

Bio for Erin Troy

Erin Troy is a PhD Candidate in the Department of Politics at York University. Erin's current doctoral research, funded by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), examines the foundational logics of transitional justice, via the experiences of women survivors of wartime sexualized violence as they provide formal post-conflict testimony. Her work focuses on the testimonial process in proceedings that intend to address impunity for sexualized violence, and that articulate participation as a path to closure for victims, their communities, and the nation. She is particularly interested in the temporal misalignments that emerge throughout this process, generated by conflicting aims of inter/national power, and the needs, goals, and experiences of survivors. Examples include temporal tensions between international human rights law and trauma; between inter/national security and gender security; and between neoliberal logics of self-help and the permanence of grief and harm associated with sexualized violence. She explores how survivors' stories are disciplined by the logics of transitional justice, generating a series of foreclosures that narrow the futures available to them.

Erin is the founder of the North Simcoe Centre for Reproductive Justice, which promotes increased access to the full spectrum of reproductive care services for people living in the North Simcoe region. She was awarded an MA in Political Science from the University of Toronto, alongside a Collaborative MA in Women and Gender Studies. Erin also earned an Honours Bachelor of Arts from the University of Toronto, in Peace and Conflict Studies, and Political Science.