

AGING WITHOUT VIOLENCE Forum Speakers March 20&21/18



THE GOLDEN CAGE

BY MIXED COMPANY THEATRE

TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH

Mixed Company Theatre's production of Luciano Iogna's GOLDEN CAGE is a rarely-seen in-depth examination of being a senior citizen in a society that perpetuates youth and perpetually denies the fact that people age. It is a play about the problems of getting old in a world that is defined by and for youth. Issues of intergenerational conflicts and, potentially, abuse are presented within family, hospital and community settings in a manner that both enlighten and entertain. And with Mixed Company Theatre's unique style of Forum Theatre, GOLDEN CAGE puts the spectator right in the middle of the action – to become a spect-actor within the play – as a way to discuss and analyze the issues towards trying to find realistic alternatives to the problems that aging will bring to every single one of us.

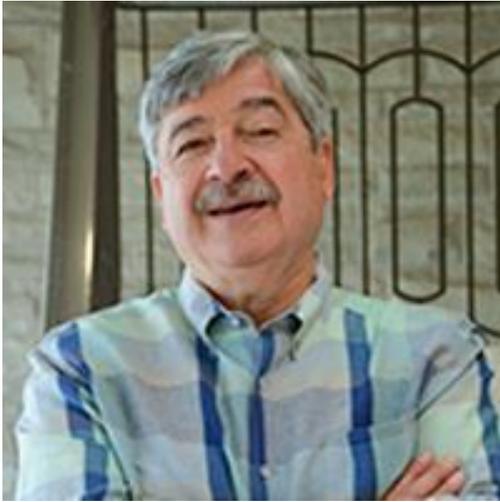
Jeannette Corbiere-Lavell, (Keewednanung, "North Star" in the Anishinaabe language) is an activist, educator, and community worker who challenged the Indian Act before the Supreme Court of Canada and brought awareness to the gender-based discrimination that First Nations women faced because of status law. An Anishinaabe (Ojibwa) woman, her efforts were central to the amendment of the Indian Act in 1985. She is the founder of the Ontario Native Women's Association and has served as the president of the Native Women's Association of Canada which presents an annual award to a Native woman demonstrating the same qualities and dedication she is known for. She has served as a cabinet appointee on the Commission on the Native Justice System and was one of the first recipients of a Persons Award from the Governor General. Dr. Corbiere-Lavell will be featured this year in the new Canadian Museum of Human Rights and named as a member of the Order of Canada.



JEANNETTE CORBIERE-LAVELL

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DR. PETER JAFFE
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Dr. Peter Jaffe is a psychologist and Professor in the Faculty of Education at Western University where he is also the Academic Director of the Centre for Research and Education on Violence Against Women & Children. He has co-authored ten books, 24 chapters and over 75 articles related to violence and abuse involving children, adults, families and the justice system. Many of his publications and professional presentations deal with domestic violence, the impact of domestic violence on children, and child custody and access disputes. Since 1999, he has been on faculty for the National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges in the US for judicial education programs. In 2009, he was named an Officer in the Order of Canada by the Governor General for his work preventing domestic violence in the community.



BALDEV MUTTA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21ST

Baldev Mutta has been in the field of social work for the last 45+ years. He is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Punjabi Community Health Services (PCHS) PCHS is a Health Service Provider in the Central West and Mississauga Halton LHIN geographic areas. He has worked for the last 28 years developing an integrated holistic model to address substance abuse, mental health and family violence in the South Asian community. He has received many community awards for his work on equity, community development, diversity management, and organizational change.

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Marianne M. Park, M.A is an experienced facilitator, researcher and advocate having worked in the violence against women field for over 30 years. She has also been involved for 20 years in health regulation as a public member on self-regulating professions governing councils. She has the distinction of being a woman with a disability (low vision/albinism). She has presented training to over 14,000 police officers in Ontario on the dynamics of domestic violence with emphasis on violence against women with disabilities and Deaf women. Marianne is the founder of Network of Women with Disabilities NOW a Facebook group dedicated to the issue of sharing information on the issue of violence and women with disabilities. She lives in Woodstock Ontario.

MARIANNE M. PARK
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MARGARET MACPHERSON
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Margaret MacPherson, M.A is a Research Associate with the Centre for Research and Education on Violence Against Women and Children (CREVAWC) at Western University in London. She is the project lead on It's Not Right! Neighbours, Friends and Families for Older Adults (INR). INR was adapted from the Ontario domestic violence public education campaign, Neighbours, Friends and Families (NFF) in 2009 with funding from the Public Health Agency of Canada. INR was developed in collaboration with the Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and has been piloted in every province and territory in Canada.

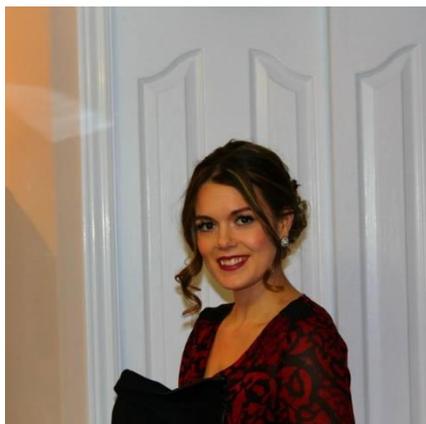
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Rochella Vassell has been registered with the college of social workers and social service workers since 2007 and has 12 years of experience working in the Geriatric sector. She has worked as a case manager for brain injury services, an as a counsellor with the Alzheimer society. She spent over 4 years with Elder Abuse Ontario as the Central West Consultant and Social Media Coordinator. During her career she has worked with persons of all ethnicities, faiths, genders, sexual orientations, and socio-economic statuses. She enjoys finding innovative ways to engage our Elders and youth to combat ageism and promote mutual respect. Rochella recognizes that if she is lucky one day too she will become an elder and hopes by the time she is considered an elder that elders will be seen as an asset, not a liability.



ROCHELLA VASSELL

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KARINE DENIS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21ST

After completing her studies at the University of Ottawa in 2010, **Karine Denis** returned to northern Ontario and began working at the Centre Passerelle pour femmes du nord de l'Ontario. Over the years, she has had the opportunity to hold several positions in direct service, administration, and management. She is currently the Community Development Coordinator. She appreciates the demanding aspect of her job, raising public awareness to change the norms and attitudes that lead to violence against women, as well as offering revalorisation workshops to support women in taking back their power both as individuals and as a community.