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The 16th Annual Senior College Symposium

Roots of Violence

On Zoom: Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Registration link:

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Co-Chairs: Daphne Maurer (pro tem) and Margaret Procter

Committee: Linda Hutcheon (ex officio), Carl Baar, Cornelia Baines, Deanne Bogdan, Larry Bourne, Margrit Eichler, Suzanne Hidi, Giuliana Katz, Merrijoy Kelner, Bill Logan, Scott Rogers, Peter Russell

Session 1: Daphne Maurer, Chair

8:45 **Welcome: Michael Hutcheon, Principal**

9:00-10:00 **Richard Tremblay**
“Roots and Prevention of Aggressive Behavior: A Developmental and Intergenerational Perspective”

I will discuss the results of assessing the development of thousands of children from pre-birth to adulthood in order to understand the genetic and environmental roots of aggressive behaviour. I will also describe the long-term effectiveness of preventive interventions and the importance of an intergenerational perspective.

Richard Tremblay is Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics and Psychology at the Université de Montréal, and Emeritus Professor of Public Health at University College Dublin. An Officer of the Order of Canada, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and a Fellow of the American Academy for the Advancement of Science, he received the Stockholm Prize in Criminology, the Sellin-Glueck award from the American Society of Criminology and the Scott award from the International Society for Research on Aggression.



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10:00-11:00 Marc Tuters

“The Rebel Yell: On the Rhetorical Violence of Canadian ‘Alt-Right’ Social Media”

YouTube has received much attention for its supposed role in the rise of the so-called “alt-right,” an online political movement that has adapted the formats and concepts associated with reactionary web subcultures. Focusing on the Canadian YouTube news channel *The Rebel*, I will describe how the alt-right’s rhetorical style engages audiences in ways that may promote violence.

Marc Tuters is an Assistant Professor in the University of Amsterdam's Media Studies faculty, where he teaches graduate courses on new media theory. As director of the Open Intelligence Lab, his current research examines radical visual subcultures at the bottom of the Web.

11:00-11:20 Break

Session 2: Margaret Procter, Chair

11:20-12:20 Linda Hutcheon and Michael Hutcheon

“‘Decapitated, hanged, impaled, burned, bound, drowned, flayed’: Staging Mozart’s *Abduction from the Seraglio* for the 21st Century”

Mozart’s comic opera was composed for a 1783 Viennese audience about to celebrate the 100th anniversary of their defeat of the Ottoman Turks at their very gates. Our title’s verbal violence (taken from the opera itself) only begins to suggest the cultural stereotyping of Muslims common in 18th-century Enlightenment Europe. For all the reasons that Mozart’s audience understood and accepted this stereotype of a traditional enemy, 21st-century, multicultural Toronto audiences might well not do so. We will describe how the Canadian Opera Company grappled with this problem in its 2018 remounting of the opera, and will discuss the range of audience reactions.

Linda Hutcheon, University Professor Emeritus, English and Comparative Literature, and Michael Hutcheon, Professor of Medicine, both at the University of Toronto, have done collaborative interdisciplinary work on many aspects of opera, including the publication of four books *Opera: Desire, Disease, Death; Bodily Charm: Living Opera; Opera: The Art of Dying; Four Last Songs: Aging and Creativity in Verdi, Strauss, Messiaen, and Britten*.

12:20-1:00 Lunch break (on your own)



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1:00-2:00

Beatrice Jauregui

“Violence Work? An Anthropological View of Policing in North America and the Global South”

This talk will evaluate global calls to “defund the police” from the perspective of how police see their work in regions as varying as Brazil, Canada, India, and the U.S. I will consider the implications of what these pluralistic publics demand from their police, and the potential in the current moment for institutional transformation and a reckoning with systemic inequality.

Beatrice Jauregui is Associate Professor of Anthropology and Criminology and Sociolegal Studies at the University of Toronto. She is the author of *Provisional Authority: Police, Order, and Security in India* (University of Chicago 2016) and co-editor of the *Sage Handbook of Global Policing* (Sage 2016) and *Anthropology and Global Counterinsurgency* (University of Chicago 2010). She teaches courses on Policing; Human Rights and Security; Gender, Sex, and Crime; and Qualitative Research Methods. She is conducting research on comparative police perspectives with a focus on the global south and on historical changes in the cultural representation of police and military actors and institutions.

Session 3: Bill Logan, Chair

2:00-3:00

Steve Reicher

“Assault on Capitol Hill: On toxic leadership and collective violence”

In this talk I shall address the role of leadership in mobilising acts of collective violence. I shall first outline a general psychological analysis of the phenomenon, based on theories of identity leadership. I shall then apply the analysis to Donald Trump’s role in the assault on the US Capitol on January 6th 2021.

Steve Reicher is the Bishop Wardlaw Professor of Social Psychology at the University of St. Andrews. He is known for his work on crowd behaviour and is a frequent consultant to police agencies, government, and the Equalities and Human Rights Commission. He is a Fellow of the British Academy, the Royal Society of Edinburgh (where he is Vice-President, Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences), the Academy of Social Sciences, and the Canadian Institutes for Advanced Research. He received the Harold Lasswell and Nevitt Sanford awards from the International Society for Political Psychology.



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3:00-3:20 **Break**

3:20-4:20 **Izzeldin Abuelaish**

“Hatred is a contagious disease and a public health emergency”

The current global upsurge in hatred and violence compromises health and economic welfare at both the individual and population levels. My talk will describe hatred as a contagious disease, with an initial exposure, transmission across individuals and borders, and breakout of violent behaviours. To identify effective preventive measures, we must study the causes of hatred from an interdisciplinary and public health disease perspective. This knowledge is essential to social stability and global peace.

Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish is a Palestinian Canadian physician and an internationally recognized human rights and peace activist. Besides his medical degrees, he holds a Master’s in Public Health from Harvard University. His book *I Shall Not Hate: A Gaza Doctor’s Journey on the Road to Peace and Human Dignity* is an international bestseller. He has been nominated five times for the Nobel Peace Prize, and holds numerous national and international honours.

4:20-4:30 **Wrap-up and thanks**