

The Nature & Impact of Hate and Hate Crimes

Biographies and Clip Summaries

Evan Solomon: "A Picture of Toronto's Schools"

Speaker Profile: Evan Solomon is the co-host of the weekly news and current affairs television shows *CBC News: Sunday* and *CBC News: Sunday Night*. He is also the host of CBC Newsworld's weekly program about print culture called *HotType*. Solomon is a two-time winner of the Gemini award as Best Host and Interviewer in a News and Information Program. Mr. Solomon also writes a regular column in the *Globe and Mail* called "As They See It".

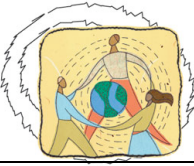
Clip Summary: In this clip, Evan Solomon discusses examples of racism and hatred from his own childhood growing up in Toronto. He identifies the self-segregation that occurs today in Toronto High Schools.

Charles Smith: "Recognizing Context"

Speaker Profile: Charles C. Smith is currently a Lecturer in cultural theory and cultural pluralism in the arts, at the University of Toronto Scarborough. Charles is consultant to the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal regarding *OHRC and McKinnon v. HMQ et al.* He is also a recently appointed member to the Canadian Court Challenges Program Equality Rights Panel and recently served as the Equity Advisor to the Canadian Bar Association. His book on racial profiling: *Conflict, Crisis and Accountability: Law Enforcement and Racial Profiling in Canada*, was released in October, 2007.

Clip Summary: Mr. Smith discusses the fact that hatred is about power. He stresses the need to recognize the context of a situation and encourages us to consider the underlying causes of hatred. He also explores the topic of state action and state responsibility.

Uzma Shakir: "The State's Role: Normalizing Discourse"



Combating Hatred in the 21st Century



Speaker Profile: Uzma Shakir is the Executive Director of South Asian Legal Clinic of Ontario. She was also a member of the Hate Crime Community Working Group that produced the report *Addressing Hate Crime in Ontario: Strategy, Recommendations & Priorities for Action* for the Government of Ontario in December 2006.

Clip Summary: In this clip, Ms. Shakir discusses the normalizing discourses of the state and their impact on society.

David Matas: "Resolving Ignorance: Specialization as an Answer"

Speaker Profile: David Matas is a Winnipeg lawyer and human rights advocate. He is the author of *Bloody Words: Hate and Free Speech*. He most recently received the 2007 Walter S. Tarnopolsky Human Rights Award, 'in recognition of a Canadian who has made an outstanding contribution to domestic and international human rights'. David has had many government appointments, including: member Canadian delegation to the United Nations General Assembly 1980; member Canadian delegation to the United Nations Conference on an International Criminal Court 1998; Director of the International Centre for Human Rights & Democratic Development.

Clip Summary: Mr. Matas suggests that many of the problems relating to hatred stem from ignorance. He suggests that the best way to combat this is through specialization within the courts and tribunals.

Justice David Corbett: "Creating Visibility within the Justice System"

Speaker Profile: David L. Corbett graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School in 1985 and was called to the bar in 1987. During his years in practice, Justice Corbett was a frequent speaker on legal topics, and taught at the University of Toronto Law School, the Osgoode Hall Law School and the University of Western Ontario Law School. He was appointed to the Ontario Superior Court in the spring of 2003.

Clip Summary: Justice Corbett identifies a general climate of intolerance and suggests that the response from the justice system should be greater visibility within the structures of power.