

**8TH ANNUAL  
BC CIVIL LIBERTIES  
ASSOCIATION  
YOUTH, CIVIL  
LIBERTIES &  
CITIZENSHIP FORUM**



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SFU HARBOUR CENTRE

## Welcome to the BC Civil Liberties Association's 8th annual Youth, Civil Liberties and Citizenship Forum!



The BCCLA is actively involved in so many issues: upholding the right to freedom of expression; advancing the human rights of the vulnerable; protecting our privacy rights; and so many more. But whether we're educating citizens about their privacy rights when deciding whether to be tested for HIV, or advocating for the right of female prisoners to keep their babies with them while incarcerated, the motivating principle behind our work is respect for the dignity of each and every human being.

Consider Gloria Taylor's courageous fight to ensure that she, and all Canadians, could live their lives, free from the fear that, at the end, they would be robbed of the choice of how they would wish to end their lives. The BCCLA stood shoulder to shoulder with Gloria to ensure that she could have a death with dignity, and now that she has died, we will continue the fight to ensure that all Canadians' right to death with dignity is maintained. That's what motivated Gloria Taylor. That's what motivates the BC Civil Liberties Association.

Today, you will be confronted with many complex and challenging issues that are at the forefront of Canada's push for greater civil liberties and human rights. These are sensitive and sometimes polarizing topics. They demand that you learn to walk the fine line between security and privacy, individuals and collectives; rights and responsibilities. They should challenge you to think critically about the world around you, and the rules that structure it.

Building communities that recognize, respect and defend the dignity of all members of our societies is everyone's responsibility. We hope that the presentations and discussions you participate in today will help you understand the issues better, challenge your thinking in new ways, and gain an appreciation for what you can do to support and advance the causes you care about. We're so glad you've decided to spend the day with us.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lindsay M. Lyster". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Lindsay M. Lyster  
President, BCCLA

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	VENUE
9:00 - 9:10	WELCOME	David Eby, Executive Director of the BCCLA	1900 Fletcher Challenge Theatre
9:10 - 10:00	Medically Assisted Dying in Canada: the Limits of the Criminal Law	Alison Latimer, Counsel in the BCCLA's Dying with Dignity Charter Challenge	1900 Fletcher Challenge Theatre
10:00 – 10:50	The Constitution and Social Justice: A Cardboard Box for the Homeless	Margot Young, Associate Professor, UBC Faculty of Law	1900 Fletcher Challenge Theatre
10:50 - 11:00	BREAK		
11:00 - 12:00	Criminal Defence and Youth Crime	Brock Martland, Criminal defence lawyer	1900 Fletcher Challenge Theatre
12:00 - 12:45	LUNCH		
12:45 - 1:40	WORKSHOP 1		
Compassion: Why Do We Bother? with James Tigchelaar 1900 Fletcher Challenge Theatre	Every Movement Scrutinized: How Mass Surveillance Threatens Internet Freedom with Lindsay Pinto 1520 Barrick Gold Lecture Room	Power Play: Understanding Equality Rights with Deanna Ogle 1425 Repap Policy Room	Power, Discrimintion & Anti-Oppression with Romi Chandra- Herbert 1315 Scotiabank Lecture Room
1:55 - 2:50	WORKSHOP 2		
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# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



## ALISON LATIMER

**Medically Assisted Dying in Canada: the Limits of the Criminal Law.** A discussion of the recent case on assisted dying – *Carter et al. v. Attorney General (Canada) et al.* and the legal, practical and ethical issues that surround medically assisted dying.

**Alison Latimer** was called to the bar in British Columbia in 2009 and the bar in the Yukon in 2011. She is an associate at Arvay Finlay and is currently seconded to Farris, Vaughan, Willis, Murphy LLP. Alison has worked on cases with impacts on a broad range of constitutional issues including freedom of religion, freedom of expression, privacy rights, equality rights, and the rule of law. Alison also has a wide range of experience in general civil litigation matters including family law, municipal law, environmental law and administrative law. She has co-authored two articles addressing issues of public law for publication in the Supreme Court Law Review. Alison is a member of the Canadian Actors Equity Association.



## MARGOT YOUNG

**The Constitution and Social Justice: A Cardboard Box for the Homeless.** A look at a recent legal case out of Victoria involving the rights of the homeless to put up shelter in a city park. The challenge, based on the constitutional rights of life, liberty, and security of the person, illustrates the often unsatisfactory ways constitutional law deals with questions of economic deprivation and injustice. Discussion will focus on the details of the case, on understanding what constitutional rights have to do with anything, and on thinking critically about use of law for social change.

