

Connie Russell

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Author, researcher, teacher with expertise in environmental and social justice education

Biography

Connie Russell is a professor in the Faculty of Education, Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Canada where she teaches courses in environmental and sustainability education, social justice education, and humane/interspecies education. An award-winning author and editor, her overarching goal is to help make the world a place where all people, all creatures, and the land can flourish. Education is key to that and she is interested in not only what happens in elementary and secondary schools and universities but also in places where informal learning happens such as on wildlife-focused trips and in zoos.

Areas of Expertise

Weight-Based Oppression & Size Discrimination, Environmental Education, Social Justice Education, Animals and Education, Wildlife Tourism

Event Appearances

The Other "F" Word: Fat Oppression and Finding Ways to Fight It
In Conversation Speaker Series

Unpacking Wildlife Tourism
Cross-Cultural Anthropology, Canisius College

"Fatties Cause Global Warming!" Fat Pedagogy and Climate Change Education
Climate Change Education, Lakehead University

Outdoor Education and Social Justice
Keynote for Horwood Canadian Student Outdoor Education Conference

The Other "F" Word: Fat, Fitness, and Education
Humanities 101

Fat Shaming and Fatphobia
Brownbag talk for Faculty of Education, Lakehead University

Connecting the Dots Between Sexism, Sizeism, and Speciesism
Talking Sustainability Speaker Series

Wildlife-Focused Tourism: An Educator's Perspective
Student Wildlife Society

Secondary School Integrated Environmental Studies Programs: An Alternative Approach to Environmental Education in Canada
Keynote for Environment and Health in Science Education: International Conference

Education

OISE/University of Toronto
PhD Education

York University
MES Environmental Studies

York University
BA Psychology

Accomplishments

2017 Outstanding Book Award

Society of Professors of Education Outstanding Book Award for *The Fat Pedagogy Reader: Challenging Weight-Based Oppression Through Critical Education* (eds., E. Cameron & C. Russell, 2016, Peter Lang)

2016 Critics' Choice Award

American Educational Studies Association (AESA) Critics' Choice Award for *The Fat Pedagogy Reader: Challenging Weight-Based Oppression Through Critical Education* (eds., E. Cameron & C. Russell, 2016, Peter Lang)

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