

# **Roxanne Mykitiuk**

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Roxanne Mykitiuk investigates the legal, ethical and social implications of assisted reproductive and genetic technologies.

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## **Biography**

Roxanne Mykitiuk is an Associate Professor at Osgoode Hall Law School, York University where she teaches disability, health and family law. She is the Director of the Disability Law Intensive clinical program. From 1990-92 she was Senior Legal Researcher for the Canadian Royal Commission on New Reproductive Technologies. From 2002-2006 she was a member of the Ontario Advisory Committee on Genetics and from 2005-2008 she was a member of the Ethics Committee of the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada. In 2009 Roxanne was scholar in residence at the Law Commission of Ontario working on the Disability and Law Project. She is currently on the Board of Directors of ARCH Disability Law Clinic. Roxanne was the Chair of York University's Senate from 2013-2015.

Roxanne is an active, engaged and collaborative researcher. She is the author/ co-author of numerous articles, book chapters and books investigating the legal, ethical and social implications of reproductive and genetic technologies and the legal construction and regulation of embodiment and disability. More recently her research has begun to create and investigate arts-based methods – digital stories and drama-based narratives – as a means of challenging and re-representing conceptions of disability.

She is completing work exploring the reproductive health and intergenerational justice implications of exposures to ubiquitous household toxics, especially in relation to conceptions of harm using a debility and disability justice framework. In another project, she analyzes Article 12 of the CRPD, collectively and collaboratively exploring the meaning of self-determination in health care decision making with a woman who calls herself a “schizophrenist”. In a recent SSHRC project, she is using legal research and digital story making to investigate episodic disability in the workplace and assist employers to adopt policies that are accommodating to the needs of variously positioned workers with episodic disabilities. Furthermore, Roxanne is part of an interdisciplinary team carrying out a program of research that archives, incubates, exhibits, disseminates, studies and provides access to disability art produced by disabled, mad, fat and aging/ed people through research creation activities aimed at interrogating the claim that access to art will provide disabled people with greater access to a fulfilled life beyond how full and equal access is imagined and protected under the law.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Research, Women, Legal Services

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Health Law, Disability Law, Feminist Legal Theory, Family Law, Genetics and the Law, Assisted Reproduction Law, Reproductive Rights, Children and the Law, Bioethics

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## **Affiliations**

Centre for Intellectual Property Policy McGill University : Associate Member, Health Law Institute University of Alberta : Research Associate

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## **Event Appearances**

**Nonhuman Animal-Human Hybrid Embryo Research in Canada: Ethical and Legal Considerations**  
International Conference on the "Healthy" Embryo

**Gender Equity in Health Research in Canada**  
30th International Congress on Law and Mental Health

**Characterizing the PGD Embryo: A Review of Recent Policy Positions**  
Ethics Matters: Joint Ethics Conference

**Playing up Citizen Involvement: An Experiential Workshop in the Use of Theatre for Policy Development**  
Nobody's Child, Everybody's Children: An International Conference on New Reproductive and Genetic Technologies

**Privacy and Other Ethical and Legal Issues in Emergency Contraception in Canada**  
2nd Gynaecology Ontario CME Programme

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## **Education**

**Columbia University School of Law**  
LL.M. Law

**University of Toronto**  
LL.B. Law

**University of Alberta**  
B.A. Political Science

**Columbia University School of Law**  
Degree: J.S.D Law

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