

## **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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#### **SCHEDULE**

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

FRIDAY,	September	19.	, 2014
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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</u>: Human Rights in a Museological Context

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 SESSION 2: Resituating Subjects and Participants in Human

Rights Discourse and Practice

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 SESSION 3: Building the Museum, Making the Nation

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 Failler (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 <a href="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</a>; 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: Curating Memory and Testimony

Florencia Marchetti (Concordia University) - "Territories" of

Memory: The Activation of Difficult Pasts 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: http://humanrights.ca/event/canadian-

concert-human-rights-0

#### 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