

Barbara Perry, PhD

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Global hate crime expert and leading author cultivates a society of education and victim support

Barbara Perry, PhD, is recognized as one of the world's foremost authorities and renowned authors on Hate Crime. A Professor in the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT), Dr. Perry is helping to frame the field, and foster global education and support for victims of violence. Excited by her ability to challenge the status quo and traditional ways of thinking about the justice system, Dr. Perry has studied hate crime for more than 20 years. What drew her in was the enormous opportunity to fill the many gaps in the system; dealing with victims and their experiences; then sharing their stories to create broader awareness. She is passionate about giving victims a voice and deeply committed to bringing people in marginalized communities back into the fold so that they can realize full citizenship.

Her pursuit of social justice stems from her desire to have a more critical perspective. In 1985, Dr. Perry obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Social Behaviour from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario; she received her Master of Arts in Sociology from Queen's University in 1987, and earned her Doctorate in Sociology from Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario in 1992. Her previous appointments include Assistant Professor and Associate Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at Northern Arizona University, and Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminology at the University of Southern Maine.

Throughout her esteemed career, Dr. Perry has received numerous teaching and research awards for her work including the 2013 Distinguished Scholar Award from Auckland University in New Zealand. In 2012, she was appointed Honorary Fellow in the Department of Criminology at the University of Leicester, United Kingdom; and she was awarded the American Society of Criminology's 2007 Critical Criminologist of the Year.

Education/Learning, Research, Law Enforcement, Judiciary

Hate Crime, Race and Justice, Lgbtq Issues, Human Rights Violations, Crime and Justice, Law and Social Control, Sexuality Equality, Immigration and Citizenship, Indigenous People, Criminal and Social Justice Policy

American Society of Criminology, British Society of Criminology, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, American Sociological Association, Society for the Study of Social Problems

Missing Pieces and Misplaced Priorities: An Acknowledgement of Right Wing Extremism in Canada
Western Society of Criminology Annual Conference

The "Right" Response to Right Wing Extremism in Canada
American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting

Right Wing Extremism in Canada: An Environmental Scan of the Current State of the Canadian "Movement"
71st Annual Meeting of American Society of Criminology

Identifying and Responding to Right Wing Extremism
Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police Diversity Council

White Pride Worldwide: Constructing Global Identities Online
Symposium on Internationalizing Hate Crime, Sussex University

Visibilities, Vilification and Violence: Islamophobic Hate Crime in Canada (
Department of Sociology, Auckland University

Community Impacts of Hate Crime
Auckland University

Universal Suffering: A Global Continuum of Violence
Symposium on Regulating Emotions, Research Cluster in Emotions and Society

Universal Suffering: Intervening Globally in Hate Crime
International Network for Hate Studies Conference

“Three Man Wrecking Crews”: Right Wing Extremism in Canada
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting

Bound by the Code: Legal Constraints of Policing Gender-Motivated Violence in Canada
American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting

Seeing Muslims: Identities, Visibilities, and Islamophobic Violence in Canada
Nottingham-Trent University

Rejected and Dejected: The Impacts of Islamophobic Violence on Community Members
Scarman Public Lecture, University of Leicester

I Don't Know Where it is Safe: Trans Identified Womens' Experience of Violence
Explorations in Justice Conference, University of Albany

Right Wing Extremism in Canada: Preliminary Observations
Metropolis Conference

Community Impacts of Hate Crime
Ontario Provincial Police Blue Sky Conference on Hate Crime and Extremism

Confronting Homophobia: Full-day Workshop
Council of Social Services

Right Wing Extremism in Canada: Acknowledging the Problem
Kanishka Opening Conference

UOIT's Contribution to Oshawa's Downtown Revitalization
Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences

Community Impacts of Hate Crime
Hate Crime Symposium

Impacts of Islamophobic Violence
Islamophobia Symposium

Promising Practices in Responding to Hate Crime
Hate Crime Symposium, Oxford Brookes University

Carleton University
PhD Sociology

Queen's University
Master of Arts Sociology

Queen's University
Bachelor of Arts Social Behaviour

Adjunct Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Limerick
Limerick, Ireland

Founding Board Member, International Institute on Radicalisation and Securities Studies (IIRSS)
Established in January 2014, the IIRSS was created to provide research, training and specialized investigative support on matters involving hate propaganda, the promotion of genocide, hate-motivated crimes, criminal extremism and radicalisation. The mandate of the IIRSS is to conduct multi-national strategic intelligence operations, training and research targeting individuals or organized groups involved in radicalised activity and criminal extremism.

2013 Distinguished Visitor Award, Auckland University
Auckland, New Zealand

Documentary Producer, Courage in the Face of Hate
Courage in the Face of Hate is the first Canadian documentary to focus on the human impact of hate crimes, bullying and violence against lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and two-spirited Canadians. Produced in partnership with Egale Canada Human Rights Trust in 2012, the documentary is aimed at students in grades 9 to 11 and includes a lesson plan. One of the most impactful research projects of Dr. Perry's career, her documentary has been picked up by school boards across Canada.

Co-Chair and Advisory Board Member, International Network For Hate Studies

This cross-jurisdictional and interdisciplinary organization aims to facilitate the exchange of knowledge about the study of hate and hate crime. Academics and practitioners are working to understand ways that hate and hate crime can be combated in society.

Honorary Fellow, Department of Criminology, University of Leicester
Leicester, England

Author, Diversity, Crime and Justice in Canada (Oxford)

Dr. Perry brings together 17 of the country's leading scholars to address issues of inequality as they intersect with crime and social justice. Published in 2011, this invaluable student text examines social inequality in relation to Canada's criminal justice system.

Board of Directors, PFLAG Canada Durham Region

Since 2011, Dr. Perry has served on the Board of Directors of PFLAG Canada Durham Region, the only national organization that helps all Canadians with issues of sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression through support, education and resources. Her other roles within this group include Education Co-ordinator, and LGBT Youth Leadership Camp Committee Chair and Fund Development Committee member.

Professor, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities, UOIT

In July 2004, Dr. Perry joined UOIT as Associate Professor, and in July 2006 she became the first woman at the university to be promoted to Full Professor. From 2008-2014, she served as the faculty's Associate Dean. She received UOIT's Research Excellence Award in 2009.

2007 Critical Criminologist of the Year, American Society of Criminology (ASC)
ASC Division on Critical Criminology

Visiting Professor, Department of Social Sciences, Nottingham Trent University
Nottingham, England

Author, In the Name of Hate: Understanding Hate Crimes (Routledge)

In the Name of Hate: Understanding Hate Crimes is the first book to offer a comprehensive theory of hate crimes. It provides an historical understanding of hate crimes and provocatively argues that hate crimes are not an aberration of current society, but a by-product of a society still struggling with inequality, difference, fear and hate. Widely regarded as the seminal book in the industry, her first edition broke new ground and helped frame the field.

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