

MAID

(Medical Assistance in Dying),
**social inequalities and structural
vulnerabilities: why it matters.**

Wednesday, March 1 | 12:00 – 3:30 p.m. CST

 **Presented via Zoom** | No registration or fees required

This event is intended to raise awareness and challenge current perceptions and paradigms surrounding Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) in Canada, in order to explore whether and how MAID is negatively impacting and jeopardizing the lives of historically marginalized groups, including disabled people, older persons and Indigenous, Black and racialized peoples.

This event seeks to examine MAID through the lenses of ableism, ageism, colonialism and other forms of discrimination through a discussion of lived experiences and an examination of the human rights dimensions of those experiences as they intersect with Canadian MAID policy, law and practice. It will help people to critically consider MAID in the context of support for “assistance in living” and the impact the lack of support or means to address – for example, poverty, inadequate housing, social isolation (and other social determinants of health) – can have on a wish or request to die.

PANEL ONE:

MAID IS NOT THE SOLUTION TO A BROKEN SOCIAL SYSTEM

MODERATOR: **Dr. Reg Urbanowski**, professor and dean,
College of Rehabilitation Sciences, Rady Faculty of Health
Sciences, University of Manitoba

PANELISTS:

- **The Honourable Marilou McPhedran**, C.M., Senator,
human rights lawyer, professor, activist
- **Eric Courchene**, Elder and Knowledge Keeper,
Sagkeeng Anicinabe First Nation
- **Alicia-Ann Pauld**, activist, writer, artist
- **Professor Ameil J. Joseph**, Faculty of Social Work and
Faculty of Social Sciences, McMaster University

PANEL TWO:

HUMAN RIGHTS OBLIGATIONS TO PREVENT AND PROTECT AGAINST INEQUALITY AND VULNERABILITY

MODERATOR: **Professor Mary J. Shariff**, Faculty of Law,
University of Manitoba

PANELISTS:

- **Krista Carr**, Executive Director of Inclusion Canada
- **Kerri Joffe**, Human Rights Lawyer, ARCH Disability
Law Centre
- **Professor Emerita Catherine Frazee**, Disability
Studies, Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly
Ryerson)
- **Professor Trudo Lemmens**, Faculty of Law and
Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University
of Toronto

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