

# Margaret Robinson, Ph.D.

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## Education

### **Ph.D. in Theology, 2009**

University of Saint Michael's College, Toronto School of Theology

Dissertation: "Turning Points in Identity and Theology: Bisexual Women Choosing Between Monogamous and Polyamorous Relationships"

Supervisor: Professor Marilyn Legge

My dissertation examined the conflation of bisexuality with polyamory. I used voice-centred relational analysis to examine email interviews with forty bisexual women in the Toronto area. I showed how participant's relationship choices are incorporated (or not) into their bisexual identity

### **M.A. in Theology, 2001**

University of Saint Michael's College, Toronto School of Theology

Thesis: "Influence of Gender Construction on Catholic Approaches to Same-Sex Desire"

Supervisor: Professor Ronald Mercier

### **B.A. in English and Religious Studies, 1997**

Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Thesis: "Non-Heterosexual Liberation Theology"

Supervisor: Dr. Paul Bowlby

## Research

### **Project Coordinator, November 2010-present**

Risk and Resilience among Bisexual People in Ontario: A Community-Based Study of Bisexual Mental Health.

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Social Equity & Health Research

- Community outreach, stakeholder development, and knowledge transfer
- Coordination of advisory committee, survey development, and data collection
- Data analysis, manuscript preparation, and dissemination of findings

## Awards

Jean-Marc Laporte Scholarship for Academic Excellence, 2001, 2003, 2004

Jacques Monet Scholarship, 2003

C. Douglas Jay Scholarship for Academic Excellence, 2002, 2003

Carl and Hertha Starkloff Bursary for Deserving Research, 1997, 1999, 2002

Frederick E. Crowe Bursary, 1997

Kuna-Delicaet Scholarship for Scholarly Achievement, 1997

## **Research Interests**

Christian sexual ethics; religion and gender; feminist theology; GLBTQ issues in religion; postcolonial issues in religion, (esp. Canadian First Nations), religious-based prejudice (esp. anti-Judaism and homophobia); critical theory, queer studies

## **Academic Memberships**

- Journal of Postcolonial Theology and Theory, Editorial Board, 2010-present
- Canadian Theological Students Conference, 2004 delegate
- American Academy of Religion, 2002-present

## **Courses in Teaching and Language Skills**

Teaching In Higher Education (THE 500), January–April, 2009  
Woodsworth College, University of Toronto

German Level A1, A2, Intensive course, 2004  
Goethe Institute, Toronto

Teaching Assistants Training Certificate, 2003  
University of Toronto

## **Teaching Experience**

**Teaching and Research Assistant**, January-April 2009

Regis College, Toronto, Dr. Michael Stoerber  
RGP3256/6256 HS Spirituality and Sexuality

- Presented course lectures “Homosexuality & Christian Tradition,” and “Clericalism & Sexual Abuse,” January 26 & February 2, 2009
- Collected research material for Powerpoint presentations

**Teaching Assistant**, September-December 2002, September-December 2003

Regis College, Toronto, Dr. Ronald Mercier  
RGT 1905 HF Ethical Reflections on Pastoral Practice

- Presented course lecture, “Growth in the Moral Life,” November 18, 2003
- Marked student essay assignments
- Facilitated tutorial discussions
- Interacted with students in person, through email and by telephone to discuss class material, written assignments and academic expectations

**Teaching Assistant**, May 1996-September 1997

Youth LIVE Centre for Youth Development, Halifax, NS, Alan Waye, Director

- Presented Sexuality and Employment components of Life Skills Program,
- Tutored students in Math, English, and Geography high school equivalency
- Led group home residents in team building projects

**Student Marker**, September 1993-April 1994

Saint Mary’s University, Dr. Stan Armstrong

REL 201.0 Introduction to Religious Studies  
REL 436.1 Creation and Evolution

**Student Marker**, September-April, 1991-1993  
Saint Mary's University, Dr. Paul Bowlby  
REL 202.0 Introduction to Comparative Religion

## **Academic & Community Service**

**Director, Treasurer**, Toronto Bisexuality Education Project, August 2005-present  
TBEP is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to supporting the bisexual community in Toronto. We organize educational and social events, and provide practical and financial assistance to other bisexual organizations

**Programming and Financial Director**, 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Bisexuality, Gender, and Sexual Diversity, June 2005-June 2006.

