

# MELISSA MARIE LEGGE

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BSW, MSW, PhD (abd)

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## Research

- 4+ years' experience
- Expertise in community-based research (CBR) and digital scholarship
- Skills: project design; REB application and protocol management; recruitment; literature reviews; descriptive statistics; report writing; knowledge exchange, including policy documents and fact sheets; data visualization; academic publishing
- Qualitative skills: interviewing; group facilitation; transcription; coding; NVivo

## Social Work and Community Practice

- 7+ years' experience
- Homelessness, LGBTQ+ community, mental health, youth work
- Strong skills in anti-oppressive, trauma-informed practice; counselling; crisis management; harm reduction; advocacy; cross-cultural practice

## Program Implementation and Evaluation

- Program design, promotion, implementation, documentation, and evaluation
  - Development of documents used throughout non-profit workplaces, including intake forms and evaluations
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## Education and Honours

### PHD CANDIDATE

#### McMaster University

*September 2014*

- Awards: Edwin A. Taylor Ontario Graduate Scholarship of \$15 000 for 2016-17, Hamelin Family Fund Ontario Graduate Scholarship of \$15 000 for 2014-15, Graduate Scholarship of \$8000 for 2014-15, Entrance Scholarship of \$5000 for 2014-15

### GRADUATE FELLOW

#### Sherman Centre for Digital Scholarship

*September 2015 - August 2016*

### MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

#### Ryerson University

*September 2013 – October 2014*

- Cumulative GPA of 3.95 upon graduation
- Awards: Ontario Graduate Scholarship of \$15,000 for 2013-14

### BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

#### Dalhousie University

*September 2009 – July 2012*

- Cumulative GPA of 3.86 upon graduation
- Awards: 2009-10 Dean's List for the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Member of the Golden Key honour society

### ANIMATION-CRÉATION GRADUATE

#### École de Cirque de Québec

*September 2007 – June 2008*

- Training in street and stage performance to develop multidisciplinary circus artists
- Specialization: creative process, juggling and object manipulation, group acrobatics

## Professional Associations

Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE)	2014 – 2017
Ontario Association of Social Workers (OASW)	2013 – 2015
Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW)	2014 – 2015

## Other Trainings

DH Techniques with Micki Kaufman (Hamilton, ON)	September 30, 2016
What is Digital Scholarship and Why Does It Matter? (Hamilton, ON)	October 23, 2015
Chrysalis UU Spirituality Development Training (Mississauga, ON)	February 28 – March 2, 2014
Chrysalis UU Peer Chaplain Training (Amherst, NY)	January 3 – 5, 2014
Dialectical Behavioural Therapy Training (Toronto, ON)	October 10 – 11, 2013
Appreciative Inquiry Training (Newmarket, ON)	February 7, 2013
Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training (CPI) (Newmarket, ON)	November 7, 2012
Canadian Red Cross – Standard First Aid and CPR (Dartmouth, NS)	February 7 – 8, 2011
Permaculture Design (Halifax, NS)	December 11 – 12, 2010

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## Academic and Research Experience

### RESEARCH ASSISTANT

#### Re:searching for LGBTQ Health

January 2014 – Present

- A team of LGBTQ and ally researchers who focus on understanding how LGBTQ people experience physical and mental health, and how they access services
- Field placement (January – May 2014), followed by continued freelance involvement
- Team supervisor: Dr. Lori Ross, Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto

### TRANSCRIPTIONIST

#### Transcript Heroes

May 2017 – Present

- Transcriptionist for a variety of projects, including research, academic, and medical transcription
- Supervisor: Michael McLaughlin, Project Manager

### RESEARCH ASSISTANT

#### Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

July 2015 – July 2016, March – April 2017

- Research assistant for a longitudinal study focused on postpartum mental health among visible and invisible sexual minority women project
- Supervisor: Dr. Lori Ross, Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto, CAMH affiliate scientist

### EVALUATION RESEARCH ASSISTANT

#### Rainbow Health Ontario

February 2017 – April 2017

- Creating an evaluation framework for Phases I-III of the Trans Health Expansion
- Supervisor: Ilene Hyman, independent consultant

### RESEARCH ASSISTANT

#### Rainbow Health Ontario

November 2016 – April 2017

- Creating evidence briefs about the size of the LGBTQ population, and LGBTQ inclusion in sport

