

JUDGING PANEL

We are honored to introduce our esteemed judging panel, comprised of distinguished members of the U of T Criminology academic community. These individuals bring a wealth of expertise and insight to the symposium, lending their invaluable perspectives to the evaluation process.

Professor Scot Wortley
*Professor; Undergraduate
Coordinator*

Professor Ángela Zorro Medina
Assistant Professor

Roxy Shlapak
PhD Candidate

Lauren Borders
PhD Student

Madison Hovey
PhD Student

Danielle Van Wagner
Centre for Criminology Librarian

SCHEDULE

1:00-1:10pm: Settle in/ Networking

1:10-1:15pm: Welcome Address from
CRIMSA

1:15-1:25pm: Introductory Remarks
provided by CrimSL Director,
Professor Kamari Clarke

1:25-1:30pm: Brief Presentation
Overview/ Introductions

1:30-2:00pm: Presentations (2)

2:00-2:10pm: Short break

2:10-2:40pm: Presentations (2)

2:40-2:50pm: Short break

2:50-3:10pm: Presentations (2)

3:10-3:25pm: Judges deliberate

3:25-4:00pm: Awards Presentation,
Closing Remarks by CrimSL
Undergraduate Coordinator
Professor Scot Wortley, Group Photo



CRIMSA ACADEMIC SYMPOSIUM

CHALLENGING LEGAL NORMS



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OUR THEME

WHAT DOES “CHALLENGING LEGAL NORMS” MEAN?

This year's theme, Challenging Legal Norms, invites students to critically explore and question established legal principles, practices, and systems. We encourage submissions that analyze how laws evolve, intersect with societal values, and shape the experiences of individuals and communities. From reforming outdated policies to addressing issues of equity and justice, this theme seeks to highlight innovative perspectives and transformative ideas in the field of law and criminology.



PRESENTATIONS

We are proud to present the final six presenters, who have been hand-selected from an impressive pool of submissions. These students have demonstrated exceptional dedication and scholarly excellence in crafting their research essays. Their work offers valuable insights into various aspects of criminology and sociolegal studies, reflecting a diverse range of perspectives and approaches.

• Dean Tessaro

A Car Without a Mind: Police Reasonableness in Vehicular Shootings

• Ariba Amer

A Ridiculous Testimony: An Ethnological Analysis of a Canadian Court Case

• Eleni Bentley

Sexism in Police Culture, Underreporting, and Attrition of Sexual Assault Cases

• Annie Li

Mental Health and Marginalisation: Police Discretion and Bias Under Ontario's Mental Health Act

• Hanisha Mistry

Legitimizing Discrimination: The Anti-Terrorism Act's Impact on Racialized Communities

• Emily Shi

Beyond Social Change: Achieving Same-sex Rights through Judicial Activism in the Caribbean

As we gather today, let us celebrate the academic achievements of these talented undergraduate students. Through their rigorous research and critical analysis, they contribute to the ongoing dialogue surrounding justice, law, and societal norms. We invite you to engage with their presentations and join us in recognizing their outstanding contributions to the field of criminology.

Thank you for being a part of this celebration of academic excellence. Enjoy the symposium!



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