# **Leslie Kern**

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Expert in urban social issues, including gentrification, gender, and inequalities.

### **Biography**

Leslie Kern received her PhD in Women?s Studies from York University in 2008 for her work on gender and condominium development in Toronto. My research focuses on gentrification in North American cities, exploring issues such as embodiment, gendered labour conditions, and environmental and human health using feminist urban theory. Other research interests include feminist methodologies, especially collective biography and online research methods. Currently Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography & Environment at Mount Allison University in New Brunswick, Canada, I teach courses on urban social geography, gender and the city, and gender, race, and environmental justice. I am also the Director of the Women?s and Gender Studies Program at Mount Allison. I was a founding organizer of the Feminist Geography Conference at University of Nebraska Omaha in 2014. In fall of 2015 I was a Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in the Department of Geography & Anthropology at Kennesaw State University in Georgia.

### **Areas of Expertise**

Gentrification/Displacement, Gender, Cities, Urban Affairs, Environmental Justice, Feminism, Geography, Condominiums, Housing and Society, Toronto

#### **Affiliations**

Assistant Professor, Department of Geography & Environment, Mount Allison University

# **Event Appearances**

Feminist pathways through the planetary urban Unpacking the ?Neoliberal City?: Embodiment and Intersectionality Seminar

Clean bodies/clean city: Environmental gentrification in the Junction Program Seminar

#### Education

York University
PhD Women's Studies

### **OISE/UofT**

MA Sociology and Equity Studies in Education

## **Accomplishments**

Fulbright Canada Scholar Visiting Research Chair at Kennesaw State University
Held a Visiting Research Chair at KSU fall 2015, funded by a Canada Scholar Award from the
Fulbright Canada Foundation.

J.E.A. Crake Teaching Award, Social Sciences, Mount Allison University
Award recognizing teaching excellence in the social sciences; nominated by students.

**National Housing Studies Achievement Award** 

Received CMHC's HSAA for my doctoral research on gender and condominium development.

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