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EDUCATION

2014

Doctor of Philosophy, Department of Social Justice Education

Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), University of Toronto

Thesis: Warrior Women: Indigenous women's anti-violence engagement with the Canadian state

Committee: Sherene Razack (Supervisor), Jean-Paul Restoule, and Martin Cannon.

2005

Master of Arts, Department of Sociology

University of British Columbia

Thesis: Whitewashing history: The social construction of whiteness in Armstrong, BC, 1890-1930

Committee: Dr. Gillian Creese (Supervisor) and Dr. Becki Ross

2002

Bachelor of Arts, Department of Sociology

Okanagan University College (now UBC-Okanagan)

Exhibit: National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
Location/Phase: Parts 213 St. John's
Witness: Robyn Bourgeois
Submitted by: Christa Big Canoe
Add'l info: P02-03P04P0301
Date: OCT 17 2018

Initials

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

2018	Social Justice Research Institute (SJRI) Brock University Local Engagement Grant (with Drs. Natalee Caple & Julie Gregory). Value: \$3000
2013	Dean's recognition for superior teaching evaluations (course: Indigenous women), Laurier Brantford
2009	School of Graduate Studies Travel Grant, University of Toronto
2005-2008	Academic Excellence Award, OISE/UT (renewed annually)
2005-2008	Canadian Graduate Scholarship – Doctoral, SSHRC
2003	Canadian Graduate Scholarship – Masters, SSHRC
2002	Departmental Fellowship, Sociology, UBC
2001	Dean's List, Okanagan University College
1996	President's Entrance Scholarship, Okanagan University College

FACULTY POSITIONS

2017 – present	Assistant Professor, The Centre for Women's and Gender Studies Brock University St. Catharines, ON Institutional Affiliations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Master of Arts program in Social Justice and Equity Studies• Social Justice Research Institute
2015 – 2017	Program Teaching Staff, Indigenous Women in Community Leadership Certificate Program International Centre for Women's Leadership Coady International Institute

	St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, NS
2011 – 2014	Sessional Instructor, Departments of Contemporary Studies, Criminology, and Indigenous Studies
	Wilfrid Laurier University, Brantford, ON
2011	Sessional Instructor, Department of Women's Studies
	University of British Columbia – Okanagan, Kelowna, BC
2010 – 2011	Instructor, Department of Political Studies (Indigenous Studies)
	Okanagan College, Kelowna, BC
2008 – 2010	Sessional faculty, Women and Gender Studies Institute
	University of Toronto, Toronto, ON
2006 – 2007	Sessional faculty, Environmental Studies (Graduate Program)
	York University, North York Ontario

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Brock University (St. Catharines, ON)

Indigenous Feminisms – Online (Fall 2017)

Indigenous Feminisms (Fall 2018)

WGST Practicum Course (Fall 2018 – Winter 2019)

Historical Perspectives on Women and Gender (Winter 2018)

Bodies, Beauty, and Culture (Winter 2018)

Coady International Institute (Antigonish, NS)

Indigenous Women and Community Leadership Certificate Program (Spring/Summer 2015; Spring/Summer 2016)

Topics:

- Indigenous women's history
- Indigenous women and leadership
- Intergenerational trauma, healing, and community development

- Violence (lateral, colonial, structural)
- Indigenous approaches to conflict analysis and resolution
- Indigenous approaches to knowledge production and dissemination
- Indigenous research methodologies
- Health in Indigenous communities
- Asset-based Community-Driven Development (ABCD)
- Facilitation skills
- Participatory project management
- Advocacy

I also teach indigenous content in other Coady programs including the Diploma in Development Studies and the Canadian Women's Foundation Leadership Institute. I am also co-teaching a STFX course, Development Studies 405: Community-Based Development: Strategies and Practice, during Fall 2016.

Wilfred Laurier University (Brantford, ON)

Indigenous pedagogy (Fall 2014)

Indigenous women (Winter 2013)

Restorative justice (Fall 2011, Winter 2013)

Reconsidering race and oppression (Fall 2011, Winter 2013, May 2013)

Violence and society (Fall 2013)

University of British Columbia – Okanagan (Kelowna, BC)

Gender and popular culture (Winter 2011)

Okanagan College (Kelowna, BC)

Introduction to Aboriginal Studies (Fall 2010)

Indigenous concepts and frameworks (Winter 2011)

Introduction to sociology (distance education) (Summer 2005)

University of Toronto

Gender and Violence (Summer 2008, Summer 2009, Fall 2009, Summer 2010)

Introduction to Aboriginal Studies (TA) (Fall 2009, Winter 2009)

