

## About Our Speakers



DR. ROBERT BUTCHER

Robert Butcher was born in England and completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Wales. He came to Canada in 1982 to continue his studies at the University of Western Ontario. He has a Ph.D. in Philosophy, with a concentration in ethics. He taught courses in Philosophy and Ethics at Western for over fifteen years. He has published academic articles on health and sport ethics, and a book on police ethics and has served as the ethicist for the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport. He has also written numerous articles on ethical issues for the popular press. Since 1990 Robert has provided ethics consulting services to the health, sport, government and business sectors, through Foundations: Consultants on Ethics and Values.

Robert currently provides ethics services to some twenty hospitals and health-care facilities. He recently developed an education program on Ethics and Accreditation for Health-Care Facilities, which is currently being offered nationally and internationally by Accreditation Canada. Robert is a frequent speaker at workshops and conferences and is well-known for engaging and challenging his audiences in reflection and debate. In his real life Rob is father to six and grandfather to three. He lives with his wife and some of those children in London, Ontario.



BILL RYAN

Bill Ryan is a professor of Social Work and Couple and Family Therapy at McGill University in Montréal, Québec, Canada. He is an internationally-recognized expert in the field of sexuality, sexual education, homophobia, health and gay men's health. He has conducted research in all these areas, published scientific articles, chapters and edited books. He has spoken at conferences internationally and consulted and trained with many international organizations. He is the founder of Project 10 of Montreal, the Canadian Safe Spaces movement, which, beginning with four sites (Halifax, Moncton, Montréal, Kamloops), has grown into a movement with dozens of supportive services for youth questioning their sexual orientation and gender identity.

He was founding co-chair of the Canadian Rainbow Health Coalition. In 2006, the Canadian Institutes for Health Research, granted funding to a pan-Canadian team, SVR (Sexuality, Vulnerability and Resilience), of which he is co-chair, to study the impacts of homophobia on the health of gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans and two-spirit Canadians. He has an active psychotherapy practice in Montréal. In 2001 he was named a Hero of the AIDS Crisis by the Farha Foundation. In 2009 he was named Person of the Year by the Gay and Lesbian Council of Québec. In 2010 he was awarded the Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Award for Montréal as well as being named one of the «Top Ten» researchers by the Institute of Gender and Health of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

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NANCY GALWAY

Nancy Galway is the Elder Abuse Prevention Coordinator for the Five Eastern Counties and Akwesasne and works for Carefor Health and Community Services. Nancy's role includes intervention, support, consultation, referrals to other agencies, for older adults experiencing abuse as well as their families. She also manages the crisis bed program and offers education sessions on abuse. Nancy has been working with Carefor since 2014. Nancy brings with her a long history of caring and working in the human services field. Most of her adult career has been spent working in Corrections in Parole and probation and she has worked extensively with families as a child protection social worker.

Her work has brought her to NWT, Nunavut and coastal Labrador, where she has spent most of her career. Most recently, Nancy worked in several Long Term Care Residences in the area as a social worker. Nancy currently sits on several local committees including the Community Action Network against Abuse, which she co-chairs, and the Elder Abuse Network which she chairs. Previous boards have included serving nationally as a director with the John Howard Society of Canada and the Learning Disabilities Association of Canada.



JEANNETTE LINDENBACH

Jeannette Lindenbach is an RN whose experiences in acute medical nursing, community visiting nursing, case management, and now teaching gerontological nursing at Laurentian University, Sudbury, have entrenched in her a passion to question our current ways of thinking and working with risk and the older adult. Despite receiving awards by CAG and COUPN for her MScN work, academic publications, and conference presentations on risk screening for older adult mistreatment, she knew that cases were inherently complex; poignantly described by a front-line professional as a decision tree with too many broken branches and few foundational roots.

For her PhD, she chose three specific foci: mistreatment of older adults with dementia, a subpopulation at a tenfold risk of mistreatment; rural and northern regions, where resources are often limited; and the need to reveal the experiences of front-line professionals whose voices, despite their rich experiences, were absent from the scientific literature. Jeannette will share the results of Phases I and II of her PhD study which is exploring how the current socio-legal-political and health contexts, where professionals are "supposed to, ought to, and must" intervene in cases of older adult mistreatment, influence their experience. She strongly believes that professionals cannot empower and assist the older adults in their care until they themselves are empowered.



HEATHER WESTAWAY

Heather Westaway is a Registered Kinesiologist and a faculty member in the Clinical Sciences Division at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine and frequently facilitates learning with large and small groups at NOSM, McMaster University, Laurentian University and Huntington University with learners in Medicine, Nursing, Gerontology, Physiotherapy, and Occupational Therapy. In 2012-2013 she completed one year contract in the Hamilton Niagara LHIN as their Health Care Consent and Advance Care Planning Project Manager, where she developed the tools and resources necessary to implement a regional education strategy for building awareness and supporting healthcare providers across the continuum of care to navigate Ontario's Health care Consent Act.

Heather's passion is Palliative Care and she strives to share this passion and to facilitate the development of health care professionals that are comfortable and competent to deliver high quality care for patients at the end of life and their families.

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