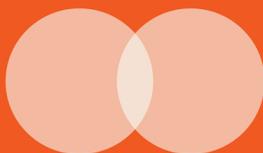


CHALLENGING DRUG PROHIBITION

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THE REGULATION OF
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free public forum



SFU HARBOUR CENTRE

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2014

LABATT HALL, RM 1700

515 W HASTINGS ST.

9:30 AM - 5 PM

Sponsored by the SFU Centre for the Study of Gender, Social Inequities and Mental Health
and the Canadian Drug Policy Coalition (CDPC)

Challenging Drug Prohibition and the Regulation of Reproduction and Mothering

Harbour Centre, Simon Fraser University, May 17, 2014

Program		
9:30-10am	Welcome & Introduction	Susan Boyd, Professor, University of Victoria
10-11	Panel: Services for Pregnant Women and Mothers	Dr Mary Hepburn, Glasgow Women's Reproductive Health Services; Dr Ron Abrahams, Fir Square, B.C. Women's Hospital, Vancouver; Sarah Payne, former midwife and Coordinator at Sheway
11-11:15	BREAK	
11:15-11:45	Keynote Speaker, Maternal/State Conflicts: The US and Global experience	Lynn Paltrow, Director, National Advocates of Pregnant Women, New York, NY
11:45-12:30	Questions, discussion with all morning speakers and audience (led by Connie Carter)	
12:30-1:30pm	LUNCH	
1:30-2:30	Panel & Discussion: Colonization and the Regulation of Aboriginal Women, FASD	Carrie Bourassa, PhD, University of Regina Caroline Tait, PhD, University of Saskatchewan; Carolyn Schellenberg, PhD Discussion Chair: Connie Carter, PhD, Canadian Drug Policy Coalition
2:30-2:45	BREAK	
Harm Reduction Practices and New Directions		
2:45-3:30	Panel: Outreach and Innovative Programs	Marliss Taylor, Program Manager, Morgan Chalifoux and Tia Smith, support workers, Streetworks; Lenora Marcellus, PhD, Herway & University of Victoria
3:30-4:15	Panel: New Directions	Lorna Bird & Laura Shaver, VANDU Board with Jade Boyd, PhD; Sydney Weaver, PhD
4:15-5	Questions and Discussion: Mobilization and Social Justice	
5-5:10	Final remarks	

Biographies

Dr. Ron Abrahams is a Family Physician in Vancouver. He is a Clinical Professor in the Department of Family Practice at UBC and Medical Director of Perinatal Addictions at BC Women's Hospital as well as Consultant Physician at the Sheway Program. He is a member of the Prima National group. Dr. Abrahams is the founding Medical Director of the FIR (Families In Recovery) Rooming in program at BCWH-the first of its kind in North America. The unit has been named a "leading practice" by the Canadian Council of Health Accreditation, cited in the 2007 Kroeger Award for maintaining a high quality of care and recently demonstrated peer reviewed improved outcomes. Since its inception 10 years ago, over 1200 women, their babies and families have benefited from this program, Dr. Abrahams received the 2008 Kaiser Foundation National Award for Excellence in Leadership for Harm Reduction Programs.

Lorna Bird is a long-time activist in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver. She was a former member of the board of Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users (VANDU) Board. She has spoken at conferences and public events about VANDU, the harms of drug prohibition, and the human rights of people who use criminalized drugs.

Carrie Bourassa, PhD, is a Professor of Indigenous Health Studies at the First Nations University of Canada and the Special Advisor to the President, Research. Dr. Bourassa is proud to be the successful Nominated Principal Investigator on a Canada Foundation for Innovation Grant that funded the Indigenous Community-based Health Research Labs at FNUniv. Carrie is a public member of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons Council. Carrie's research interests include the impacts of colonization on the health of First Nations and Métis people; creating culturally safe care in health service delivery; Indigenous community-based health research methodology; Indigenous HIV/AIDS research; Indigenous end of life care and Indigenous women's health. Carrie is Métis, belonging to the Regina Riel Métis Council #34.