Event held at Ryerson University, Toronto, June 15-18, 2006

- Responsible for the financial management of the conference
- Prepared call for papers, selected workshops, liaised with presenters, drafted conference schedule

**Student Representative**, Regis College Advanced Degree Council, 2001-2004

**Student Member**, Regis College Tenure Review Committee 2001

**Co-Chair**, Toronto Dyke March, 2000-2002

- Created event manual and registration forms
- Recruited and trained Dyke March marshals
- Obtained permits for street closures
- Represented the committee to the media
- Organized fundraising events

**Illustrator, Proof Editor**, Regis College Student Handbook, 1999

## **Publications**

### **Refereed Journals**

“Reading Althaus-Reid: As a Bi Feminist Theo/Methodological Resource.” *Journal of Bisexuality* 10, no. 1(2010): 108-120.

“Making and Breaking Manhood: Masochistic Masculinity in *The Passion Of The Christ* and *Fight Club*.” *Socialist Studies Bulletin* 75 (Winter 2005): 25-28.

"Help Yourself Out of Racism: A Five-Step Guide for White Women." *Fireweed* (Winter 2002): 58-61

### **Non-Refereed Publications**

Review of Patricia Beattie and Aana Marie Vigen, eds. *God, Science, Sex, Gender: An Interdisciplinary Approach To Christian Ethics*. Champaign, *Toronto Journal of Theology*, forthcoming.

"Musical Chairs and GLBT," in *Getting Bi: Voices of Bisexuals Around the World*, ed. Robyn Ochs and Sarah E. Rowley (Boston: Bisexual Resource Centre, 2005, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, 2009) 181.

"Monogamy," in *LGBTQ America Today*, John C. Hawley, ed. (Westport: Greenwood Press, 2009), 756-757.

"Non-monogamy," in *LGBTQ America Today*, John C. Hawley, ed. (Westport: Greenwood Press, 2009), 818-820.

"Polyamory," in *LGBTQ America Today*, John C. Hawley, ed. (Westport: Greenwood Press, 2009), 913-914.

"Promiscuity," in *LGBTQ America Today*, John C. Hawley, ed. (Westport: Greenwood Press, 2009), 937-938.

Review of Michael Wyschogrod, *Abraham's Promise: Judaism and Jewish-Christian Relations*, *Toronto Journal of Theology* 22, no. 1(2006): 121-122.

"Bisexual Women and Lesbians: What Will Keep Us in our Churches?" *Making Waves: An Ecumenical Feminist Journal* vol. 3, no. 2 (Spring 2003): 30-32.

### **Newspaper Articles**

"Herstory Repeating" *Xtra*, (Thursday, June 23, 2005): [www.xtra.ca](http://www.xtra.ca) [History of Toronto's Dyke March].

"Amalgamation Mania: Will queer concerns be lost in the shuffle?" *Xtra*, (February 19, 2004): [www.Xtra.ca/site/toronto2/arch/body1632.shtm](http://www.Xtra.ca/site/toronto2/arch/body1632.shtm).

"Come Together: Kink conference promises polysexual paradise." *Xtra*, (July 8, 2004): [www.Xtra.ca/site/toronto2/arch/body1762](http://www.Xtra.ca/site/toronto2/arch/body1762).

"Queer Wiccans 101: Not a course at Hogwarts." *Xtra*, (August 21, 2003): 13.

"It's The Bi." *Xtra*, (26 June, 2003): 33 [On the Toronto Bisexual Network's Pride Week preparations].

"Stuck in the Middle With You." *Xtra*, (May 29, 2003): 10 [On bisexuals choosing to date other bisexuals].

