

May 4-6

LAW, LAND, RELIGION AND RECONCILIATION: A COLLOQUIUM



THURSDAY MAY 4

Location: [SUB Upper Lounge, UVic](#)

PERMANENT REVOLUTION: RELIGION AND THE CANADIAN SOCIAL ORDER (5:00-6:30)

David Seljak examines how the growth of non-Christian and non-European Christian religious communities, the resurgence of Indigenous spiritualities, and new forms of spiritual identity and solidarity among the religious “nones” are moving Canada towards a post-secular social order. What might this mean for Canadians? Seljak argues these are signs of a permanent revolution, presenting secular institutions and traditional religious communities with new challenges—notably around questions of land, law, and reconciliation.

A response will be offered by Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee.

THE SPEAKERS

David Seljak

Professor,
Religious Studies,
University of Waterloo



Anna Greenwood-Lee

Bishop,
Anglican Diocese of
Islands and Inlets



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FRIDAY, MAY 5

Location: SUB Michele Pujol Room, UVic

WELCOME TO THE TERRITORY (8:30AM)

Elder May Sam

BENEFITS AND BURDENS OF RELIGIOUS PROPERTY OWNERSHIP (8:50-10:30)

Chair: Jeremy Webber

Panel: Kathy Chan, Carol Liao, Roshan Danesh

#LANDBACK: RECLAIMING THE COMMONS FOR A FUTURE NOT OUR OWN (11:00-12:30)

Lecture: Carmen Lansdowne

Response: John Thatamanil

NAVIGATING (OR AVOIDING) DISPUTES OVER RELIGIOUS PROPERTY (1:30-3 PM)

Chair: Jodi Spargur,

Panel: Stanley Martin, Luke Johnson

RELIGIOUS PROPERTY, TAXATION, AND THE PUBLIC BENEFIT (3:30-4:30)

Convenor: Kathy Chan

THE SPEAKERS

Kathy Chan

CSRS Acting Director;
Associate Professor,
Law, UVic



Roshan Danesh

Lawyer and Independent
Legal Scholar



Luke Johnson

Partner, De Jager
Volkenant



Carmen Lansdowne

Moderator, United
Church of Canada



Carol Liao

Associate Professor,
UBC Allard School of Law



Stanley Martin

Counsel, Fasken Law
Firm



John Thatamanil

Professor, Union
Theological Seminary



SATURDAY, MAY 6

First Metropolitan Church, Victoria BC

REPURPOSING CHURCH PROPERTY IN A CHANGING LANDSCAPE (9:00-11:00)

Convenor: Brendon Neilson
Opening Remarks: Jason McKinney
Panel: Carmen Lansdowne; Jodi Spargur,
Randy Woodley

In this session we will revisit some of the stewardship issues currently facing churches, look at current models and experiments in “repurposing” church property, and brainstorm new ideas. The session will begin with a short address by Jason McKinney, and then move to a roundtable discussion with audience participation.

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THE SPEAKERS

Carmen Lansdowne

Moderator, United
Church of Canada



Jason McKinney

Minister, Epiphany and
St. Mark, Parkdale ON



Brendon Neilson

Executive Director,
Anglican Diocese of
Islands and Inlets



Jodi Spargur

Director, Red Clover
Initiatives



Randy Woodley

Professor, George Fox
U; Founder, Eloheh
Indigenous Center for
Earth Justice



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