



# THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

## **MUSEUM OPENINGS:**

### ***Caring for Difficult Knowledge Within and Beyond the Canadian Museum for Human Rights***

A Workshop presented by:  
The University of Winnipeg's Cultural Studies Research Group

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Gallery 1C03  
The Winnipeg Art Gallery  
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## SCHEDULE

\*All workshop sessions held in Room 2M70, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Manitoba Hall, University of Winnipeg

FRIDAY, September 19, 2014

8:00am-9:00am	Registration/Check in/Coffee and light breakfast snacks
9:00am-9:30am	Greetings and Welcome from the President and Vice-Provost of the University of Winnipeg – Dr. Annette Trimbee  Opening Remarks and Introductions – Angela Failler
9:30am-10:45am	<u>SESSION 1: <i>Human Rights in a Museological Context</i></u>  Armando Perla (Canadian Museum for Human Rights) – Presenting Canada’s Legal Traditions at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights: Challenges and Choices  Jennifer A. Orange (University of Toronto) – The Museum as International Human Rights Norm Entrepreneur  Jennifer Carter (Université du Québec à Montréal) – Works in Progress: Negotiating Human Rights in Museological Context
10:45am-11:00am	Break
11:00am-12:15pm	<u>SESSION 2: <i>Resituating Subjects and Participants in Human Rights Discourse and Practice</i></u>  David Churchill (University of Manitoba) – From Karl Heinrich Ulrichs to Lady Gaga: Born this way and its Discontents  Serenity Joo (University of Manitoba) – Comfort Women in Human Rights Discourse: Obscured Colonialisms, Fetishized Testimonies, and the Politics of the Abstract  Monica Patterson (Carleton University) – Children’s Rights in Practice: Making Museum Exhibits By and For Children
12:15pm-1:00pm	Catered Lunch (by Stella’s Café and Bakery)
1:00pm-2:15pm	<u>SESSION 3: <i>Building the Museum, Making the Nation</i></u>  Kirsty Robertson (Western University) – “It Takes a Lot of Wrongs to Make a Museum of Rights”  Karen Sharma (University of Manitoba/University of Winnipeg) – The Making of Nation: Situating the Canadian Museum for Human Rights

Deanna Aubert (McMaster University) – Curating the Fourth Framework: The Work in Progress

2:15pm-2:30pm

Break

2:30pm-3:45pm

SESSION 4: *Views from Here*

Jennifer Clary-Lemon (University of Winnipeg) – Layers of Place: The CMHR as a Site of Invention

Tina Mai Chen (University of Manitoba) – Community Initiatives: Setting the Human Rights Agenda of the CMHR

Angela Failer (University of Winnipeg) – Aesthetic Interventions: Local Artists Respond to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights

3:45pm-4:00pm

Break

4:00pm-5:00pm

KEYNOTE LECTURE: Karyn Ball (University of Alberta) – Memory Politics and/as Human Rights: What We Can Learn from the CMHR Debates

5:00pm-6:00pm

Wine & Cheese Reception (Richardson College Atrium)

6:30pm-8:30pm

Gallery Tours (optional but encouraged!): Winnipeg Art Gallery exhibition, *Seeing Rights and Liberties: Celebrating the Canadian Museum for Human Rights* [http://wag.ca/art/exhibitions/current-exhibitions/display\\_exhibition/163/seeing-rights-and-liberties-celebrating-the-canadian-museum-for-human-rights](http://wag.ca/art/exhibitions/current-exhibitions/display_exhibition/163/seeing-rights-and-liberties-celebrating-the-canadian-museum-for-human-rights); Urban Shaman Contemporary Aboriginal Art Gallery exhibition, *Memory Keepers: Methodologies of Memory, Mapping and Gender* <http://urbanshaman.org/index.php/site/upcoming>

SATURDAY, September 20, 2014

8:30am-9:00am

Check-in / coffee and light breakfast snacks

9:00am-10:15am

SESSION 5: *Comparative and Dialogic Approaches*

Angeliki Bogiatiji (Winnipeg Art Gallery) – The Canadian Museum for Human Rights (CMHR) in Dialogue with the Inuit Art and Learning Centre (IALC): Opportunities for New Museological Approaches

Nadine Blumer (Concordia University) – Expanding Museum Spaces: A Networked Analysis of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights

Amber Dean (McMaster University) – Museums and the Ongoing Crisis of Murdered or Missing Indigenous Women: Some

Provocations from the Art of Pamela Masik and Rebecca Belmore

10:15am-10:30am	Break
10:30am-11:45pm	SESSION 6: <i>Curating Memory and Testimony</i>  Florencia Marchetti (Concordia University) – “Territories” of Memory: The Activation of Difficult Past Beyond the Museological Space  Cynthia Milton (Université de Montréal) – Competing Memory Entrepreneurs and the Challenges of Curating Human Rights in Public Places  Andrea Witcomb (Deakin University) – The Changing Roles of Testimony in Exhibition Practices: From the Provision of Evidence to the Challenge of Shaping Empathic Citizens
11:45am-12:45pm	Catered Lunch (by Neechi Foods)
1:00pm-5:00pm	CMHR preview tours
6:30pm start	Canadian Concert for Human Rights (optional but encouraged!) at the Forks as part of the CMHR’s two-day RightsFest to celebrate the opening of the Museum: <a href="http://humanrights.ca/event/canadian-concert-human-rights-0">http://humanrights.ca/event/canadian-concert-human-rights-0</a>

SUNDAY, September 21, 2014

8:30am-9:00am	Check-in / coffee and light breakfast snacks
9:00am-10:30am	Museum Tour Debriefing (led by Angela Failler and Erica Lehrer)
10:30am-10:45am	Break
10:45am-12:00pm	Closing Roundtable and Discussion (moderated by Angela Failler – Discussants: Karyn Ball (University of Alberta), Shelley Butler (McGill University), Heather Igloliorte (Concordia), Peter Ives (University of Winnipeg), Serena Keshavjee (University of Winnipeg), Erica Lehrer (Concordia), Andrea Witcomb (Deakin University)
12:00pm-1:00pm	Catered Lunch (by Black Sheep Diner)
1:00pm-2:00pm	MA Student + RA Debriefing (facilitated by Lauren Bosc) – Location TBA
[4:00-6:00pm]	CSRG-CEREV partnership meeting (not for general workshop participants) – Mere Hotel conference room