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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:
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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