

Lynn LaCroix

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Areas of Interest

Homelessness, Harm Reduction, Sex Work, Community Safety, Abolition, Community-Based Research

Education

2024–2028 (Expected)	PhD , York University Critical Disability Studies
2022–2024 (Expected)	Master of Arts , York University Gender, Feminist, & Women's Studies Thesis: Homelessness & Activism in Toronto & Montréal: Toward Community-Based Participatory Research & Emergent Strategy Supervisor: Rachel Gorman, Critical Disability Studies, York University Committee: AJ Withers, Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies, Simon Fraser University
2018–2022	Bachelor of Arts , Concordia University Women's Studies (Maj.); Philosophy (Maj.)

Research

Publications & Reports

(† = *peer reviewed*)

2025	"Community Safety Strategies, Not In-School Police: Recommendations for the York University Context", York University
2024	"The Poverty Police: Police-Proxy University Services & Homelessness", Atlantis: Critical Studies in Gender, Culture & Social Justice †
2022	"Crisis Intervention Manual", Logifem
2022	"Community, Cultural, & Diversity Manual", Logifem
2022	"Shelter Resident Intake Training Module", Logifem

Conference Presentations

2025	"Against the School-to-Prison Nexus with Community Care"† Transforming Justice University of Victoria, Victoria, Canada, 14 May - 16 May
2024	"Policing-Free Knowledge: Crisis Response, Community Safety Strategies, & Universities"† Care Not Cops Convergence Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada, 23 November - 24 November
2023	"The Poverty Police: Homelessness & York Security Services"† Women's & Gender Studies et Recherches Féministes (WGSRF) Congress of the Humanities & Social Sciences York University, Toronto, Canada, 29 May - 01 June 2023

Academic Experience

Research

2024	Research Assistant , Anti-Carceral Feminist Community Safety Alternatives PIs: Dr. Eric Kennedy, Dr. Patricia Wood, Dr. Alison Crosby, York University
2024	Community Advisory Board Member , 2SLGBTQ+ Poverty in Canada, York University
2023	Expert Advisor , National Shelter Diversion, Social Innovation Lab, University of Calgary
2023	Research Assistant , Critical Data Design PIs: Dr. Rachel Gorman, York University
2023	Research Assistant , Masking in the Time of Individualized Public Health PIs: Dr. Jessica Vorstermans, York University and Katie MacDonald, Athabasca University
2020-2021	Chair and Organiser , SDBI Subversions Conference, Concordia University
2018	Research Assistant , Feminist Perspectives on Human Rights PI: Dr. Genevieve Renard Painter, Concordia University

Teaching

2025	Guest Workshop, “Stand Up for The School of Gender, Sexuality, & Women’s Studies” GWST 4502: Violence Against Women, York University
2024	Teaching Assistant, HLST 1011: Foundations of Health Studies, York University
2024	Guest Lecture, “Homelessness & York Security Services”, HLST 1011: Foundations of Health Studies, Dr Jessica Vorstermans, York University, 5 Feb 2024
2023	Guest Lecture, “Criminalised Homelessness”, PHIL 2332: Ethics of Criminal Law, Dr Emma McClure, Saint Mary’s University, 29 Nov 2023

Service

2025	Managing Editor , Critical Disability Discourses Journal, York University
2023	Graduate Programme Director Search Committee, GFWS, York University
2019	Faculty Liaison, Students of Philosophy Association (SoPhiA), Concordia University

Research Grants

2025-2026	Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) - Doctoral (CAD 15,000), York University, <i>Offered, Accepted</i>
2024-2025	Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) - Doctoral (CAD 15,000), York University, <i>Offered, Accepted</i>
2022-2024	FRQSC Masters Research Scholarship (CAD 35,000), York University, <i>Offered, Accepted</i>
2022-2023	SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship - Masters (CAD 17,500), York University, <i>Accepted</i>
2022-2023	Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) - Masters (CAD 15,000), York University, <i>Offered, Declined</i>
2022-2023	SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship - Masters (CAD 17,500), U Ottawa, <i>Offered, Declined</i>
2022-2023	Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) - Masters (CAD 15,000), U Ottawa, <i>Offered, Declined</i>
2022-2023	SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship - Masters (CAD 17,500), UBC, <i>Waitlisted</i>