- Supervisor: Lorelee Gillis, Research and Policy

#### **RESEARCH ASSISTANT**

**McMaster University (School of Social Work)**

*March 2017 – April 2017*

- Creating a handbook and engaging in literature review activities about use of various digital technologies in social work
- Supervisor: Dr. Tara LaRose, McMaster School of Social Work

#### **TEACHING ASSISTANT**

**McMaster University (School of Social Work)**

*September 2014 – March 2017*

- BSW-level course SW2A06D: Theory, Process, and Communication Skills for Social Work
- Supervisors: Anna-Marie Pietrantonio (2014-16) and Ameil Joseph (2016-17)

#### **RESEARCH ASSISTANT**

**Planned Parenthood Toronto**

*October 2015 – May 2016*

- Research assistant for two projects, one focused on young queer women and access to sexual health information using digital technology, the second focused on developing guidelines for trans-inclusive sexual health care and education
- Supervisor: Cheryl Dobinson, Director of Community Programming and Research

#### **RESEARCH ASSISTANT**

**York University (School of Social Work)**

*August 2014 – April 2015*

- Providing support for Dr. Atsuko Matsuoka with a scoping study on trans-species social justice
- Conducting systematic literature searches for the scoping phase of the study

#### **RESEARCH ASSISTANT**

**Working for Change**

*January 2014 – June 2014*

- Field placement position with Grassroots Research, a collaborative research team composed of psychiatric consumer/survivor/ex-patients and other community supporters, under Dr. Joyce Brown
- First listed author of the report for the Habitat Tenant Satisfaction Survey 2014, submitted June 2014
- Supporting a study evaluating residential services provided by Habitat Services in Toronto

#### **RESEARCH ASSISTANT**

**York University (School of Social Work)**

*December 2013 – June 2014*

- Providing support for Dr. Atsuko Matsuoka with a scoping study around the applicability of social justice concepts to other-than-human animals in social work
- Reviewing and charting relevant literature

#### **GRADUATE ASSISTANT**

**Ryerson University (School of Social Work)**

*October 2013 – December 2013*

- Providing support for Dr. Dawn Onishenko with the BSW-level course SWP 302: Social Policy Welfare and Programs

## **Published Manuscripts**

Flanders, C., Tarasoff, L., **Legge, M. M.**, Robinson, M., Gos, G. (2017). Positive Identity Experiences of Bisexual and Other Non-Monosexual People. *Journal of Homosexuality*, 8, 1014-1032.

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00918369.2016.1236592>

Kia, H., MacKinnon, K., and **Legge, M. M.** (2016). Exploring LGBTQ Microaggressions in Social Work Practice Using Foucault's Concept of Governmentality. *Social Work in Health Care*. DOI: 10.1080/00981389.2016.1231744 [Epub September 27, 2016]

Legge, M. M. (2016). The Role of Animal-Assisted Interventions in Anti-Oppressive Social Work Practice. *British Journal of Social Work*. doi: 10.1093/bjsw/bcv133 [Epub January 10, 2016]

Flanders, C.E., Robinson, M., **Legge, M.M.**, & Tarasoff, L.A. (2016). Negative Identity Experiences of Bisexual and Other Non-Monosexual People: A Qualitative Report. *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health*, 20(2), 152-172. doi: 10.1080/19359705.2015.1108257 [Epub February 4, 2016]

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## Manuscripts Under Review or Revision

Legge, M. M., Flanders, C., Robinson, M. (Manuscript Revised and Resubmitted). Bisexual People and Microaggression: Implications for Critical Social Work. *Social Work in Mental Health*.

Legge, M. M., Taha, R. (Manuscript Conditionally Accepted and Resubmitted). "Fake Vegans": Indigenous Solidarity and Animal Liberation Activism. *Journal of Indigenous Social Development*.

Legge, M. M., Robinson, M. (Manuscript Conditionally Accepted and Resubmitted). Animals in Indigenous Spirituality: Implications for Critical Social Work. *Journal of Indigenous Social Development*.

Legge, M. M., Flanders, C., Tarasoff, L., Taha, R., Robinson, M. (Manuscript Under Review). A Critical Examination of Online News Media Representations of Bisexual Women Who Use Cannabis. *Feminist Media Studies*.

Legge, M. M., Kia, H. (Manuscript Under Review). Beyond the Human: Conceptualizing a Non-Anthropocentric Molecular Biopolitics. *Catalyst: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience*.

