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As part of our popular Lunch Talk series McLaughlin College proudly presents:

Freedom of Speech at Universities



Should there be any limits to freedom of speech at universities? In 2018, the Government of Ontario issued a directive to all colleges and universities in Ontario to develop policies on free speech that “will not only protect free speech but ensure that hate speech, discrimination and other illegal forms of speech are not allowed on campus.” In response to this directive York University set out its policy on free speech here: <https://secretariat-policies.info.yorku.ca/policies/free-speech-statement-of-policy/>

Our panel features three people who have had a tremendous amount of experience with controversies about freedom of speech at York University.

MODERATOR:



IAN GREENE is University Professor Emeritus, School of Public Policy and Administration, former Head of McLaughlin College, York University. He also serves on the Executive of the York Collegium for Practical Ethics.

PANELISTS:



LORNA MARSDEN is Professor of Sociology and President Emerita, York University (1997-2007). She has taught primarily in fields of economic sociology, population, and study of Canada. Her most recent book is *White Gloves Off: The work of the Ontario Committee on the Status of Women* (Feminist History Society series), 2018 (with Beth Atcheson).



SAEED RAHNEMA is Professor Emeritus at York University. During his 21 years at York, Rahnema established himself as a leading and award-winning teacher, especially for his course on War and Peace in the Middle East. He was the founding Director of York’s School of Public Policy and Administration.



JUSTICE LORNE SOSSIN was appointed to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in December, 2018. Prior to his appointment, Justice Sossin served as Professor and Dean of Osgoode Hall Law School, and Chair of the Freedom of Speech Working Group at York University.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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