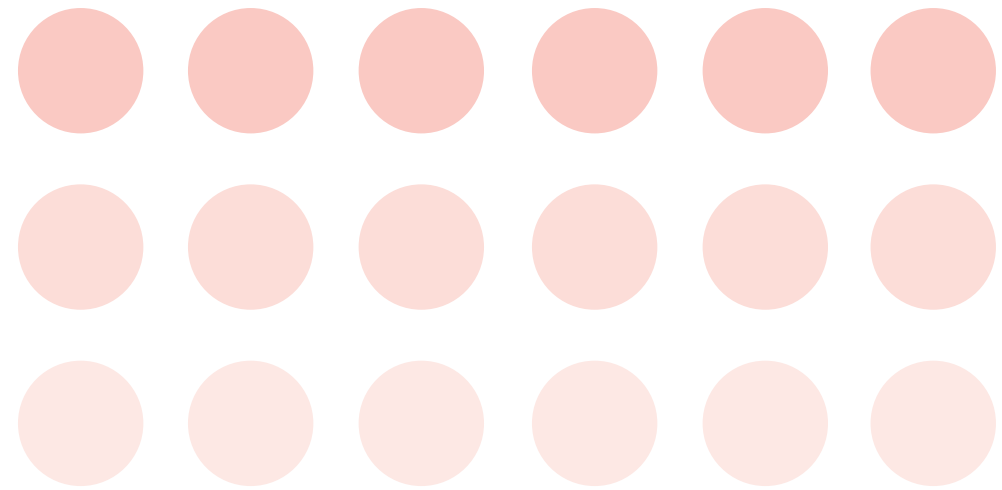


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## The Media & the Charter Conference

Friday, November 3, 2006  
Lister Hall Conference Centre  
University of Alberta  
87 Avenue & 116 Street  
Edmonton, Alberta

The upcoming 25th anniversary of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms is an ideal time to examine some questions about how the media recognizes, represents, and responds to Charter guarantees. These are questions about rights against the state; about the legal, ethical, and social responsibilities of journalists; about tradeoffs among rights, interests, and values; and about the possibilities for negotiating media-state and media-society relations. With panels designed in an informal and interactive format, and a compelling keynote talk, we hope to provoke useful discussions for journalists, journalism students, academics, members of the legal profession, and others who regularly navigate these tensions and tradeoffs. This conference is open to the public.

## Conference Schedule – Friday, November 3

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| 7:45 – 9:00 a.m.               | Registration and breakfast<br>Greetings – Judy Garber<br>(Executive Director, Centre for Constitutional Studies)  |
| 9:00 – 10:15 a.m.              | <i>Session 1: Journalistic responsibilities regarding the public consequences of media freedom</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allan Mayer (Editor-in-Chief, <i>Edmonton Journal</i>)</li> <li>Daniel Burnett (Owen Bird Law Corporation)</li> <li>Shannon Phillips (Columnist, <i>Vue Weekly</i>)</li> <li>Greg Alcorn (Staff Sergeant and Manager, Corporate Communications, Edmonton Police Service)</li> </ul> |
| <i>coffee and conversation</i> |   |
| 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.             | <i>Session 2: Reporting on equality issues</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shannon Sampert (Department of Political Science, University of Winnipeg)</li> <li>Barbara Billingsley (Faculty of Law, University of Alberta)</li> <li>Jim Rankin (Reporter-Photographer, <i>Toronto Star</i>)</li> <li>Patricia Paradis (Paradis &amp; Associates)</li> </ul>   |
| 11:45 – 12:30 p.m.             | Lunch   |
| 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.              | <b>Keynote Talk: Freedom of the Press: Rightsholders and Responsibilities under the Charter</b><br><br>Michelle Mann is a Toronto-based lawyer and a writer, consultant, and commentator on social justice issues. She is known for her contentious legal affairs columns for CBC.ca and <i>Law Times</i> , and for her pieces in the <i>Globe and Mail</i> , <i>Canadian Business</i> , and <i>Hill Times</i> .              |

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| 1:30– 2:45 p.m. | <i>Session 3: The “open court,” the public’s “right to know,” and the rights of litigants</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Michelle Somers (Executive Legal Officer for the Chief Justice, AB Court of Queen’s Bench)</li> <li>Matthew Woodley (Reynolds, Mirth, Richards &amp; Farmer LLP)</li> <li>Jamie Cameron (Faculty of Law, York University)</li> <li>Janice Johnston (Broadcast Journalist)</li> </ul> |
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| 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. | <i>Session 4: What should journalists know about the constitution?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Susan Harada (School of Journalism and Communication, Carleton University)</li> <li>Robert Bragg (Centre for Communications Studies, Mount Royal College)</li> <li>Janice Tibbetts (Legal Affairs Reporter, CanWest News Service)</li> </ul> <p>Closing remarks – Janet Keeping (President, Sheldon Chumir Foundation for Ethics in Leadership)</p> |
| 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. | Wine and Cheese Reception   |

**General Registration: \$75.00      Student Registration: \$55.00**

Includes breakfast, buffet lunch, wine and cheese reception, and registration package.

To register, visit the Centre for Constitutional Studies website at [www.law.ualberta.ca/centres/ccs](http://www.law.ualberta.ca/centres/ccs), Events, The Media & the Charter Conference.

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