**Margot Young** is Associate Professor of Law at the University of British Columbia. She teaches Constitutional Law and law and social justice topics. Professor Young's research focuses on equality rights, feminist theories of citizenship, constitutional law, and local housing issues. She has worked with a number of community groups on social justice advocacy, both domestically and internationally.



## BROCK MARTLAND

**Criminal Defense and Youth Crime.** Brock will speak about the criminal justice system and its basic principles (such as the presumption of innocence, the right to a fair trial), and about youth crime and the justice system for youths. He will also discuss what a criminal defence lawyer does, and what legal rights a person has when they deal with police.

**Brock Martland** is a criminal defence lawyer with the law firm of Smart, Harris & Martland in Vancouver. He does trial and appeal work including the Surrey Six murder prosecution, the Air India case, and the Frank Paul Inquiry. He has handled many cases under the *Youth Criminal Justice Act*.

## WORKSHOPS



## JAMES TIGCHELAAR

### 1 Compassion: Why Do We Bother?

People from socially disadvantaged places are more likely to contract HIV, live with addictions, and die prematurely than the socially advantaged. As a society, how do we respond to this? Is it human nature to be caring, or are we more likely to abandon those who can't 'make it' to suffer? In this workshop we will examine the tension between selfishness and caring, and try to work out how to respond.

**James Tigchelaar** is an educator with the BC Centre for Disease Control. He has worked with the Outreach Program (Street Nurse Program) since 1991, first as a front line nurse, then as the clinical/outreach supervisor, and now as the Outreach Education Leader.

Much of James' current work in education involves working with students in the health professions, as well as nurses and other health and social service providers to address the challenges related to providing effective and accessible care to people who are most vulnerable to STI, Hepatitis and HIV.

**[www.bccdc.ca](http://www.bccdc.ca)**



## LINDSAY PINTO

### 2 Every Movement Scrutinized: How Mass Surveillance Threatens Internet Freedom

This presentation will discuss the ways in which surveillance threatens the open Internet, online communities, and the behaviour of citizens online and off. We'll discuss current surveillance-based threats to the Internet, including online spying bill C-30 (lawful access) and the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement, and what citizens are doing to push back.

**Lindsey Pinto** is the Communications Manager of OpenMedia, a grassroots organization that safeguards the possibilities of the open Internet. She aspires to put Canada on the map as a leader in Internet freedom and accessibility, and the effective use of independent media for political communication.

[www.openmedia.ca](http://www.openmedia.ca)



## DEANNA OGLE

### 3 Power Play: Understanding Equality Rights

Would you like to increase your knowledge around equality rights and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms? How can the law increase marginalization and what can we do about it? West Coast Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF) presents an interactive workshop focusing on power, discrimination and the equality section (Section 15) of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. We will use activities and actual cases to talk about equality and discrimination in the law.

**Deanna Ogle** has been a feminist since the age of thirteen when she looked the word up in a dictionary and realized it applied to her. She has worked in various feminist and equality seeking organizations including women's centres and international development organizations. Deanna's interest in public legal education comes from her belief that everyone has experiences and knowledge they can share and there is a lot we can be learning from each other.

[www.westcoastleaf.ca](http://www.westcoastleaf.ca)





## ROMI CHANDRA-HERBERT

### 4 Power, Discrimination and Anti-Oppression

Romi's workshop will address the big picture topics that structure our relationships in schools and our broader communities. By asking what we can do to end oppression and discrimination, Romi's session will help students build more inclusive and supportive environments. A great speaker, and a hit with last year's Forum participants, Romi's session is not to be missed!

**Romi** is in good company amongst the diverse South Asian diaspora in Canada. Seeking refuge from multiple coups in Fiji (which still continue to this day), he and his family fled in 1989 to find a new home. As a result, social justice practices and community mobilizing became central to his day to day life. In 1997, he helped establish the very first Gay/Straight Alliance in BC at his high school in Maple Ridge.

Over the past 16 years, Romi has had the honour of working and learning with diverse communities across the province and internationally. He was worked as a youth worker for queer and immigrant and refugee communities, both at a grassroots level and within established institutions. Romi finds his strength in helping others to help themselves.

[www.peernetbc.ca](http://www.peernetbc.ca)

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