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A Symposium to Mark the 20th Anniversary of *R v. Morgentaler*

Of What Difference: Reflections on the Judgment and Abortion in Canada Today

Friday, January 25, 2008
8:30am – 5:00pm
Faculty of Law, University of Toronto

This interdisciplinary symposium commemorates the twenty year anniversary of *R v. Morgentaler*, the Supreme Court case in which the criminal law on abortion in Canada was held unconstitutional. The symposium examines the significance of the judgment twenty years on. What difference has it made to women, providers and the politics of abortion in Canada?

To Register for the Symposium, please visit:

<http://www.law.utoronto.ca/conferences/ofwhatdifference.html>

Registration is Free

**REGISTRATION AND LIGHT BREAKFAST
(8:30-9:00am)**

**WELCOMING REMARKS
(9:00-9:30am)**

Dean Mayo Moran
Faculty of Law, University of Toronto

Vicki Saporta
National Abortion Federation

Colleen Flood
*CIHR - Institute of Health Services and Policy Research
Faculty of Law, University of Toronto*

Dr. Henry Morgentaler

**THE CONTEXT: FROM *MORGENTALER* TO ABORTION IN CANADA TODAY
(9:30-10:30am)**

***R v. Morgentaler*: Charter Rights and Abortion**

Lorraine Weinrib
Faculty of Law, University of Toronto

Post-*Morgentaler* Challenges: From Crime to Health

Joanna Erdman
Faculty of Law, University of Toronto

Abortion in Canada Today: Who, What and Where?

Dawn Fowler
National Abortion Federation, Canada

**RIGHTS IN PRACTICE: BARRIERS TO AVAILABLE AND ACCESSIBLE CARE
(10:45-12:15pm)**

Geography: Variation Across the Country

Sheila Dunn

*Bay Centre for Birth Control, Department of Family and Community Medicine, Women's College Hospital,
University of Toronto*

Law: Facilitating and Impeding Access

Sanda Rodgers

Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa

Better Never Than Late, But Why?: The Contradictory Relationship between Law and Abortion?

Shelley Gavigan

Osgoode Hall Law School, York University

Information Failure: An Ontario Case Study

Lorraine Ferris

Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto

**LUNCH WITH STUDENT POSTER PRESENTATIONS
(12:15-1:15pm)**

When Freedom Fails: Free Speech and Women's Right to Safe Abortion in the Philippines

Carolina S. Ruiz Austria, *Faculty of Law, University of Toronto*

The Other Morgentalers

Christopher Kaposy, *Dalhousie University*

Permitted Exceptions to Abortion Law in Brazil: Helpful or Harmful?

Keri Bennett, *Faculty of Law, University of Toronto*

No-Choice: Investigating New Brunswick's Abortion Policy

Rachael Johnstone, *University of New Brunswick*

**OUR PROVIDERS: THE CHALLENGES OF THEIR WORK
(1:15-2:45pm)**

Challenges of Providing Abortion Care: A Provider's Perspective

Konia Trouton

Vancouver Island Women's Clinic

Why I do this? Being a Provider

Gary Romalis

The Elizabeth Bagshaw Women's Clinic, Vancouver

The New Generation: Abortion in Medical Schools

Pat Smith

Grand River Hospital, Kitchener and NAF and NAF Canada

ABORTION IN LAW AND POLITICS
(3:00-4:30pm)

The Role of Media in the Abortion Debate

Heather Mallick
Journalist and author

The Politics of Abortion: The Work of the Politician

Carolyn Bennett
Hon. Carolyn Bennett MD. MP St. Paul's

The Legal Academic as an Agent of Reform

Jocelyn Downie
Faculty of Law, Dalhousie University

ABORTION IN CANADA FROM AN INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE
(4:30-5:00pm)

Abortion in Canada from an International and Comparative Perspective

Katherine McDonald
Action Canada for Population and Development

SYMPOSIUM CONCLUSION AND THANKS