

Researchers

Ronald A. Kuipers

Ronald is the Director of the Centre for Philosophy, Religion, and Social Ethics and Associate Professor of the Philosophy of Religion at the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto. His academic scholarship seeks to understand and explore contemporary religious life in conversation with the intellectual traditions of American pragmatism, critical theory, and hermeneutics. His research and teaching focus on the continuing social and political relevance of religious life patterns in pluralistic Western societies, and asks how this cultural context shapes the different ways that religion comes to expression today. He is the author of *Critical Faith: Toward a Renewed Understanding of Religious Life and its Public Accountability* (Rodopi, 2002), and, most recently, [Richard Rorty](#) (Bloomsbury, 2013), a volume in Bloomsbury's Contemporary American Thinkers series. Read Ron's full bio [here](#).



Allyson Carr

Allyson is the Associate Director of the Centre for Philosophy, Religion and Social Ethics at the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto, Ontario. She received her PhD in May of 2012, with work focusing on how narrative has been used to argue for social transformation. Questions of justice and faith have been a focus of hers for the last several years, particularly as she seeks to study ways in which we can shape our communities to allow for common and shared flourishing. When not at work or research, Allyson enjoys tending her garden, writing, and spending time with her family.








Joanna Ochocka

Joanna is Executive Director of the Centre for Community Based Research and an adjunct associate professor in the Department of Sociology and at Renison University College at University of Waterloo, and in the MA and PhD program in Community Psychology at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. She received an Award for Teaching Excellence from Wilfrid Laurier University in 2005.

Joanna is one of the leaders in the use of participatory action research approach and she practices community based research as a tool to mobilize people for social change.



<p>Joanna's research and action has focused on community mental health for people with serious mental health issues, on cultural diversity and immigration and on community supports for marginalized populations. Read Joanna's full bio here.</p>	
<p>Rich Janzen Rich has worked at CCBR since 1996, becoming Research Director in 2004. Rich sees research as a tool for social innovation and change - to find new ways of bringing people who are on the edge of society to live within community as full and equal members. Rich has an academic background in community psychology and religious studies. He is an adjunct assistant professor at Renison University College at the University of Waterloo. Read Rich's full bio here.</p>	
<p>Steve van de Hoef Steve works as the Justice and Faith Project Coordinator for the Christian Reformed Church. He has worked with the CRC's Canadian since 2010, engaging and supporting churches in their response to God's call to justice and reconciliation. Steve completed a Master of Worldview Studies at the ICS in 2008, and completed a Master of Public Health (Health Promotion) in 2012, with an internship at the Centre for Community Based Research. Steve balances his time between this project and working as a stay at home dad.</p>	
<p>Research Assistants</p>	
<p>Joshua Harris Joshua is a first-year PhD student at the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto, where his research addresses problems in philosophy of language, metaphysics and philosophy of economics. The <i>Justice and Faith</i> project is important to these lines of research because it provides a sorely-needed opportunity to work through some key concepts sustaining contemporary Western liberal-democratic economies (including the concepts of "justice", "freedom" and "value", especially) at</p>	

<p>their most fundamental levels from a distinctly <i>Christian</i> perspective.</p>	
<p>Héctor Alfonso Acero Ferrer Héctor is currently pursuing a Master of Philosophy at the Institute for Christian Studies and working as a research assistant for the Centre for Philosophy, Religion, Society and Ethics. Originally from Bogota, Héctor began undergraduate studies in philosophy at the National University of Colombia, transferring to the University of Toronto to complete his Honours Bachelor of Arts. He also holds a Master of Divinity and a Bachelor of Sacred Theology from the Toronto School of Theology, Regis College. While at TST, Héctor was actively involved as a student representative, serving as president of the Regis College Student Council. Parallel to his studies, Héctor has worked for several non-for-profit, faith-based organizations dedicated to social justice and education including, Fontbonne Ministries, Scarboro Foreign Missions, and the Newman Centre Catholic Mission. Héctor’s research interests include philosophy of language, the intersection of faith and society, and current trends in Latin American theology.</p>	
<p>Student Interns</p>	
<p>Isaiah Boronka Isaiah Boronka was born and raised in the Kitchener-Waterloo area. A graduate of Emmanuel Bible College he is currently pursuing graduate studies at the University of Waterloo. He is passionate about expressing his faith through the pursuit of justice and is thus thrilled to be part of this project. Although identifying himself as an Anabaptist he is currently participating in a CRC missional community in his neighbourhood.</p>	
<p>Jason Durst I am a 23-year-old student at Queen’s University completing my Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Psychology. I have a passion for helping those that are victimized and unable to fend for themselves. Last summer God encouraged me to start a club that would bring awareness to my university campus about the current injustice that is occurring worldwide. God also led me to join the Geneva Fellowship leadership team where I am able to connect with the students at Queen’s at a deeper level, spiritually and emotionally. This internship is the perfect fit for me as I pursue my passion for justice and continue to grow in my community at Geneva House.</p>	

Karen Long

I am a third year criminology and anthropology student at York University. I am very passionate about the criminal justice system and victims' rights advocacy, politics, the impact of faith on our current culture and creating healthy, safe and vibrant communities. I would also like to see these concepts brought to life at York University in new and dynamic ways, and it is my hope that I am able to be a part of it!

