

# **Connie Russell**

**Professor at Lakehead University**

Thunder Bay, ON, CA

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

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## **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.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

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

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## **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

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## **Education**

**OISE/University of Toronto**  
PhD Education

**York University**  
MES Environmental Studies

**York University**  
BA Psychology

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## **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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