LAWS program, University of Toronto Faculty of Law**
Developed and facilitated theatre workshops to for high school students on the topics of social justice and global citizenship.
- 2008-2011 **Volunteer and division leader, Downtown Legal Services, University of Toronto**
Represented clients in criminal court and academic offence matters. Mentored junior law students.

Media

“Pandemic truths in a viral tweet: One resident psychiatrist on the strength, exhaustion and resilience of healthcare workers,” CBC Metro Morning, <https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1958023235987>,

Williams, Wesley, “Lwam is Eritrea’s Greatest Hockey Player (Lwam Ghebrehariat) 2014 Toronto Fringe Review.” *Mooney on Theatre*, July 6, 2014.
<https://www.mooneyontheatre.com/2014/07/06/lwam-is-eritreas-greatest-hockey-player-lwam-ghebrehariat-2014-toronto-fringe-review/>

D’Orazio, Olivia, “A Courtroom Drama.” *Canadian Lawyer Magazine*, March 18, 2011. <https://www.canadianlawyermag.com/news/general/a-courtroom-drama/268153>

Gergin, Maria, “Homegrown.” *Precedent Magazine*, August 20 2010.
http://lawandstyle.ca/style/theatre_review_homegrown/

Other Skills and Interests:

Conversant in French, Tigrinya, and Spanish.

References are available upon request.