

2022 Master of Human Rights Symposium Program

9:30-10:00 Coffee

10:00-10:15 Welcome

10:15-10:45 Panel 1: Human Rights and Mental Health

1. Victoria Weir - Offenders with FASD and the Case for Carceral Abolition
2. Aayushi Bana - Right to Mental Health; A Scoping Review of Social and Cultural Barriers to Accessing Mental Healthcare Services for Refugee Women in Winnipeg
3. Omobolanie Bola - Rethinking Mental Health Legislation to Provide Protection for Children and Youth at Imminent Risk of Harm: A Human rights approach

10:45-10:55 BREAK

10:55-11:25 Panel 2: Human Rights and Education

1. Stephanie Zirino – Mental Health as a Human Right: A Review of Mental Health Policies in Winnipeg School Divisions
2. Sara Gibson – Gaps in Human Rights Knowledge among Canada’s Youth
3. Mitchel DeFehr - The right to Tell Stories: Human Rights Narratives and the Digital age

11:25-11:35 BREAK

11:35-12:05 Panel 3: Indigenous Rights

1. Michael Campbell - Preserving the Right to Truth at the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation
2. Amy Cherpako – Nature’s Rights are Human Rights: Revitalizing Indigenous Land Stewardship through Legal Personhood

12:05-13:30 LUNCH

13:30-14:00 Panel 4: Perspectives on Human Rights

1. Natasha Tomchuk – The Effects of COVID-19 on the Manitoba Human Rights Commission

2. Sabbontu Abdushekur – The Hidden War in Oromia (Ethiopia)
3. Piper Larsen - Permanent Residents and the Right to Vote

14:00-14:15 BREAK

14:10-14:40 Panel 5: Discrimination – Race, Gender, and Disability

1. Raisa Salima - Sexual Violence against Students with Disabilities on Campus: A Review of Resources and Accessibilities.
2. Kimberly Lenz – Accelerating Global Efforts to Eradicate Gender-based Violence against Women: The Prospects of an International Binding Treaty
3. Jessie Thind – Artificial Impartiality: The Insidious Role of AI in Reinforcing White Supremacy in Canada

14:40-14:50 Closing Remarks