

CHAMPIONING HEALTH JUSTICE PARTNERSHIPS CONFERENCE

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September 22 – 23, 2026 | All times EDT (GMT-4)

Osgoode Professional Development Centre, 1 Dundas St W Suite #2602

Abbreviated Program

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Day 1 – Tuesday, September 22, 2026

9:00 – 9:30 am	<u>Welcome & Invocation</u> <i>Classroom B</i> <i>Invocation</i> Jody Harbour Grandmother's Voice Video Greetings from the Honourable Doug Downey Attorney General of Ontario Video Greetings from Dr. Danielle Martin Member of Parliament for University–Rosedale Video Greetings from Legal Aid Ontario Greetings from the Ontario Health Justice Community of Practice Aidan Johnson & Amy Slotek Co-chairs, Ontario Health Justice Community of Practice
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9:30 – 10:30 am	Session 1 (Plenary) <i>Classroom B</i> Setting the Stage: Why Health Justice Partnerships Matter Now More than Ever Moderator: Michele Leering Visiting Scholar, Queen’s University Faculty of Law; Post-doctoral Research Fellow, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law Presenters: Bethany Hamilton Director, National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership, George Washington University’s Milken Institute of Public Health Dame Hazel Genn DBE, KC (Hon) Professor of Socio-Legal Studies in the Faculty of Law, University College London (UCL), Pro-Provost (Bicentennial); Founder and Academic Adviser, UCL Centre for Access to Justice Lottie Turner Chief Executive Officer, Health Justice Australia Dr. Sarah Beardon Senior Research & Policy Fellow, University College London Faculty of Laws	
10:30 – 11:00 am	BREAK – 30 minutes	
11:00 – 12:15 pm	Session 2 (Plenary) <i>Classroom B</i> Models and the Spectrum of Health Justice Partnerships Moderator: Aidan Johnson Executive Director, Niagara Community Legal Clinic; Co-chair, Ontario Health Justice Community of Practice Presenters: Amy Slotek Staff Lawyer, Legal Aid Ontario; Co-chair, Ontario Health Justice Community of Practice Emmanuelle Bernheim Professor, University of Ottawa Civil Law Section of the Faculty of Law; Co-founder, Outaouais Interdisciplinary Social Law Clinic Giulia Reinhardt Lawyer & Executive Director, Halton Community Legal Services Jennifer Stone Executive Director, Neighbourhood Legal Services; Manager, Health Justice Program Lisa Turik Lawyer & Executive Director, Community Advocacy & Legal Centre Michael Ollier Director of Legal Services, Hamilton Community Legal Clinic Dr. C.Tess Sheldon Associate Professor, University of Windsor Faculty of Law; Director, Health Justice Clinic in Mental Health and Addictions	
12:15 – 1:15 pm	LUNCH – 1 hour	
1:15 – 2:45 pm	Session 3 (Workshop – Practical) <i>Classroom B</i> Teaching & Embedding Health Justice in Medical, Healthcare & Legal	Session 4 (Workshop – Policy) <i>Classroom A</i> Equity, Inclusion, & Priority Populations

	Education Co-moderators: Helen Anderson Director of CLEO Connect at Community Legal Education Ontario (CLEO) Lisa Turik Lawyer & Executive Director, Community Advocacy & Legal Centre (CALC)	Moderator: Bérangère Desfonds Lawyer, Justice Pro Bono (formerly Pro Bono Quebec)
	Presenters: Dr. Melanie Henry Vice-Chair, Community & Partnerships, Department of Family & Community Medicine, University of Toronto; Family Physician, Health for All Family Health Team; Staff Physician, Oak Valley Health; Physician, Blue Door Shelter Mercedes Perez Lawyer & Managing Partner, Perez Procope Leinveer LLP; Adjunct Faculty, Osgoode Hall Law School Robin Nobleman Staff Lawyer, Income Security Advocacy Centre; Adjunct Professor, University of Toronto Jackman Faculty of Law	Presenters: Alexander McClelland Associate Professor, Institute of Criminology, Carleton University Dr. Daisy Rivadeneira Physician; Migrant Public Legal Education & Outreach Worker, Niagara Community Legal Clinic Jody Harbour Co-founder, Grandmother's Voice
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2:45 – 3:15 pm BREAK – 30 minutes		
3:15 – 4:45 pm	Session 5 (Workshop – Practical) Classroom B Laying the Foundation: Building Health Justice Partnerships That Last Moderator: Amy Slotek Staff Lawyer, Legal Aid Ontario; Co-chair, Ontario Health Justice Community of Practice	Session 6 (Workshop – Policy) Classroom A Policy & Legislative Enablers of Health Justice Moderator: Robin Nobleman Staff Lawyer, Income Security Advocacy Centre; Adjunct Professor, University of Toronto Jackman Faculty of Law

	<u>Presenters:</u> Dr. Gary Bloch Family Physician, St. Michael's Hospital & Inner City Health Associates; Associate Professor, University of Toronto; Co-founder of Inner City Health Associates & Health Providers Against Poverty Julien Dion Lawyer & Mediator, La Maison Bleue; Adjunct professor, Université de l'Ontario français Lisa Turik Lawyer & Executive Director, Community Advocacy & Legal Centre Yonit Fuhrmann Deputy Director, Pro Bono Ontario	<u>Presenters:</u> Dr. Naheed Dosani Founder, Palliative Education and Care for the Homeless (PEACH) Program at Inner City Health Associates; Medical Director, Kensington Hospice (Kensington Health); Health Equity Expert Advisor, Canadian Partnership Against Cancer; Physician, St. Michael's Hospital (Unity Health Toronto) Sara Gold Legal Counsel, Access to Justice Office, Department of Justice (DOJ) Canada Vanessa Gruben Professor, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law; Director, Centre for Health Law, Policy, & Ethics
4:45 – 7:00 pm	 <i>This program contains 1 hour(s) and 0 minutes of Professionalism Content</i>	 <i>This program contains 1 hour(s) and 0 minutes of Professionalism Content</i>
Poster Showcase & Networking Reception		