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## Manuscripts in Preparation

Flanders, C., **Legge, M. M.**, Plante, I., Goldberg, A., Ross, L. (Manuscript in Preparation). Gender and Perinatal Experiences of Invisible Sexual Minority Women. *Gender and Society*.

Legge, M. M., Kia, H. (Manuscript in Preparation). Resisting Interlocking Discourses: Anthropocentrism, Neoliberalism, and Social Justice.

Manley, M., Flanders, C., **Legge, M. M.** (Manuscript in Preparation). Consensual Non-Monogamy and Perinatal Experiences of Invisible Sexual Minority Women.

Legge, M. M. (Manuscript in Preparation). #Makergate: A Justice-Oriented Analysis of Canada's Oldest Makerspace.

Ross, L., Voronka, J., MacKinnon, K., **Legge, M. M.**, Guta, A., Chambers, J., Heath, M. (Manuscript in Preparation). Key practices for patient and community engagement in research on mental health or substance use.

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## Refereed Conference Paper Presentations

- Legge, M. M. (2016). *Becoming: Posthuman Perspectives on Subjectivity in Social Work*. The Vermont Gathering: Global Partnership for Transformative Social Work; Burlington, VT.
- Lousley, C., Castricano, J., Flegel, M., Berland, J., Cronin, K., Grant, J., **Legge, M. M.** (2016). *Animal Studies in Canada*. Biennial Conference for the Association for Literature, Environment, and Culture in Canada; Kingston, ON.
- Legge, M. M. (2016). *Animal-Assisted Interventions for LGBTQ Health*. Rainbow Health Ontario Conference; London, ON.
- Tarasoff, L., Flanders, C., **Legge, M. M.**, Robinson, M. (2016). *Positive Identity Experiences of Bisexual and Other Non-Monosexual People*. Rainbow Health Ontario Conference; London, ON.
- Legge, M. M. (2015). *Representing the "Voiceless": Qualitative Data Collection and Non-Human Subjects*. 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Qualitative Analysis Conference; London, ON.
- Legge, M. M. (2015). *The Role of Animal-Assisted Interventions in Anti-Oppressive Social Work*. Canadian Association of Social Workers – Canadian Association for Social Work Education Joint National Conference, Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences; Ottawa, ON.
- Legge, M. M. (2015). *Theorizing the Other-than-Human Subject in the Social Sciences*. Strategies of Critique Conference; Toronto, ON.
- Legge, M. M. (2015). *Possibilities for Collaboration: Challenging Anthropocentrism in Social Work*. Institute for Critical Animal Studies North America Conference; Binghamton, NY.
- Legge, M. M. (2014). *Challenging Anthropocentrism and the Neoliberal Subject*. Canadian Association of Social Workers – Canadian Association for Social Work Education Joint National Conference, Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences; St. Catharines, ON.

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## Invited Course Lectures

- Legge, M. M., and Taha, R. (2015). *Solidarity and Activism in Social Work: Short Hills Deer Harvest*. McMaster University, SW2A06D: Theory, Process, and Communication Skills for Social Work; Hamilton, ON.
- Legge, M. M. (2015). *Theoretical Frameworks for Social Work Practice*. McMaster University, SW2A06D: Theory, Process, and Communication Skills for Social Work; Hamilton, ON.
- Legge, M. M. (2014). *Theoretical Frameworks for Social Work Practice*. McMaster University, SW2A06D: Theory, Process, and Communication Skills for Social Work; Hamilton, ON.
- Legge, M. M. (2014). *Animal-Assisted Interventions*. McMaster University, SW4G03: Selected Topics - Indigenizing Social Work Practice Approaches; Hamilton, ON.
- Legge, M. M. (2013). *Globalization and Neoliberalism*. Ryerson University, SWP302: Social Policy Welfare and Programs; Toronto, ON.

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## Invited Community Presentations

Legge, M. M. (2017). Apps and Social Work Practice. McMaster School of Social Work Field Forum 2017, Hamilton, ON.

Legge, M. M. (2016). #MakerGate. Sherman Centre for Digital Scholarship, Hamilton, ON.

Legge, M. M. (2016). Computer Applications and Software for Academic Organization. School of Social Work at McMaster University; Hamilton, ON.

Legge, M. M. (2016). Posthuman Subjectivity and Social Work. School of Social Work at McMaster University; Hamilton, ON.