Academic Awards & Honours

2024 - 2028	Graduate Fellowship, York University (CAD 12,517)
2024	Graduate Scholarship, York University (CAD 3,000)
2023	Academic Excellence Fund, York University (CAD 2,000)
2023	Virginia Rock Scholarship, York University (CAD 2,000)
2022-2023	Graduate Fellowship, York University (CAD 10,000)
2022-2023	Graduate Scholarship, York University (CAD 8,000)
2022	Vinesh Saxena In-Course Scholarship for Academic Achievement (CAD 1,000)
2021	Provost In-Course Scholarship for Academic Achievement (CAD 500)
2020	Louise Perrier Memorial Scholarship (CAD 1,266)
2020-2021	Dean’s List, Concordia University

Work Experience

2023 - 2024	Resident Support Worker, Out of the Cold, Halifax Engaging in support work and crisis response; providing harm reduction services; participating in support worker training; collaborating with support team and management; completing administrative responsibilities.
2022	Intervention Programme Developer, Logifem, Montréal Managing shelter resident, intervention worker, and staff meetings; organising focus groups; conducting interviews; organising survey research; completing crisis intervention research, community, cultural, and diversity research, and resident intake research; developing online training materials, modules, and manuals; testing training materials with intervention workers; facilitating training of intervention workers.

Professional Development

2025	Community Conference - Housing Justice Assembly (April 25 - April 26), Toronto
2024	Community Conference - Abolitionist Intimacies Symposium (June 29-July 1), Halifax
2023	First Aid & CPR Level C (Sept 13 2023) The Red Cross/Adsum (Women and Children's Shelter), Halifax
2023	Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training (Sept 18 2023) Adsum (Women and Children's Shelter), Halifax
2023	Community Workshop - Trauma: Less Bollox More Healing (Mar 27-28 2022) Recovery Network: Toronto/Unity Kitchen
2023	Community Workshop - UN_ESCALATE (27-28 Feb 2022) Recovery Network: Toronto/Unity Kitchen
2023	Community Workshop - Naloxone Training (April 30 2023) The Works/Unity Kitchen, Toronto
2023	Course on Research Ethics Based on the Tri-Council Statement Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (TCPS 2: CORE 2022)
2023	Individualised Development Plan Certification York University
2021	Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute (PIKSI) Massachusetts Institute of Technology, <i>Offered, Declined</i>

Public Outreach

2024	Invited Speaker, Film Screening “Someone Lives Here”, Carbon Arc Cinema, Halifax
2023	Invited Speaker, “Whose Camp(us)? Reimagining Community Safety Together,” Virtual Panel: Butterfly GoPaul, Ashley D’Sousa, Lynn LaCroix, Andrea Vásquez Jiménez, John Clarke
2023 - 2024	Planning Committee, Quebec Harm Reduction Conference, AIDQ, Montréal Participating in conference planning meetings; consulting on the theme of the conference; organising invited speakers.
2023	Peer Support Worker, Unity Kitchen (Peer-Led Kitchen & Drop-In Centre), Toronto Collaborating with peer team to operate front of house services; engaging in support work and crisis response; providing harm reduction services; collaborating on and facilitating community-led workshops; providing support to the kitchen.
2021 - 2022	Harm Reduction Coordinator & Team Lead, Wolf Pack Street Patrol (Les Nocturnes) (Indigenous-Led Street Outreach), Montréal Negotiating Québec public health funding contracts, ordering harm reduction supplies and liaising with suppliers; making and distributing harm reduction kits; maintaining contacts with member organisations advocating for people who use drugs (PWUD), Indigenous peoples, and people experiencing homelessness; leading a team of street outreach workers; providing support to people during their substance use and generally; facilitating events such as Pow-Wows.
2020-2021	Volunteer Intervention Worker, Resilience Montreal (Urban Inuit Shelter), Montréal Engaging in support work and crisis response; collaborating with intervention team; operating harm reduction tent; organising meetings for volunteers; training volunteers; providing administrative support; organising and dispersing donations; providing support to kitchen.

Technical Capacities

Data Analysis	NVivo
Reference Management	Zotero, L ^A T _E X
Typsetting	Microsoft office, iWork productivity suite

Languages

English (First Language), French (intermediate)

References

Rachel da Silveira Gorman	gorman@yorku.ca
Jessica Vorstermans	jessvort@yorku.ca
AJ Withers	ajwithers@sfu.ca
Viviane Namaste	viviane.namaste@concordia.ca

Affiliations

Encampment Justice Coalition
Voices for Unhoused Liberation
Toronto Community Hub
Les Nocturnes
Women’s, Gender, and Social Justice Association (WGSJ)
LivEx Network (Making the Shift), A Way Home & the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness
Canadian Lived Experience Leadership Network (CLELN)

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