Presenters

**Sara Mojtehedzadeh** reports on the changing workplace, including precarious work, labour issues, and workers’ compensation. Her work at the Star has been recognized by the Hillman Foundation prize for social-justice oriented investigative journalism. She received the JHR/Canadian Association of Journalists Award for human rights reporting in 2017.

**Ellen MacEachen**, PhD, is an associate professor and associate director with the School of Public Health and Health Systems, University of Waterloo. Her research focuses on the design and evaluation of work and health systems and how they can be adapted to suit changing employment and socio-political environments. She has a special interest in vulnerable workers and how the growth of precarious employment conditions affect worker access to state security systems.

**Katherine Lippel**, LLL, LLM, FRSC, is a full professor of law at the Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa. She holds a Canada Research Chair in Occupational Health and Safety Law. She specialises in legal issues relating to occupational health and safety, workers’ compensation and return to work after work injury. In 2017 she was awarded the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Gold Medal, the Council’s highest award.

Agenda

The session is a half day (1:00 pm – 3:30 pm).
1:00 pm – Welcome, Intro.
1:15 pm – Sara
1:35 pm – Katherine & Ellen
2:15 pm – Break
2:30 pm – Lived experience presentations
2:45 pm – Panel discussion of questions.

Registration Required

The event is free, with a suggested donation of $10 for waged attendees. Tokens are provided for the unwaged. RSVP to BancroftInstitute@gmail.com

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Session Locations

Committee Room # 4
Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West
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Nearest subways: Queen at Yonge Street and Osgoode at University Avenue

Precarious employment and return to work: how systems can promote or undermine sustainable return to work

This presentation we look at legal and policy issues underpinning return to work programs after work injury, and the application of those policies to low wage earners and other precariously employed workers. We explain the legal frameworks governing workers’ compensation that determine the return to work experiences of workers injured while in precarious employment. The study is based on analysis of legislation and policy and key informant interviews in Ontario and Québec.