



New GWS Faculty member



Rosemary Dupuis is a human rights and social justice advocate, and feminist. Her expertise is in human rights, global health policy/governance, violence and trauma, mental health, human trafficking, and immigration and refugee protection. She weaves together diverse ways of knowing: feminist thinking, personal experience, and community wisdom (respect for oral traditions and cultural beliefs) as a way to reflect broad and deep thinking. She brings this knowledge, expertise, ways of knowing, and policy experience with grassroots organizations to her research work and teaching in the Department of Gender and Women's Studies and the Social Justice Studies program at Lakehead University. Her current research nexus is VAW/SGVB, human rights, and

trauma/resilience-informed global health governance policy. Her geographic region of specialisation is Canada, and the East and Horn of Africa, and Great Lakes (EHAGL) region.

She is founder and Executive Director of JAMII Circle, an advocacy project supporting the health and well-being of resettled refugee women and girls in South-Western Ontario region (Huron-Perth and Oxford counties) through non-medical wellness services. For Rosemary, supporting the healing of women who have been affected by violence is both an honour and a challenge. She is committed to using her platform to make positive social changes. She is passionate about local and global initiatives on mental health and sexual and reproductive health. Rosemary is affiliated with the Wilfrid Laurier International Migration Research Centre ([IMRC](#)); the [Gender + Migration Hub](#); the Tshepo Institute for the Study of Contemporary Africa ([TISCA](#)); and the UNESCO Inclusive Policy Lab.

"I research, teach and work with pain, loss and trauma because it teaches me about joy, gratitude and compassion. I am dedicated to supporting and empowering people who have experienced trauma."

Education:

Ph.D. — Global Governance (Wilfrid Laurier University: Balsillie School of International Affairs).

Masters — Cultural Analysis and Social Theory (Wilfrid Laurier University)

Undergraduate — Honours Specialization in Psychology and Major in English Language and Literature (Western University).

Two of our Instructors are WellU Champions!

Bonnie McDonald (right) and Mohit Dudeja (left) have been chosen as Well Champions!



With the WellU Champion project, Lakehead is showcasing instructors and staff who demonstrate a commitment to supporting and enhancing student mental health and wellbeing. Congratulations Bonnie and Mohit!

New Dean of Social Sciences and Humanities

In addition to holding several administrative and governance roles at the University of Lethbridge, Dr. Bonifacio is a community-engaged scholar working in local and global contexts. Her research centres on the intersections of gender, migration, and disaster in island countries in Asia and the Pacific region. She is a Visiting Scholar with the University of the Ryukyus, an Honorary Research Fellow of the Network for Education and Research on Peace and Sustainability (NERPS) hosted by Hiroshima University, and the recipient of the 2022 international research fellowship from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS). She is also a member of the International Advisory Board of the Small Island Cultures Research Initiative (SICRI).

“As an immigrant in Canada, the emblematic idea of the 'North' with a global role in contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, local engagements, and critical scholarship and praxis are a few reasons I was attracted to the role of Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities,” she explained. “My work and community practice embrace and share the same aspirational values to deliver emphatic leadership across the disciplines.”

“I look forward to working with my esteemed colleagues, staff, and students in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities on the Orillia and Thunder Bay campuses,” she said.

The full article, Glenda Tibe Bonifacio named Dean of Social Sciences and Humanities, can be accessed on the [Campus Connections website](#).



Dr. Bonifacio was a UNESCO Chair in Gender, Migration, and Post-disaster Communities (Asia-Pacific).

Upcoming Spring Course!

WOME-1100 SDE / Madonna to Madonna

An interdisciplinary introduction, the course explores intersections of gender, race, class, sexuality, ability, age and other socially/historically shaped dimensions of identity. Discussions will include such topics as media, health, work, poverty, body and sexuality, violence, law and creativity, in local and global contexts.

Start Date/Duration: May 1st – July 26th, 2024

Delivery: Online (12 weeks Asynchronous / Web course delivery)

Instructor: To be Announced

Registration for spring and summer courses typically opens in February.

Book Launch



Dr. Lori Chambers attended a book launch in Toronto with the Osgoode Society in November 2023. Dr. Chambers' book is available at the Chancellor Patterson Library and through the Osgoode Society.

(Image left: co-editor, Joan Sangster (left) and Lori Chambers (right))

Congratulations on your new book Lori!

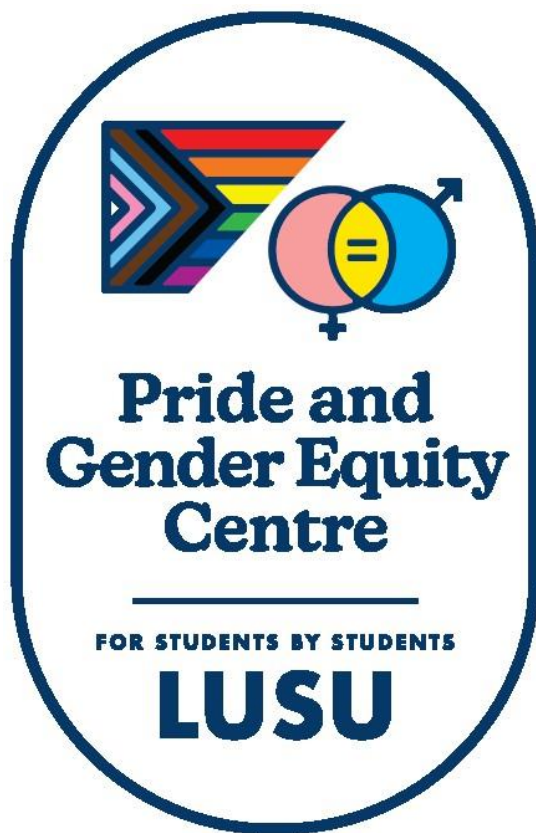
Are you considering applying to a Master's program?

The deadline to submit an application is February 1st, 2023, but many programs are still willing to consider applicants to their Master's program, including any that are wanting to do the Gender and Women's Studies Specialization. Our dynamic, interdisciplinary group learns how to apply feminist theory and methods to their home disciplines and receives an additional designation on their degree. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Dr. Jenny Roth, Graduate Program Coordinator, jroth@lakeheadu.ca.

Save the Date: Feminisms at the Lakehead

This year, the theme for our annual one-day conference that brings together Faculty, students, staff, and community partners is Feminist Performance, Media, and Cultural Studies. There will be a call for papers sent out via email and Instructor's lists in February. For now, save April 10, 2024 to join us for this free feminist celebration!

Pride and Gender Equity Centre



Pride Central Upcoming Events

Trans Peer Support

Every Tuesday, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm, UC 0019

Queer Peer Support

Every Thursday, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, UC 0019

Relationship & Family Peer Support

Every Friday, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, UC 0019

Play with Pride

Every Tuesday, 6:00 - 7:00 pm, The Wolf Den Gym

Body Talks: Social Media and Self-Image

Wednesday, February 14th, 3:00 - 4:30 pm, The Study (Side Room)

Sex Toy Bingo

Thursday, February 15th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, The Outpost

Pride in the North: Camp Pride

March 11-15



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