

Women, Disability, and Intersectionality: *Designing for Equality and Leaving No One Behind*

March 13-14, 2026

Feminist Legal Studies Queen's and the Faculty of Law, Queen's University, Kingston

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Location: Robert Sutherland Hall, Policy Studies, 138 Union St., room #202 (main floor)

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Friday, March 13, 2026

12:00-1:00 Registration and Networking light lunch – Policy Studies, Robert Sutherland Hall, 138 Union St., Kingston, Ont., Room #202

1:00 Conference Opening

Welcome and Introduction to Goals of Conference

Bitu Amani and Debra Haak, Faculty of Law and Co-Directors, Feminist Legal Studies Queen's

Stephanie Simpson, Vice Principal (Culture, Equity, and Inclusion), Queen's University: Introduction to Keynote Speaker

1:15 Keynote Address

Women and Disability: Critical Reflections on Designing for Equality and (Mobility) Justice

Principal's Development Fund Visiting Scholar, Dr. Anna Lawson, Professor of Law, Co-Director for the Centre for Law and Social Justice, University of Leeds

2:45-3:00 Break

3:00-4:15 Panel I – Enabling Equality and Better Disability Justice: On Histories, Political Movements, and Evolving Knowledges

Chair and Moderator: Sharry Aiken

Ladan Adhami-Dorrani “The effects of Historical Disabling Knowledge: Deconstruction as a Process of Enabling”

Nancy Coldham, “Politics of the Intersectionality of Disability and Gender Justice”

Nolan Krahn, “Genealogical Precursors to Southern Ontario’s Disability Justice Movement”

4:15-5:45 Panel II – *After* Ableism: Comparative Designs for Intersectional Disability Equality and Leaving No One Behind

Chair and Moderator: Michele Leering

Marie Spinoy, “Anti-Discrimination Law at the Intersection of Gender and Disability: Design Flaws or Avenues for Action?” (online)

Deepti Panda, “The ‘Shrimp Salad’ Bowl of Rights, Privileges and DEI: A Hohfeldian Critique of Corporate Inclusion”

Magdalena Zabrocka, “Male Centric Neurodivergence and Systemic “Acceptance Norms”: Disability, Sex, and AI Driven EDI Frameworks”

Bitá Amani, “AI, Disability Equality, and the *Accessible Canada Act*: From Constitutional Rights to Positive Obligations and Emerging Standards for a Barrier Free Canada by 2040”

5:45-6:45 Dinner Break

6:45-8:30 Panel III – Evening Panel – Reconceptualizing Disability Harms and Enabling Movements: Voice, Inclusion, and Bodies in Motion

Chair and Moderator: Cherie Metcalf

Abbasi Ayesha Youssuf, “From Civilian Harm to Permanent Disability: Rethinking ‘Collateral Damage’ Through a Feminist Lens” (online)

Elahe Amani, “Intersectionality and the Rights of Women with Disabilities in the Middle East” (online)

Sharry Aiken, “Inequalities at the Border: Ableism, Intersectionality, and Disability Based Exclusion in Canadian Immigration Law”

Bahar Karbakhsh-Ravari, “Embodied Resistance: Iran and Beyond”

TIKA, “The Cost of Silence: How Voice, Trauma & Nervous System Literacy Shape Disability for Black Women” (online)

8:30 Day 1 Adjourns

Saturday, March 14, 2026

Robert Sutherland Hall, Policy Studies, 138 Union St., room #202 (main floor)

8:30 Registration and light breakfast: Mix and Mingle

8:55 Welcome and Introduction to Day 2

9:00-10:15 Panel IV – End of Life Agency and Actors: Disability and Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)

Chair and Moderator: Debra Haak

Mary Shariff and Derek Ross, “Equal Protection of the Law and Equal Right to Life: Examining the Judiciary’s Role in Overseeing the interpretation of Canada’s Medical Assistance in Dying Requirements” (online)

Gwendoline Allison, “Medical Assistance in Dying: A.Y. v. N.B.” (online)

Kerri Froc, “Autonomy with a Vengeance Redux: Equality Rights in the Shadow of MAiD” (online)

10:15-10:30 Wellness and Refreshment Break

10:30-12:15 Panel V – Disability and Mediated Rights in Sexuality, Reproduction, and Motherhood

Chair and Moderator: Nancy Coldham

Grace Barnes, “Disability or Sexuality? Recognising Binary Constructions of Disabled Women’s Sexuality in Human Rights Discourses”

Hiwot Temesgen Andualem, “Barriers and Facilitators to Accessing Sexual and Reproductive Health Services for Women with Intellectual Disability” (non-presenting co-authors: Heather Aldersey, Susan Bartels, Beata Batorowicz, Tewodros Seyoum, Bilen Mekonnen)

Ishani Mookherjee, “Understanding ‘Choice’ in Disability-Selective Abortions Through the Feminist Ethics of Care: An Indian Perspective” (online)

Hillary Chua, “Mother Knows Best? Intellectual Disability, Intimacy, and the Limits of Legal Capacity: Lessons from Singapore” (online)

Beverley Clough, “(Un)Becoming Mothers: Mapping the Structural Intersections of Motherhood and Disability” (online)

12:15-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:15 Panel VI – Disability Justice and the (Political) Economy of Family and Gendered Care

Chair and Moderator: Deepti Panda

Yukiko Kobayashi Lui, “Reconstructing Bracklow v Bracklow”

Haley Hrymak, “Economic Abuse and the High Costs of BC’s Child Support System” (online)

Deanne Sowter, “Self-Represented Litigants and Cross-Examinations: Myths, Stereotypes and Retraumatization in Family Law Cases Involving Restraining Orders” (online)

2:15-2:30 Wellness Break

2:30-3:45 Panel VII – Disabling Violence and Social Attitudes: Learning, Healing, and Transforming Systemic Barriers

Chair and Moderator: Bitu Amani

Jane Healy, “A Mixed-Methods study on police responses in England and Wales to Reports of Sexual Violence from Victims with Impairments” (online); (non-presenting co-authors: Aneela Khan and Margaret Hardiman)

Sabrina Khela, “Gender Justice Delayed: A Feminist Critique of *R. v. Jordan*” (online)

Hanna Tilahun, “Gender-Transformative Programming as a Model for Intersectional Inclusion: Lessons from Ethiopia’s RESILIENT-WE Project” (online)

3:45 Closing Remarks and Conference Adjournment

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