Legge, M. M. (2016). Opening Possibilities: Digital Scholarship and the Social Sciences. Sherman Centre for Digital Scholarship; Hamilton, ON.

Legge, M. M. (2014). Habitat Tenant Satisfaction Survey 2014. Habitat Services Annual General Meeting; Toronto, ON.

Legge, M. M. (2012). Review of the Companion Animal Support Program. Phoenix Youth Programs; Halifax, NS.

Legge, M. M. (2011). Social Circus and Critical Social Work. Dalhousie University, School of Social Work; Halifax, NS.

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## Knowledge Exchange and Community Development

Legge, M. M. (2017). Apps and Social Work, Handout for the McMaster Field Forum 2017. McMaster University School of Social Work.

Hyman, I., and **Legge, M. M.** (2017). Trans Health Expansion: Evaluation Plan. Rainbow Health Ontario, Toronto.

### ORGANIZER

#### Re:searching for LGBTQ Health

*March 2017*

- Community launch party in partnership with the South Riverdale Community Health Centre for the Key Practices for Community Engagement in Research on Mental Health or Substance Use document, cited below.

Ross, L., Aftab, S., Chambers, J., Jakobson, V., James-Abra, S., **Legge, M. M.**, MacKinnon, K., Voronka, J., and Wishart, J. (2017). Key Practices for Community Engagement in Research on Mental Health or Substance Use. Retrieved from <http://lgbtqhealth.ca/projects/docs/practicesforresearchonmhandsu.pdf>

Chambers, J., and **Legge, M. M.** (2015). What Is Community-Based Research? Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Toronto. Retrieved from <http://lgbtqhealth.ca/docs/GuidelinesCommunityBasedResearchProjectOutcome.pdf>

Legge, M. M., and Brown, J. (2014). Habitat Tenant Satisfaction Survey Report. Working for Change, Toronto.

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## Online Publications

- Legge, M. M. (2017). Beast Mode: The Beast of the East Recap. Retrieved from <https://thederbyapex.com/beast-mode-b7b2bde51f56>
- Legge, M. M. (2017). Overcoming Challenges with Interleague Partnerships: OHRD and Hammer City. Retrieved from <https://thederbyapex.com/overcoming-challenges-with-interleague-partnerships-ohrd-and-hammer-city-d00bc9a27624>
- Legge, M. M. (2016). #MakerGate. Retrieved from <http://scds.ca/makergate/>
- Legge, M. M. (2016). When to Call a Project Dead Instead of Done. Retrieved from <http://scds.ca/legge-2/>
- Legge, M. M. (2016). Sci Fi and Social Work. Sherman Centre for Digital Scholarship. Retrieved from <http://scds.ca/legge-1/>
- Legge, M. M. (2015). Interfaith Activism for Climate Justice: On Intersectionality, Sustainability, and Solidarity. Unitarian Universalist Young Adults for Climate Justice. Retrieved from <http://www.uuyacj.org/reflections/emmy-marie-interfaith-activism-for-climate-justice-on-inter-sectionality-sustainability-and-solidarity>
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## Professional Community Service

### GRADUATE APPLICATION READER

#### McMaster University (School of Social Work)

*February 2017*

- Reading and assessing applications for the PhD program in the School of Social Work
- Supervisor: Darlene Savoy, Graduate Administrative Assistant

### AD HOC REVIEWER

- Journal of Indigenous Social Development
  - British Journal of Social Work
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## Media Coverage

- Balch, E. (2016). How a dog named Boom is helping us learn more about the life of service animals. McMaster Daily News. Retrieved from <http://library.mcmaster.ca/news/40865>
- McArthur, N. (2016). Why People Are Fighting to Get Polyamory Recognized as a Sexual Orientation. Vice. Retrieved from [http://www.vice.com/en\\_uk/read/is-polyamory-a-sexual-orientation](http://www.vice.com/en_uk/read/is-polyamory-a-sexual-orientation)
- Mahmoudi, I. (2016). Canada's Shortened Ban on Gay Blood Donors Still Fails LGBTQ. Huff Post Politics Canada. Retrieved from [http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/ida-mahmoudi/gay-blood-donation-ban\\_b\\_10634678.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/ida-mahmoudi/gay-blood-donation-ban_b_10634678.html)
- Rieti, J., and Ghebreslassie, M. (2016). Toronto woman hit with \$150 rush hour parking ticket for dropping off injured partner: Accessibility advocate warns 'temporarily disabled' people face numerous barriers in the city. CBC News Toronto. Retrieved from <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/parking-problem-1.3613818>
- D the Therapy Dog. (2012). "D" the therapy dog spreads a little puppy love. yFile. Retrieved from

