

# Lynn LaCroix

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## Areas of Interest

Street Outreach, Community Safety, Abolition, Homelessness, Harm Reduction

## Education

2024–2028 (expected)	<b>PhD</b> , York University Critical Disability Studies
2022–2024	<b>Master of Arts</b> , York University Gender, Feminist, & Women’s Studies <b>Thesis:</b> Homelessness & Activism in Toronto & Montréal: Toward Community-Based Participatory Research & Emergent Strategy <i>Supervisor:</i> Rachel Gorman, Critical Disability Studies, York University <i>Committee:</i> AJ Withers, Gender, Sexuality, & Women’s Studies, Simon Fraser University
2018–2022	<b>Bachelor of Arts</b> , Concordia University Women’s Studies (Maj.); Philosophy (Maj.)

## Research

(<sup>†</sup> = *peer reviewed*)

## Publications

2024	“The Poverty Police: Police-Proxy University Services & Homelessness”, <b>Atlantis: Critical Studies in Gender, Culture &amp; Social Justice</b> <sup>†</sup>
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## Reports

2025	“Community Safety Strategies, Not In-School Police: Recommendations for the York University Context”, York University
2022	“Crisis Intervention Manual”, Logifem
2022	“Community, Cultural, & Diversity Manual”, Logifem
2022	“Shelter Resident Intake Training Module”, Logifem

## Community Outputs

2025	Bill Mill: Harm Reduction, Drug Use, Homelessness, Ontario Bill Poster
2025	Provincial Ontario Bill 6 (Safer Municipalities Act), Explainer
2024	Make our spaces policing-free, Poster Website

## Conference Presentations

2025	“Against the School-to-Prison Nexus with Community Care” <sup>†</sup> <b>Transforming Justice</b> University of Victoria, Victoria, Canada, 14 May - 16 May
2024	“Policing-Free Knowledge: Crisis Response, Community Safety Strategies, & Universities” <sup>†</sup> <b>Care Not Cops Convergence</b> Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada, 23 November - 24 November
2023	“The Poverty Police: Homelessness & York Security Services” <sup>†</sup> <b>Women’s &amp; Gender Studies et Recherches Féministes (WGSRF)</b> Congress of the Humanities & Social Sciences York University, Toronto, Canada, 29 May - 01 June 2023

## Academic Experience

### Research

2025-2026	<b>Research Assistant</b> , Community-Based Education on AI and Equity PIs: Dr. Rachel Gorman and Cristo El Morr, York University
2024	<b>Research Assistant</b> , Anti-Carceral Feminist Community Safety Alternatives PIs: Dr. Eric Kennedy, Dr. Patricia Wood, and Dr. Alison Crosby, York University
2024	<b>Community Advisory Board Member</b> , 2SLGBTQ+ Poverty in Canada, York University
2023	<b>Expert Advisor</b> , National Shelter Diversion, Social Innovation Lab, University of Calgary
2023	<b>Research Assistant</b> , Critical Data Design PIs: Dr. Rachel Gorman, York University
2023	<b>Research Assistant</b> , Masking in the Time of Individualized Public Health PIs: Dr. Jessica Vorstermans, York University and Katie MacDonald, Athabasca University
2020-2021	<b>Chair and Organiser</b> , SDBI Subversions Conference, Concordia University
2018	<b>Research Assistant</b> , Feminist Perspectives on Human Rights PI: Dr. Genevieve Renard Painter, Concordia University

### Teaching

#### *Teaching Assistant*

2024	Teaching Assistant, HLST 1011: Foundations of Health Studies, York University
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#### *Guest Lectures*

2025	Guest Lecture, “Mental Health Response on Campus”, HLST 1011: Foundations of Health Studies, Dr Jessica Vorstermans, York University, 28 Oct 2025
2025	Guest Lecture, “In-School Policing & Community Safety Strategies”, GWST 4502: Violence Against Women, Dr Krista Hunt, York University, 24 Jul 2025
2025	Guest Workshop, “Stand Up for The School of Gender, Sexuality, & Women’s Studies”, GWST 4502: Violence Against Women, Dr Krista Hunt, York University, March 26 2025
2024	Guest Lecture, “Homelessness & York Security Services”, HLST 1011: Foundations of Health Studies, Dr Jessica Vorstermans, York University, 5 Feb 2024
2023	Guest Lecture, “Criminalised Homelessness”, PHIL 2332: Ethics of Criminal Law, Dr Emma McClure, Saint Mary’s University, 29 Nov 2023

### Service

2025-2026	<b>Book Reviewer</b> , AI Justice, York University
2025-2026	<b>Event Planning Committee</b> , Mad Studies Hub, York University
2025	<b>Managing Editor</b> , Critical Disability Discourses Journal, York University

2023	<b>Graduate Programme Director Search Committee</b> , GFWS, York University
2019	<b>Faculty Liaison</b> , Students of Philosophy Association (SoPhiA), Concordia University

