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NARPA FALL 2020 WEBINAR SERIES

In lieu of a face-to-face conference in 2020, NARPA is offering a series of webinars related to current events. All webinars are free.

Our fourth, and final webinar of 2020, entitled “Mental Health Courts and Specialized Courts in Canada: Access to Justice from the Perspective of People with Psychiatric Histories,” is scheduled for Thursday, December 10, at 1:30 P.M. EST. Registration information is below. This webinar is free.

Description of Presentation: Attorney and researcher, [Ruby Dhand](#) notes to date there appears to be no significant study critiquing mental health courts in Canada vis-à-vis access to justice for people with psychiatric histories. In this presentation, Dr. Dhand will draw from 100 in-depth interviews with key stakeholders involved with mental health courts and specialized courts across Canada to critique the extent to which mental health courts and specialized courts in that country increase access to justice for people with psychiatric histories. Through a comparative critique of mental health courts in the United States and Canada, this presentation will further analyze the extent to which these courts address race, culture, and other intersecting equity issues and appropriately implement the principles of therapeutic jurisprudence, while putting forth recommendations to improve them.

Presenter: [Ruby Dhand, B.A., M.A., LL.B., LL.M., Ph.D.](#), is an Associate Professor of Law on the faculty at Thompson Rivers University in Canada. She has worked as a human rights attorney, specializing in disability law and mental health law, and been on the litigation team for major cases at the Supreme Court of Canada and Federal Court of Canada. As a researcher she has authored a number of articles in professional publications. Her major areas of research are mental health law (civil and forensic), human rights law, health law and policy, and the impact of race, culture, ethnicity and other intersectional factors upon the law, among other areas.

Please follow the instructions below to register for the webinar. Also check our website at www.narpa.org and the NARPA Facebook group page for details about this webinar and access to recordings of the three previous webinars. Stay tuned for announcements about NARPA's plans for 2021!

You are invited to NARPA's Zoom webinar.

When: December 10, at 1:30 P.M. Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register here: *(Registration link coming soon)*

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar on December 10.

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OTHER WEBINARS IN THIS SERIES

"Rights-Based Alternatives to Police Response for Mental Health Crises: A World-Wide Perspective." (The video will be available soon.)

"Establishing a Non-Police Response to Mental Health Crises: The Needless Killing of Miguel Richards by NYC Police." [Watch it here.](#)

The recording of the second webinar in this series, "[Olmstead in the Age of COVID](#)," is now available on [NARPA's YouTube channel](#).

To access the recording of the first webinar, "[Trauma Translated](#)," visit www.narpa.org. (The video will be available soon.)