

## Media Release

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**Public Lecture by Julie Kaye**  
**“Mobilizing Collective Outrage from the West to the Atlantic:  
Canada’s Violence Against Indigenous Women”**  
**Wednesday, October 28 at 7 pm**

While awareness of missing and murdered Indigenous women and the violence faced by Indigenous women has grown, Professor Julie Kaye believes that many of the systems and structures of Canadian society continue to function from the premise in which they were conceived—the dispossession and erasure of Indigenous women. Kaye will speak about violence against Indigenous women during a public lecture at St. Thomas University on Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 7 pm in Kinsella Auditorium, McCain Hall.

In her lecture, she will consider what it means to honour the voices of Indigenous women who have sought freedom and self-determination for their families, communities, children and themselves.

“I plan to show that the very system that dispossessed Indigenous people from their lands is continuing to create harms in varying forms of violence. I will invite the audience to consider how we might mobilize collective outrage from the West to the Atlantic region while recognizing that we operate in a context of ongoing colonial violence,” said Kaye.

Kaye is an assistant professor of sociology and director of community engaged research at The King’s University in Edmonton. Her research and community engagement critically examines responses to violence in contexts of neo- and settler-colonialism. Her work critically considers how responses to violence against Indigenous women reproduce the power of the settler colonial state, reify the state as saviour and undermine alternatives to state mechanisms of justice. She is also a community organizer who works with grassroots and non-profit organizations.

Her current book project, *Human Trafficking in Canada: Reproducing National, Racial, and Sexual Priorities*, examines anti-trafficking responses in the context of settler colonialism. Her writings on prostitution legislation, sex worker rights, and violence against Indigenous women have been published in *The New York Times*, *Toronto Star*, *Edmonton Journal*, and the *RCMP Gazette*.

The lecture is sponsored by St. Thomas University’s Women’s Studies and Gender Studies program and the Peace Studies program, as well as the Office of Research Services and is in collaboration with the World March of Women 2015.

“We are pleased that Professor Kaye can join us to reinforce collective strategies taking shape across Canada, including in the Atlantic Provinces,” said Professor Josephine Savarese, acting coordinator of the Women’s Studies and Gender Studies program. “We have a mandate for public education on issues relating to women’s and gender studies, so raising awareness on the tragic phenomena of missing and murdered indigenous women in the broader context of colonial violence is a priority.”

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