## **Social Work and Community Experience**

### **YOUTH ADVISOR**

#### **First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto**

*September 2013 – Present*

- Youth Group Advisor, Youth and Young Adult Peer Chaplain
- Attended the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office Spring Seminar on Indigenous Rights 2014 in New York City, and CanUUdle National Youth Conferences in May 2014 and 2015 in Montréal and Ottawa respectively

### **MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLOR**

#### **SExT: Sex Education by Theatre**

*May 2017*

- On-site mental health counsellor for live theatrical performances of SExT, a sexual health education program by and for high school students

### **HEAD ORGANIZER AND DEAN**

*Various*

- Organization, registration, budget management, program design, and coordination of the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Unicamp Unitarian Universalist (UU) Young Adult Fall Retreat, September 2014, Honeywood, Ontario; the UU Youth Advisor Fall Retreat, September 2014, Toronto, Ontario; Opus: Continental UU Young Adult Convention, August 2015, Columbus, Ohio; Opus: Continental UU Young Adult Convention, August 2016, Denver, Colorado.

### **SMALL GROUP MINISTRY AND**

#### **CONFLICT RESOLUTION COORDINATOR**

*Various*

- Program design and coordination of the Small Group Ministry and Conflict Resolution volunteer teams for Opus Continental Unitarian Universalist Young Adult Convention, August 2014, Columbus, Ohio
- Program design and coordination of the Small Group Ministry component of Communion Unitarian Universalist Intergenerational Gathering, February 2015, Kingston, Ontario

### **MENTAL HEALTH WORKER**

#### **Peace Ranch (Housing Support Program)**

*February 2013 – September 2014*

- Long-term residential program for adults diagnosed with schizophrenia
- Support for residents in a rural, farm-based environment in accordance with Psychosocial Rehabilitation principles

### **PROGRAM ASSISTANT**

#### **Peace Ranch (Green Spaces Program)**

*July 2013 – September 2013*

- Program preparation including recruitment, planning, and set-up
- Vegetable garden planning and maintenance and barn responsibilities including livestock care and support
- Support for program participants and co-facilitation of programs, including cooking, nutrition, healthy living, expressive arts, and livestock care and education

### **RESIDENTIAL COUNSELLOR**

#### **Blue Door Shelters**

*October 2012 – April 2013*

- Emergency shelter environments for male youth, adult males, and families
- Crisis management, supportive counselling, and goal development and follow-up
- Liaison between clients and community resources; record keeping, data collection



## **YOUTH WORKER**

### **Phoenix Youth Programs**

*June 2012 – September 2012*

- Phoenix Youth Shelter and Phoenix Centre for Youth (drop-in services)
- Supportive counselling, client support work, liaison between clients and community resources, crisis management

## **TECHNICAL AND ARTISTIC COACH, ADMINISTRATION**

### **Atlantic Cirque Halifax**

*September – April 2009, June 2011 – September 2012*

- Coaching: Pre-Professional program, recreational classes, corporate events, workshops
- Artistic consultation for artists beginner to professional level
- Assistant administrator; responsible for press releases, website content, promotional materials, and translation services (French/English)

## **PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN**

### **Phoenix Youth Programs**

*April – July 2012*

- Field placement position with the Special Initiatives recreational program, Phoenix Centre for Youth drop-in services, and Phoenix Learning and Education Centre
- Positive youth development programming, group facilitation
- Therapeutic animal-assisted activities, companion animal support

## **ANIMAL ASSISTED THERAPEUTIC ACTIVITIES**

### **St. John Ambulance Therapy Dogs Program**

*February 2012 – November 2013*

- Guardian of D, adopted greyhound and certified therapy dog
- Volunteer position with various social service agencies including the William Osler Health Centre, York University, as well as emergency shelters and seniors' residences

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## **References**

**Dr. Lori Ross**, Re:Searching for LGBTQ Health Team, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto  
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**Dr. Bonnie Freeman**, PhD Supervisor, McMaster University School of Social Work  
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