

Call For Submissions

In the last few decades, changing social awareness and an evolving legal environment have resulted in significant achievements in the area of sexual rights. With these achievements have come an increasingly critical discourse regarding the legal regulation of sexuality, its appropriateness, and the values that drive this regulation. As issues such as same-sex marriage have migrated from the fringes of legal awareness into the mainstream debate, this discourse has evolved and deepened. Issues that were once on the margins of concern are undergoing more complex analysis and provide fertile ground for academic inquiry. Intersections between race, gender, religion, class, sexuality, transgender rights and the law are some of the issues driving these emerging areas of debate. The theme of this conference acknowledges that the margins of the law and sexuality discourse have changed, and will examine where these margins lie today.

"**Standard Margins: Contemporary Issues in Canadian Law and Sexuality**" will provide a forum for the discussion of these areas in the law and sexuality discourse. How has the law changed to reflect new voices and changing societal values regarding sexuality? How has sexuality continued to push the boundaries of the law? What rights and recognition are given to those bodies and actions that do not fall within the norm? How has the law regulated those who seek to express their sexuality both in the public and the private spheres?

As the field of law and sexuality has evolved, scholars have addressed the role of law in increasingly wide-ranging areas. What have we done? Where are we now? And where are we going? From transgender rights to sexuality and religion, from education to sex work, from health issues to parental rights, the discourse on law and sexuality has become a multi-faceted arena. We invite students, scholars and community activists to submit papers and presentations on contemporary issues of sexuality that touch upon the Canadian legal context. We especially welcome submissions that highlight intersections between the law, sexuality and other identity groups.

How to Submit a Proposal

The deadline for submissions is **February 1, 2007**. Potential presenters should note that early submissions are strongly encouraged to aid in conference planning.

To encourage a wide range of presenters, travel subsidies will be awarded as funding permits. Accepted speakers will also receive complimentary conference registration.

Please email submissions to outlaws.conference@gmail.com with the following information:

- Name of Presenters and Brief Biographies (30 words maximum)
- Institution / Organization
- Mailing address
- Phone number/ Fax number/ email address
- Type of submission: paper / panel / workshop / talk / etc
- Abstract of paper / presentation (250 words maximum)
- Language of presentation: English / French
- A/V requirements
- Accessibility requirements
- Request for travel subsidy (if desired)

For More Information

Please visit our website:

http://www.law.ubc.ca/events/2007/apr/04_29_2007_standard_margins.html

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email Jennifer Lau or Jeffrey Yuen at outlaws.conference@gmail.com

We look forward to receiving your submissions!

**Standard Margins: Contemporary Issues in Canadian Law and Sexuality
27-29 April 2007
The University of British Columbia
Vancouver, Canada**

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