Jade Boyd, PhD, is an instructor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Simon Fraser University where she recently completed a SSHRC Postdoctoral Research Fellow appointment in collaboration with the International Forum for US Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her teaching and research draws from feminist and critical sociological and cultural perspectives in the areas of research methodologies, visual media, performance and embodiment, urban space, moral regulation and identity. Her research has been published in *Gender, Place and Culture* and *Critical Studies in Media Communication*, her most recent article, "Performing East Van: Spatial Control and Class Anxieties" is in *Contemporary Ethnography*.

Susan Boyd, PhD, Professor, Faculty of Human and Social Development, University of Victoria, BC. Is a member of Canadian Drug Policy Coalition's steering committee and chair of the Policy Working Committee. She also works with local community groups in Vancouver such as the SALOME/NAOMI Association of Patients (SNAP). Her research contributions have been in the areas of women, drug law, policy and history; maternal/state conflicts; harm reduction; drug films, media and culture. She is the author of a number of articles and books, including: *Hooked: Drug War Films in Britain, Canada, and the U.S.*; *From Witches to Crack Moms: Women, Drug Law, and Policy*; *Mothers and Illicit Drugs: Transcending the Myths*, and co-author of: *Killer Weed: Marijuana grow-ops, media, and justice*; and *Raise Shit! Social Action Saving Lives*.

Connie Carter, PhD, is the Senior Policy Analyst at the Canadian Drug Policy Coalition (www.drugpolicy.ca). She is a graduate of the Department of Sociology at the University of Victoria and she has held a number of scholarships including the Joseph Armand Bombardier Ph.D. Fellowship (2006-2009) from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. She is co-author, with Dr. Susan Boyd, of *Killer Weed: Marijuana grow ops, media, and justice* (University of Toronto Press).

Morgan Chalifoux has been a pregnancy support worker with the HER pregnancy program at Streetworks for over 2 years. Prior to that time, she had worked at agencies that serve youth and marginalized women. She is a graduate of the Aboriginal Community Support Worker certificate program. Morgan also has a history on the streets that included teen pregnancy, violence, drug use, and gang affiliation and brings that vast knowledge to her work every day. With the supports from traditional Aboriginal ceremonies and other professionals, she was able to learn how to break the cycle. She is now a parent of 3 boys and is actively still working on healing. She also has learned through her healing that failure was a part of growth and she channels her experiences to help educate others.

Dr. Mary Hepburn, BSc MD MRCGP FRCOG, Consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist, trained as a general practitioner then as an obstetrician and gynaecologist. Her professional interest is in poverty and health inequalities. Thirty years ago she established and remains medical lead for the Glasgow Women's Reproductive Health Service for women with social problems (now the Glasgow Special Needs in Pregnancy Service). She has contributed to research, training, strategic and service development nationally and internationally. Her groundbreaking reproductive services continue to serve as a model for harm reduction, woman centred care. In honour of her tireless and innovative service, in 2014 she was awarded the Evening Times Scotswoman Of The Year Award.

Lenora Marcellus, PhD, is an Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Victoria. She has spent many years working as a nurse in different areas of maternal-infant care and has a long-standing interest in the issue of perinatal substance use and neonatal withdrawal. Lenora has been involved with developing the HerWay Home program in Victoria. She is a member of the Canada FASD Prevention Research Action team.

Lynn Paltrow, Director, National Advocates of Pregnant Women, New York, NY, J.D., is the Founder and Executive Director of National Advocates for Pregnant Women (NAPW). Ms. Paltrow is a graduate of Cornell University and New York University School of Law. As Executive Director of NAPW, Ms. Paltrow combines legal advocacy, public education, grassroots and national organizing, research, and policy work to secure the human and civil rights, health and welfare of all women, focusing particularly on pregnant and parenting women, and those who are most vulnerable to state control and punishment – low income women, women of color, and drug-using women. She is a frequent guest lecturer and writer for popular press, law reviews, and peer-reviewed journals. Ms. Paltrow is also a Gemini and mother of twins.