## Research Grants

2025-2026	Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) - Doctoral (CAD 15,000), York University, <i>Offered, Accepted</i>
2024-2025	Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) - Doctoral (CAD 15,000), York University, <i>Offered, Accepted</i>
2022-2024	FRQSC Masters Research Scholarship (CAD 35,000), York University, <i>Offered, Accepted</i>
2022-2023	SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship - Masters (CAD 17,500), York University, <i>Accepted</i>
2022-2023	Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) - Masters (CAD 15,000), York University, <i>Offered, Declined</i>
2022-2023	SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship - Masters (CAD 17,500), U Ottawa, <i>Offered, Declined</i>
2022-2023	Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) - Masters (CAD 15,000), U Ottawa, <i>Offered, Declined</i>
2022-2023	SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship - Masters (CAD 17,500), UBC, <i>Waitlisted</i>

## Academic Awards & Honours

2025	Academic Excellence Fund, York University (CAD 500)
2024 - 2028	Graduate Fellowship, York University (CAD 12,517)
2024	Graduate Scholarship, York University (CAD 3,000)
2023	Academic Excellence Fund, York University (CAD 2,000)
2023	Virginia Rock Scholarship, York University (CAD 2,000)
2022-2023	Graduate Fellowship, York University (CAD 10,000)
2022-2023	Graduate Scholarship, York University (CAD 8,000)
2022	Vinesh Saxena In-Course Scholarship for Academic Achievement (CAD 1,000)
2021	Provost In-Course Scholarship for Academic Achievement (CAD 500)
2020	Louise Perrier Memorial Scholarship (CAD 1,266)
2020-2021	Dean's List, Concordia University

## Work Experience

2023 - 2024	Resident Support Worker, Out of the Cold, Halifax  Engaging in support work and crisis response; providing harm reduction services; participating in support worker training; collaborating with support team and management; completing administrative responsibilities.
2022	Intervention Programme Developer, Logifem, Montréal  Managing shelter resident, intervention worker, and staff meetings; organising focus groups; conducting interviews; organising survey research; completing crisis intervention research, community, cultural, and diversity research, and resident intake research; developing online training materials, modules, and manuals; testing training materials with intervention workers; facilitating training of intervention workers.

## Professional Development

2025	<b>Community Conference</b> - Housing Justice Assembly (April 25 - April 26), Toronto
2024	<b>Community Conference</b> - Abolitionist Intimacies Symposium (June 29-July 1), Halifax
2023	First Aid & CPR Level C (Sept 13 2023) The Red Cross/Adsum (Women and Children's Shelter), Halifax

2023	Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training (Sept 18 2023) Adsum (Women and Children's Shelter), Halifax
2023	<b>Community Workshop</b> - Trauma: Less Bollox More Healing (Mar 27-28 2022) Recovery Network: Toronto/Unity Kitchen
2023	<b>Community Workshop</b> - UN_ESCALATE (27-28 Feb 2022) Recovery Network: Toronto/Unity Kitchen
2023	<b>Community Workshop</b> - Naloxone Training (April 30 2023) The Works/Unity Kitchen, Toronto
2023	<b>Course on Research Ethics Based on the Tri-Council Statement</b> Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (TCPS 2: CORE 2022)
2023	Individualised Development Plan Certification York University
2021	Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute (PIKSI) Massachusetts Institute of Technology, <i>Offered, Declined</i>

## Public Outreach

2024	Invited Speaker, Film Screening "Someone Lives Here", Carbon Arc Cinema, Halifax
2023	Invited Speaker, "Whose Camp(us)? Reimagining Community Safety Together," Virtual <b>Panel:</b> Butterfly GoPaul, Ashley D'Sousa, Lynn LaCroix, Andrea Vásquez Jiménez, John Clarke
2023 - 2024	Planning Committee, Quebec Harm Reduction Conference, AIDQ, Montréal  Participating in conference planning meetings; consulting on the theme of the conference; organising invited speakers.
2023	Peer Support Worker, Unity Kitchen (Peer-Led Kitchen & Drop-In Centre), Toronto  Collaborating with peer team to operate front of house services; engaging in support work and crisis response; providing harm reduction services; collaborating on and facilitating community-led workshops; providing support to the kitchen.
2021 - 2022	Harm Reduction Coordinator & Team Lead, Wolf Pack Street Patrol (Les Nocturnes) (Indigenous-Led Street Outreach), Montréal  Negotiating Québec public health funding contracts, ordering harm reduction supplies and liaising with suppliers; making and distributing harm reduction kits; maintaining contacts with member organisations advocating for people who use drugs (PWUD), Indigenous peoples, and people experiencing homelessness; leading a team of street outreach workers; providing support to people during their substance use and generally; facilitating events such as Pow-Wows.
2020-2021	Volunteer Intervention Worker, Resilience Montreal (Urban Inuit Shelter), Montréal  Engaging in support work and crisis response; collaborating with intervention team; operating harm reduction tent; organising meetings for volunteers; training volunteers; providing administrative support; organising and dispersing donations; providing support to kitchen.

## Technical Capacities

<b>Data Analysis</b>	NVivo
<b>Reference Management</b>	Zotero, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X
<b>Typsetting</b>	Microsoft office, iWork productivity suite

## **Languages**

English (First Language), French (intermediate)

## **References**

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## **Affiliations**

Encampment Justice Coalition  
Voices for Unhoused Liberation  
Trinity Community Hub  
Les Nocturnes  
Center for Feminist Research, York University  
Women's, Gender, and Social Justice Association (WGSJ)  
LivEx Network (Making the Shift), A Way Home & the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness  
Canadian Lived Experience Leadership Network (CLELN)

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