



# McLAUGHLIN COLLEGE

As part of "Human Rights Week at McLaughlin College," co-sponsored by Human Rights Watch (HRW), we are proud to present:



**HUMAN RIGHTS WEEK  
AT McLAUGHLIN COLLEGE  
December 7-10**

## 2021 Theme: **EQUALITY - Reducing inequalities, advancing human rights**

This year's Human Rights Day theme relates to 'Equality' and Article 1 of the UDHR – "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights." The principles of equality and non-discrimination are at the heart of human rights. Equality is aligned with the 2030 Agenda and with the UN approach set out in the document Shared Framework on Leaving No One Behind: Equality and Non-Discrimination at the Heart of Sustainable Development. This includes addressing and finding solutions for deep-rooted forms of discrimination that have affected the most vulnerable people in societies, including women and girls, indigenous peoples, people of African descent, LGBTI people, migrants and people with disabilities, among others.

Equality, inclusion and non-discrimination, in other words - a human rights-based approach to development - is the best way to reduce inequalities and resume our path towards realising the 2030 Agenda.

(United Nations, Human Rights Day, 10 December,  
<https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day>)

### MODERATOR:

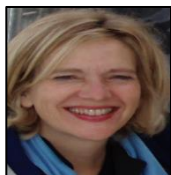


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### PANELISTS:



**SIMONE BOHN** is Associate Professor of Political Science at York University. Her research focuses on political parties in South America, gender and politics in Brazil, and the study of political tolerance and attitudes towards corruption in Latin America. She is the co-editor of *Mothers in Public and Political Life* (2017) and *21st Century Feminisms in Latin America and the Caribbean*.



**KATHRYN WYATT-COTTINGHAM** is a member of the Executive Committee for Human Rights Watch Canada, Co-Chair International Justice, and Former Co-Chair Advocacy. Kathryn has a BA in International Relations and has completed several Executive Management courses at McGill University and American Express' International Senior Management Training Program. Through her work at HRW, she has visited the Criminal Court in the Hague as well as Hungary and Serbia, to meet refugees trying to get into the EU.



**THE HONOURABLE RUSSEL W. ZINN** was appointed to the Federal Court on February 20, 2008, and to the Court Martial Appeal Court of Canada on November 20, 2008. He received a Master of Arts in Philosophy from Carleton University, Ottawa, in 1976 and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Ottawa in 1980. He is Past President of the Americas Chapter of the International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges and a Fellow of McLaughlin College. Justice Zinn is the author of *The Law of Human Rights in Canada: Practice and Procedure*.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2021**

**FROM 12:30 - 2:00 PM, EST, via ZOOM**

Registration: <https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYkce6qpzIoH9bTqX6qIRTLs8R768dIDH4X>

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