York University

Reshaping research with Aboriginal People (graduate course) (Fall 2006)

Native and non-native relations in Canadian society (graduate course) (Winter 2006)

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Graduate Students

Supervisor

- Sana Shah (2018+)
Master of Social Justice and Equity Studies, Brock University
- Amy Lickers (2007–2008)
Master of Arts in Environmental Studies, York University
- Sarah McGregor (2007-2008)
Master of Arts in Environmental Studies, York University

Committee member

- Adrienne Lickers (2016+)
Doctorate in Social Sciences, Royal Roads University
Thesis topic: Food security at Six Nations
- Cherry Smiley (2016)
Doctorate in Communications Studies, Concordia University
Thesis Topic: Indigenous women and prostitution
- Cathrine Chambers (2016-2017)
Doctorate in Social Work, University of Ottawa
Thesis Topic: Indigenous Practitioners' Stories of Helping and Healing with Indigenous Women who live with Sexualized Violence

Undergraduate students

Independent study (thesis)

- Jittu Thomas (2016)
Diploma in Development Studies, St. Francis Xavier University
Topic: Education of youth in rural India
- Rupa Upret (2016)
Diploma in Development Studies, St. Francis Xavier University

Topic: Young Women and Political Violence in Nepal

Internships

- Kashya Young (2016), Summer Internship, Indigenous Women in Community Leadership, Coady International Institute, St. Francis Xavier University

Community placements

- As part of my work in the Indigenous Women in Community Leadership program at the Coady International Institute of St. Francis Xavier University, I supervised 21 community placements in 2015, and 16 in 2016. During this period of two and half months, our students work on assignments including development of a community-driven initiative.

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

Co-Primary Investigator, Coalition to End Violence Against Women (CEVAW) – Niagara Region Research project, St. Catharines, ON, 2018 (Value: \$15,000)

With Dr. Natalee Caple, Assistant Professor – English Language & Literature, and Dr. Julie Gregory, Social Justice Research Institute.

Working with CEVAW, we are studying barriers to accessing anti-violence services in the Niagara region. This project involves a mix of survey, statistical, interview and secondary data sources.

Research partner, Grandmother Moon Lodge, Winnipeg, MB, 2015-present

Working with this indigenous community-based traditional teaching lodge to develop research examining contemporary manifestations of indigenous matriarchal teachings and practices.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research consultant, Urban Institute, Washington, D.C..

Working with lead researcher Dr. Meredith Dank, to develop and implement a study of the trafficking of indigenous youths for sexual exploitation from tribal/reserve lands across the Canadian and US Prairies (2015).

Research consultant, Native Women's Association of Canada, March 2009. Contributed to organization's review of new Tri-Council policy on research involving Aboriginal people

Research assistant, under the supervision of Dr. Richard Volpe, Institute for Child Studies, University of Toronto (2006-2007). Projects: Addressing neurotrauma; shaken baby syndrome; stories of street-involved youth in Toronto.

Research assistant, under the supervision of Dr. Margrit Eichler, The Wall Institute/Department of Sociology and Equity Studies in Education, University of Toronto (2005). Project: Housework and Life Long Learning

Research assistant, under the supervision of Dr. Luis Aguiar, Okanagan University College (now UBC-O) (2001-2002) Projects: Neoliberalism and Building Cleaners; Representations of Building Cleaners in Popular Culture

SCHOLARLY, PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (Selected)

- **Member**, President's Advisory Committee on Human Rights, Equity and Decolonization (September 2018 – present)
- **Member**, Advisory Committee for the hiring of an AVP-Indigenous Engagement, Brock University (May 2018 – present)
- **Member**, Human Trafficking Experiential Roundtable, Government of Ontario, March 2018-present.
- **Member**, Aboriginal Advisory Circle to the Research Ethics Board, Brock University, September 2017-present.
- **Board member**, Social Science Research Ethics Board, Brock University, September 2017-August 2018.
- **Observer for Brock University Faculty Association**, Two Row/Dish with One Spoon Council, Brock University. October 2017-May 2018.
- **Co-Chair**, Governance and Ceremony subcommittee of the Committee on Indigenization, St. Francis Xavier University, 2016-2017.
- **Moderator**, President's Colloquium Fall 2016: Social Justice for Reconciliation, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, NS.
- **Community Advisor**, YWCA Halifax Nova Scotia Trafficking Elimination Partnership, Halifax, NS, Summer 2016 – 2017.