"In Defence of Anger." *Siren: Rage issue*, vol. 7 issue 2 (June/July 2002): 14.

"Pass Me the White Crayon." *Siren: Diversity Issue*, vol. 7 issue 5 (December/January 2002): 26-27.

"Transwomen." *Siren: Diversity Issue*, vol. 7 issue 5 (December/January 2002): 8-9.

"Don't Mess With the Bisexuals?" *Siren: Sex Issue*, vol. 7 issue 4 (October/November

2002): 9.

“The Bisexual Writer/The Writing Bisexual.” *Siren: Queer Talent Issue*, vol. 7 issue 3 (August/September 2002): 15.

“Introduction: So who is this new Bi Lines person?” *Siren: Irresistibly Tempting For Queer Women*, vol. 7 issue 1 (March/April 2002): 14.

“The Mayor's Mouthful: What it took to change the city's Pride Proclamation.” *Xtra*, (May 31 2001): 25.

## **Presentations**

“Veganism And Mi'Kmaq Legends: Feminist Natives Do Eat Tofu.” American Academy of Religion Conference, Atlanta, GA, October 30, 2010.

“Psychological Decolonization: Getting Back My Indian Soul.” American Academy of Religion, Eastern International Regional Conference, Ottawa, ON, May 8, 2010.

Keynote Address, Don't Box Me In: Diversity in Gender and Sexuality, 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering of Pacific Northwest Reconciling Ministries Network, Puyallup, WA, February 21, 2010.

“Postcolonial Outrage[ous]: Marcella Althaus-Reid's Critical Bisexuality,” American Academy of Religion Conference, Montreal, Q.C., November 8, 2009.

"Aboriginality, Gender and Sexuality." *Qu(e)rying Religion: (Un)common Conversations*, St. Michael's University, October 13, 2009.

“Turning Points in Identity: Bisexual Women Choosing Between Monogamous and Polyamorous Relationships.” Mark S. Bonham Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies, Faculty and Graduate Colloquium Series, University College, Toronto, April 12, 2007.

Co-facilitator (with Roy Holton), “Bisexuality Forum.” *Together In Toronto: Open Spirit Forums*, New College, Toronto, July 27, 2006.

“Sex as Play.” Advanced Degree Faculty/Student Seminar, Regis College, Toronto, November 24, 2005.

“Sex as Play.” Advanced Degree Council Works and Wine, Wycliffe College, Toronto, November 18, 2004.

“Trans Inclusion and the Toronto Dyke March.” OISE/UT Queer Conference: *Stories of Struggle, Pride and Victory*, Toronto, June 25, 2004.

“Forgeries of the Bible.” Robarts Library, Toronto, March 6, 2003.

“Influence of Gender Roles on the Catholic Approach to Same-Sex Desire.” Advanced Degree Council Works and Wine, Wycliffe College, Toronto, March 21, 2002.

Respondent to Robin Koning's paper, “Inculturation in the Western Desert of Australia.” Advanced Degree Faculty/Student Seminar, Regis College, Toronto, September 25, 2002.

“Anti-Judaism in Lesbian Christian Theology.” Advanced Degree Faculty/Student Seminar, Regis College, Toronto, November 24, 1999.

### **Activist Memberships**

- International Conference on Bisexuality Steering Committee, 2006-present
- Bi Writer’s Association, 2006-present
- Binet Canada, 2006-present
- Director, Toronto Bisexual Education Project, 2005-present
- Catholic Network for Women's Equality, 2005-present
- Founding and Advisory member, Bi Pride Planning Committee, 2000-present
- Toronto Bisexual Network, 1999-present
- Pride Toronto, 1999-2002
- Toronto Dyke March Committee, 1999-2000
- Bisexual Women of Toronto, 1998-present
- LGBTout, University of Toronto, 1997-present
- Wayves Magazine Collective, 1994-1995
- Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Youth Project, Halifax, 1991-1997
- Peer Counsellor, Outline: GLBT Youth Support Line, Halifax, 1992-1996

### **References**

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