



## Bio of Amy Barlow

Amy Barlow is a Ph.D. Candidate in the Department of Politics at York University, specializing in International Relations and Comparative Politics. She holds an M.A. in Political Science and an H.B.A. in Political Science and History from the University of Toronto. Her research focuses on racialized and gendered discourses in North American national security narratives. Stemming from her doctoral work, Amy's current research investigates how Canadian and American governmental discourses, legal instruments, and mainstream media frames produce and reproduce the false image of religiously observant Muslim women as both victim and perpetrator. Amy argues that this essentialized perception has given rise to everyday violence against Muslim women and has emboldened white nationalist terrorists. Amy's doctoral research comparatively examines the Canadian and American governmental pre-occupation with Islamic fundamentalist terrorism rather than white nationalist terrorism. Amy argues that governmental, mainstream media, and social media discourses produce and reproduce a narrative based on racial bias that causes a myopic view of threats. This phenomenon stems from widespread settler nationalism that has fomented the unintended consequence of the rise of white nationalist terrorism. For her doctoral work Amy received the Nathanson Graduate Fellowship Award from the Jack and Mae Nathanson Centre on Transnational Human Rights, Crime, and Security, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University (2016-2017). For her scholarship on gender and race in national security narratives she has received the distinguished honor of being named as one of the Top 25 Emerging Thought Leaders of 2020–2021 by Women in International Security (Canada).