- **Board Member**, Antigonish Women's Resource Centre, Antigonish, NS. Spring 2016–2017.
- **Member**, Women and Equity Committee, St. Francis Xavier University chapter of the Canadian Association of University Teachers, Antigonish, NS, 2016-2017
- **Member**, Sexual Violence Policy Advisory Committee, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, NS. 2015-2017.
- **Member**, International Women's Week committee, Antigonish, NS. September 2015–2017.
- **Community Advisory Board**, *Paqtenkek Community Sexual Violence Project*, Paqtenkek, NS. 2015-2017.
- **Academic commentator**, CBC Radio, (2010 to present). Topics: RCMP Operational Overview of Missing And Murdered Aboriginal Women and Girls; the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls; and the Assembly of First Nations 2016 memorandum of understanding with the RCMP.
- **Blogger**, The Huffington Post Canada (2012-present)
- **Community Partner and Consultant**, Sisters in Spirit Initiative, Native Women's Association of Canada, Ottawa, ON (2009-2010)
- **Chair – Board of Directors**, Toronto Women's Bookstore, Toronto, ON (2006-2010)
- **Member**, Green College Society, UBC, Vancouver, BC (Resident member 2002-2004, non-resident member, 2004-present)

PUBLICATIONS – PEER-REVIEWED

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2018). "Generations of genocide – The historical roots of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls," *Keetsahnak, Our Sisters*, Eds. Maria Campbell, Kim Anderson and Christi Belcourt. Calgary: University of Alberta Press, pp 65-87.

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2017). "A State of Perpetual Violence: An Indigenous Feminist Anti-Oppression Inquiry into Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls " *Making Space for Indigenous Feminisms* (2nd Ed.), Ed. J. Green. Halifax, NS: Fernwood Publications, pp. 253-273.

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2015). "Colonial exploitation: The Canadian state and the trafficking of indigenous women and girls in Canada," UCLA Law Review 62(6), 1426-1463.

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2009). "Deceptive Inclusion – The 2010 Olympics and Violence Against First Nations People," Canadian Woman Studies (Special Issue on Women and Canadian Multiculturalism) 27(2,3), pp.39-44.

PUBLICATIONS – NON-PEER REVIEWED

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2018). "Book Review: Indigenous Women's Writing and The Cultural Study of Law," Contemporary Women's Writing, <https://academic.oup.com/cww/advance-article-abstract/doi/10.1093/cww/vpy006/4923182?redirectedFrom=fulltext>

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2014) "Book Review: Indigenous Women and Feminism," Canadian Journal of Women and the Law 26(1): 153-159.

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2012). "Violent Realities: The Everydayness of Violence against Native People [A review of Barbara Perry's Silent Victims: Hate Crimes against Native Americans]," H-Genocide, H-Net Reviews (April 2012): <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=29737>

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2007). "Placing Monetary Value on Human Lives: Bureaucracy as a Tool of Colonial Genocide (A review of Dean Neu and Richard Therrien's Accounting for Genocide). H-Genocide: <http://www.h-net.org/~genocide/>.

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2006). "Histories of Colonization, Generations of Hurt: The Affect of the Legacy of Colonialism on Aboriginal Women in Canada," Making Waves: An Ecumenical Feminist Journal 6 (1): 10-15.

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2006). "A National Epidemic: The Scope of Violence Against Aboriginal Women in Canada" Making Waves: An Ecumenical Feminist Journal 6 (1): 19-20.

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2006). "Lani Guinier"; "Multiracialism"; and "Multisexuality" [Encyclopedia Entries], The Women's Movement Today: An Encyclopedia of Third Wave Feminism, Volume 1, A-Z. (Ed. Leslie L. Heywood). Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishing Group.

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2009). "The Oka Crisis," The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest: 1500 to Present (Ed. E. Ness). Oxford, Blackwell Publishing.

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2008). "Self-Government Treaties (Canada)," Treaties with American Indians – An Encyclopedia of Rights, Conflicts, and Sovereignty. (Ed. Donald L. Fixico). Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, pp. 726-727.

PUBLICATIONS – OTHER

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2012). "National Inquiry on Missing, Murdered Women Not Best Answer," Huffington Post (blog), http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/robyn-bourgeois/missing-women-inquiry-report-vancouver-pickton_b_2333262.html

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2012). "Is Anyone Listening to the 'Forsaken,' Marginalized Women of Vancouver?" Huffington Post (blog), http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/robyn-bourgeois/missing-women-inquiry-reaction_b_2319073.html

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2012). "The Significance of B.C.'s Missing Women Inquiry Report," Huffington Post (blog), http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/robyn-bourgeois/bc-missing-women-commission-inquiry-report_b_2308469.html

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2012). "Lest We Forget" – Remembering Helen Betty Osborne," [Op. Ed. Piece, 12 November 2012] Black Coffee Poet.
<http://blackcoffeepoet.com/2012/11/12/remembering-helen-betty-osborne-op-ed-lest-we-forget/>

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2008). "The Trial of Willie Pickton – Another Symptom of a National Epidemic," BASICS Newsletter (January).

