

Rebecca Johnson

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Rebecca Johnson is a pioneer in Canadian law-and-film scholarship.

Biography

Professor Johnson joined the UVic Faculty of Law in 2001, after 6 years on the Faculty at the University of New Brunswick. Before that, she clerked for Madame Justice Claire L'Heureux-Dubé at the Supreme Court of Canada, and completed her LLM and SJD at the University of Michigan. The work there resulted in her award-winning book, *Taxing Choices: the Intersection of Class, Gender, Parenthood and the Law*. Her research interests are marked by interdisciplinary, and include judicial dissent, cinema as a site of inter-cultural legal encounter, the economic imaginary, Indigenous legal methodologies, and sexuality. A pioneer in Canadian law-and-film scholarship, she has written on such topics as same-sex family formation, colonialism, dissent, mothers and babies in prison, cinematic violence, the Western, affect and emotion, and Inuit cinema. She co-edited a special issue of *The Canadian Journal of Women and the Law* on "Law, Film and Feminism", and has a blog dedicated to the same. Professor Johnson's internationally acknowledged collaborative work on judicial dissent with Professor Marie-Claire Belleau (University of Laval), has been published nationally and internationally in both French and English. Their work, funded by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council, has also been translated into Russian. Professor Johnson has also been working for several years on a number of initiatives with the Indigenous Legal Research Unit. She has also worked on the development of the TRC-inspired blog #ReconciliationSyllabus. Professor Johnson has taught courses in Criminal Law, Business Associations, Law-and-Film, Legal Theory, Legal Method, Legal Process, Law Legislation & Policy, Constitutional law, Civil Liberties, and Feminist Advocacy. She supervises graduate students in a variety of fields: veterans, restorative justice, embodiment, mediation, homelessness, and social enterprise.

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Research, Legal Services

Areas of Expertise

Intercultural Communication, Indigenous Affairs, Sexuality and the Law, Same-sex Couples, Colonialism, Cinema Studies, Feminism & Gender Studies, Legal Theory, Restorative Justice

Education

University of Michigan

J.D. Law

University of Michigan
LL.M. Law

University of Alberta
LL.B. Law

University of Alberta
M.B.A. Business

University of Calgary
B.Mus Music

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