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In collaboration with John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre and Office of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry

In 2021-2022 the EDI symposium will take the form of a longitudinal series of events. In collaboration with the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre and the Office of EDI FoMD, lunchtime talks (noon-1) on racism and anti-racism are being continuously scheduled. This is the fourth presentation for 2021-2022.

THE TIES THAT BIND: Law, Inequality and COVID-19 in the Caring Professions



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WEBINAR Presentation via Zoom

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Care homes in Canada have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, and healthcare professionals have reported an unequal burden in the impact of the pandemic. These impacts are exacerbated for women by virtue of their sex (United Nations, 2020). In Canada, women make up 90% of staff working in care homes (Brown & Braun, 2008). In some Canadian provinces, research indicates that up to 50% of caregivers in care homes are immigrants (Gahwi & Walton-Roberts, 2020). In July 2020, a Public Health Ontario Report showed that though people of color make up only half the population of Toronto, they accounted for 83% of reported COVID-19 cases. The evidence is clear: People of color and women have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, and the overrepresentation of immigrant women in these facilities has exacerbated the impact. Drawing on the theory of Substantive Legal Effectiveness (Iyioha, 2020) as a theoretical approach to understanding the factors that shape law's impact on society, this presentation will examine the prevalence of racism in care work, the feminization of care work, and the ways in which law has worsened health outcomes for those in the caring professions.

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