PUBLICATIONS – WORKS SUBMITTED AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Bourgeois, Robyn. Race, Space, and Prostitution: The Making of Colonial Canada," *Canadian Journal of Women and the Law* (Special edition devoted to the work of Sherene Razack), Submitted.

Bourgeois, Robyn. *Warrior Women: Indigenous Women's Involvement in Canadian State Anti-Violence Responses, 1980 - 2015* (Book Manuscript). Work in progress

CURRICULUM

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2016). Conflict and Peacebuilding in Indigenous Communities". Developed for the Indigenous Women in Community Leadership program at the Coady International Institute.

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2011). "Violence and Society". Developed for Contemporary Studies, Laurier Brantford.

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2010). "Unit 6 – Indigenous and Critical Education". Developed for an online graduate program in Education at Athabasca University.

CONFERENCES (Selected)

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2018). "Family Matters: Conceptualizations and Deployments of "Family" in State-sponsored Antiviolence Response in Canada Since the 1980s," Paper presented at the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association annual conference, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA.

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2018). "Supporting Indigenous Women's Leadership Across the Lifespan," Workshop offered at the Indigenous Women's Symposium, Trent University, Peterborough, ON.

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2018). Panelist - "OPIRG Brock Panel on Activism in the Academy," Niagara Social Justice Forum.

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2017). "Canada, Settler Colonialism, and the Trafficking of Indigenous Women and Girls," paper presented at the United Nation's Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) 61 – NGO Events, New York, NY.

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2017). "Indigenous women and sexual exploitation: The Canadian context," paper presented at the United Nation's Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) 61 – NGO Events, New York, NY.

INVITED SPEAKER/KEYNOTE ADDRESSES (Selected)

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2018, 28 September) NOT VANISHING - Indigenous women surviving and resisting colonial terror in contemporary Canadian society. Guest speaker for artist Shelley Niro's fourth-year School for Advanced Studies in the Arts & Humanities, University of Western Ontario, London, ON.

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2018, March 8). Keynote Address: NOT VANISHING - Indigenous women surviving and resisting colonial terror in contemporary Canadian society. International Women's Day celebration, Brock University.

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2017, December 6). Keynote Address: "December 6th – Why this day still matters so much," National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, Brock University.

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2017, December 6). Keynote Address: "Remembering Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls on the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women," St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, NS.

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2016, December 6). Keynote Address: "Warrior Women: Indigenous Women's Antiviolence Resistance," National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON.

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2016, November 12). Keynote Address: "Pimp Nation: Settler Colonialism and the Trafficking of Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada," Symposium: Contextualizing Sex Trafficking of Aboriginal Women and Girls, Lakehead University, Orillia, ON.

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2016, June 7-8). Invited Speaker, Imperial Oil and the Imperial Oil Foundation. Topics: Reconciliation (June 7) and Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls (June 8), Calgary, AB.

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2016, May 23). Invited speaker, "The Hypersexualization of Indigenous and Racialized Women," UnSlut Conference, St. Francis Xavier University.

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2016, March 7). Invited speaker, "Thoughts on the Inquiry into Murdered and Missing Women and Girls," Reconciliation for International Women's Week, sponsored by the Antigonish Women's Resource Centre, the Coady International Institute, and St. Francis Xavier University.

Bourgeois, Robyn. (2015, January 29-30). Invited speaker, "Examining the Roots of Human Trafficking and Exploitation," UCLA Law Review Symposium, Los Angeles, CA.

CREATIVE WORKS IN THE ARTS (NON-JURIED)

Robyn Bourgeois. (2017). A Space of My Own (Ink and highlighter on paper). As part of the exhibit "Taken Spaces - Contemporary reflections on Virginia Woolf's 'A Room of One's Own,'" curated by Pamela Johnson. Antigonish Art Festival, 16 September 2017.

Robyn Bourgeois. (2017). A Space of My Own (Ink and highlighter on paper). As part of the exhibit "Taken Spaces - Contemporary reflections on Virginia Woolf's 'A Room of One's Own,'" curated by Pamela Johnson, Sydney After Dark Art Festival, 23 September 2017.