

# **Dayna Nadine Scott**

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Dr. Dayna Scott works in the areas of environmental law and policy; critical risk theory; environmental justice; and trade and globalization.

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## **Biography**

Professor Dayna Nadine Scott joined Osgoode's faculty in 2006 after completing a SSHRC Post-Doctoral Fellowship at McGill's Faculty of Law and a Hauser Global Research Fellowship at NYU. She is cross-appointed with the Faculty of Environmental Studies. Professor Scott's teaching is in administrative law, environmental law and justice, risk regulation, and international environmental governance. She recently completed a SSHRC-funded research project in partnership with environmental justice activists from the Aamjiwnaang First Nation, near Sarnia's Chemical Valley, which tackled the issue of chronic pollution on an Ontario reserve. The project applied a critical, feminist perspective to the examination of law's treatment of the risks of long-term, low-dose exposures to pollutants.

A current SSHRC-funded project with Professor Gus Van Harten ("Investigating Regulatory Chill") examines the contemporary constraints on regulation to protect the environment, with a focus on investor rights in the resource extraction context.

Professor Scott's publications cover topics from environmental justice activism and experiential knowledge, to contested resource extraction, to the challenges posed for law and environmental health by the emerging endocrine disruption thesis. She is interested in questions of environmental regulation and governance from an interdisciplinary perspective, especially work that interrogates the interaction between local and global modes of governing and ways of knowing.

Professor Scott is the editor of *Our Chemical Selves: Gender, Toxics and Environmental Health* (UBC Press, 2015) and the past Director of the National Network on Environments and Women's Health. Among other awards, Professor Scott has been a recipient of Fulbright and SSHRC Fellowships, and the Law Commission of Canada's "Audacity of Imagination" Prize. Recent publications explore the tactics of activists resisting tar sands extraction in Peace River Alberta ("We are the Monitors Now': Experiential Knowledge, Transcorporeality and Environmental Justice" (2015) in *Social & Legal Studies*), and a Comment on the Idle No More movement published in the *Canadian Journal of Law & Society*, *The Forces that Conspire to Keep us 'Idle'*.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Research

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Environmental Law and Justice, Gender and Environmental Health, Toxic Substances Regulation, Feminist Theory of the Body, Pollution

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## **Affiliations**

## Event Appearances

Expert Testimony to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development  
Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development Review of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act

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## Education

Osgoode Hall Law School  
Ph.D. Law

York University  
M.E.S. Faculty of Environmental Studies

Osgoode Hall Law School  
LL.B Law

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