



# Workshop on Measuring Successful Return to Work

February 9 & 10, 2017



## Keynote Speaker

Ellen MacEachen, University of Waterloo

Ellen MacEachen is an Associate Professor in the School of Public Health & Health Systems at the University of Waterloo. She is also co-director of the Centre for Research on Work Disability Policy. Her research examines the design and performance of work and health systems to identify how they can be adapted to changing economic and social environments of our global economy. In particular, she considers ways that workers fall through the cracks of systems designed to support them and how these can be improved. On all of her studies, she works closely with policy-makers and community stakeholders.

## Keynote Abstract

How do we measure return to work, how should we measure it, and why does it matter? This presentation reviews current approaches in the scientific literature to defining and measuring the return to employment after work injury and offers a critique of what is measured, and how and when. Qualitative research studies help us to get 'behind' the numbers to point out important facets of return to work that should be considered when evaluating return-to-work policies and programs. The implications and politics of measurement will be discussed.

## Day 1

Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Opening Comments from the Moderator  
Keynote: **Ellen MacEachen, University of Waterloo**  
Audience Questions and Answers  
Hors D'Oeuvres

## Day 2

Friday February 10<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Opening Comments from the Moderator  
Morning Panel: **Measuring Return to Work**  
Break-out Session  
Report Back from Break-out Groups  
Lunch  
Afternoon Panel: **Balancing "Better at Work" and "Time to Heal"**  
Questions and Discussion  
Next Steps  
Wrap Up

## Workshop Goals

1. Identify promising measures of and supports for successful return to work.
2. Develop ideas for research to validate promising measures and supports.
3. Create opportunities for collaboration on tracking injured workers in the return to work process.

## Registration Required

RSVP to [BancroftInstitute@gmail.com](mailto:BancroftInstitute@gmail.com)

Registration fee is \$125 for the waged, \$55 for students and free for the unwaged. (Tokens are provided for the unwaged).  
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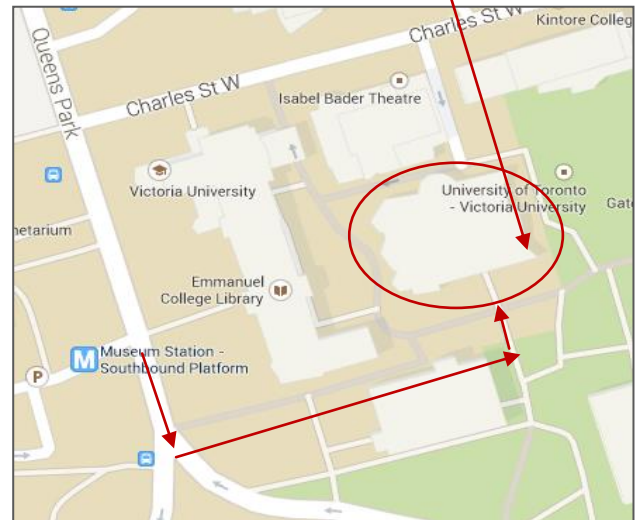
**Please avoid wearing scents or fragrances when attending the workshop.**

## Workshop Locations

### Day 1 (Thursday Evening) Venue

Victoria College, Room 206, University of Toronto  
91 Charles Street West, Toronto, Ontario

**Wheel chair access on north side of building**



### Day 2 (All Day Friday) Venue

Friends House  
60 Lowther Avenue, Toronto, Ontario

**Wheel chair access from Bedford Road (through parking lot at back of building)**