Day 2 – Wednesday, September 23, 2026		
9:00 – 10:30 am	Session 7 (Workshop – Practical) <i>Classroom B</i> Building Evaluation and Research Capacity for Advancing Health Justice Partnerships <i>Co-moderators:</i> Jennifer Stone Executive Director, Neighbourhood Legal Services; Manager, Health Justice Program Michele Leering Visiting Scholar, Queen's University Faculty of Law; Post-doctoral Research Fellow, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law	Session 8 (Workshop – Practical) <i>Classroom A</i> Navigating Referrals in Health Justice Partnerships <i>Moderator:</i> Helen Anderson Director of CLEO Connect at Community Legal Education Ontario (CLEO)

	<u>Presenters:</u> Jennifer Stone Executive Director, Neighbourhood Legal Services; Manager, Health Justice Program Lisa Turik Lawyer & Executive Director, Community Advocacy & Legal Centre Dr. Liz Curran Evaluator & Professor of Justice Reform and Legal Innovation, Nottingham Law School, Nottingham University; Academic Advisor on Health Justice Partnerships for Central England Law Centre Michele Leering Visiting Scholar, Queen's University Faculty of Law; Post-doctoral Research Fellow, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law Dr. Navindra Persaud Director, St. Michael's Hospital's MAP Centre for Urban Health Solutions	<u>Presenters:</u> Giulia Reinhardt Lawyer & Executive Director, Halton Community Legal Services Dr. Rami Shoucri Family Physician, St. Michael's Hospital Academic Family Health Team; Lawyer  <i>This program contains 1 hour(s) and 0 minutes of Professionalism Content</i>
10:30 – 11:00 am	BREAK – 30 minutes	
11:00 - 12:15 pm	Session 9 (Plenary) Classroom B Building Evidence, Legitimacy, & Policy Impact Moderator: Robin Nobleman Staff Lawyer, Income Security Advocacy Centre; Adjunct Professor, University of Toronto Jackman Faculty of Law <u>Presenters:</u> Dr. Mona Loutfy Senior Scientist & Director, Women & HIV Research Program, Women's College Hospital Research & Innovation Institute; Innovation Fellow, Women's College Hospital Institute for Health System Solutions & Virtual Care; Staff Physician, Maple Leaf Medical Clinic; Professor, Department of Medicine, University of Toronto and Women's College Hospital Dr. Samantha Green Family Physician, St. Michael's Hospital Academic Family Health Team; Assistant Professor, University of Toronto; President, Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment Sandra Ka Hon Chu Lawyer & Co-Executive Director, HIV Legal Network Dr. Vanessa Redditt Family Physician, Crossroads Refugee Clinic (Women's College Hospital); Lecturer, University of Toronto's Department of Community &	

	Family Medicine and Dalla Lana School of Public Health	
12:15 – 1:15 pm	LUNCH – 1 hour	
1:15 – 2:45 pm	Session 10 (Workshop – Practical) <i>Classroom B</i> Building Academic Health Justice/Medical-Legal Partnerships: Collaborative Models for Interprofessional Education, Advocacy, & Systems Change <i>Co-moderators:</i> Michele Leering Visiting Scholar, Queen's University Faculty of Law; Post-doctoral Research Fellow, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law Vanessa Gruben Professor, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law; Director, Centre for Health Law, Policy, & Ethics	Session 11 (Workshop – Policy) <i>Classroom A</i> Ensuring Funding, Sustainability and a Centre of Excellence <i>Moderator:</i> Aidan Johnson Executive Director, Niagara Community Legal Clinic ; Co-chair, Ontario Health Justice Community of Practice
	<u>Presenters:</u> Emmanuelle Bernheim Professor, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law; Director, Interdisciplinary Social Rights Clinic Dr. Kathryn Dorman Family Physician, St. Michael's Hospital Academic Family Health Team; Clinical Lead, Health Justice Program Dr. Rami Shoucri Family Physician, St. Michael's Hospital Academic Family Health Team; Lawyer Dr. C. Tess Sheldon Professor, University of Windsor; Director, Mental Health Justice Clinic (CAMH/Legal Empowerment Council) Yael Cannon Professor of Law & Director, Health Justice Alliance Law Clinic, Georgetown Law, USA	<u>Presenters:</u> Kirsti McHenry Executive Director, Pro Bono Ontario Nye Thomas Executive Director, Law Commission of Ontario Dr. Zayna Khayat Chief Program Officer, AMS Healthcare; Adjunct Professor & Executive-in-Residence, Health Sector Strategy, University of Toronto Rotman School of Business



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Session 12 (Workshop – Practical)
Classroom B
**Future Visioning & Next Steps –
Frontline Providers**

Session 13 (Workshop – Policy)
Classroom A
**Future Visioning & Next Steps –
Policy, Research, & Funding**

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4:15 – 5:00 pm

Session 14 (Plenary)
Classroom B
Where Health Justice Partnerships Go Next in Ontario & Closing Remarks

Presenters:
Aidan Johnson & Amy Slotek | Co-chairs, Ontario Health Justice Community of
Practice
**Video Closing Remarks from the Honourable Justice Andromache
Karakatsanis** | Justice, Supreme Court of Canada