Sara Payne has worked with pregnant substance using women for the past 20 years, initially as a midwife at Sheway, a pregnancy outreach program for substance using women in the DTES of Vancouver and later as Coordinator. Sarah was also instrumental in the opening of Fir Square, a dedicated unit at BC Women's Hospital providing stabilization and detox for pregnant substance using women.

Carolyn Schellenberg, PhD. Her research emerges from her nursing and public policy work with women, children, and families. Through her work, Carolyn became troubled by government's

role – and her own – in constructing mothers as ‘risks. Carolyn’s concerns stimulated her research into intersections between the experiences of mothers, medical knowledge, public policies, and oppressive institutional practices. Carolyn continues to practice as a community nurse and is working on a book proposal based on her doctoral research.

Laura Shaver is a long-time activist in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver. She is on the board of the Vancouver Network of Drug Users (VANDU) and is the president of British Columbia Association of People on Methadone (BCAPOM). She has spoken at a number of conferences and public events about the harms of drug prohibition, the rights of people who use criminalized drugs and or/methadone, and the support and activism at VANDU.

Tia Smith graduated from the University of Alberta in 2013 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. For the past eight months Tia has been working with the H.E.R Pregnancy Program within Streetworks as the team’s Registered Nurse. The role of the H.E.R Pregnancy nurse includes involvement in research and evaluation activities, sexual health initiatives, and education of professionals, clients and the general public. She has created a number of information resources for the women who come to the program that are Harm Reduction based and culturally relevant. Tia also currently works casually at The Grey Nuns Emergency Department.

Caroline Tait, PhD, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, University of Saskatchewan. Dr. Tait received her PhD in medical anthropology from McGill University in 2003 and completed postdoctoral studies in the Division of Social and Transcultural Psychiatry, McGill University in 2004. She is the recipient of individual and interdisciplinary team grants in areas of FASD prevention, women and addictions, ethics, ethics and child welfare, knowledge translation, Indigenous mental health and addictions, resiliency, and community-based research. She is Métis from MacDowall, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Marliss Taylor, RN, BScN, Edmonton, Alberta, is the Program Manager of the Streetworks Program in Edmonton.. She received her Diploma in Nursing in 1982 and Degree in Nursing in 1992. After working for 11 years in adult and pediatric Intensive Care Units in Regina, Edmonton and San Antonio, she moved to the high Arctic. There she received her certificate in Advanced Practice Nursing and worked as a Nurse Practitioner in the community of Kugluktuk, and Nurse Manager in the community of Gjoa Haven, NU. In 1995 she returned to Edmonton as the Program Manager of the Streetworks program and has worked in Harm Reduction for the past 18 years. She has been involved in Health Promotion/Harm Reduction Initiatives in Siberia and Guyana, and a multitude of local, provincial and national research projects. In 2006 she won the YWCA Woman of Distinction Award in Health and Medicine, and the Nursing Honour Society Community Leadership Award. In 2013 she was awarded the “Clinical Innovation Award”, also from the Nursing Honour Society.

Sydney Weaver, PhD, is an instructor at Nicola Valley Institute of Technology and also works for BC Women’s Hospital. She has worked with illicit-drug-using mothers and fathers in child welfare and addictions services for over 15 years. Her research includes: *“Left him in the dust: Father exclusion from maternal harm reduction services (2013); Challenges for drug-using mothers with children in kinship care (2011); Healing ourselves: Mothers’ recovery from grief and loss (2010); Shame reduction: Best practice with substance-using mothers (2003)*. She also conducted an analysis of Nanaimo’s drug strategy: *‘A secure place in a real community:’ Illicit drug users in the small city (2011)*. She lives and works in Vancouver, BC and is an active ally for marginalized drug users and Indigenous peoples.

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