

Fact Sheet:

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Event Description:

Funded by SSHRC's Aid to Workshops programme, with supplementary funding by the *Religion and Diversity Project* and Queen's University, this workshop brought together a range of expertise to consider the relationship and representation of religious and sexual diversity in numerous national contexts. In recent years in North America, religious groups have been in the public eye when they have addressed a number of important issues concerning sexuality. These include: the ordination of members of sexual minorities, same-sex marriage, so-called "honor" killings where a woman's sexual virtue is in question, and instances where religious officials are the perpetrators of sexual violence. In some of these cases, the relation of sexuality and religion is played out on the field of law and public policy through constitutional and criminal cases. Some religious individuals, for a variety of reasons, either explicitly choose not to or are unable to follow the official teachings of their

religious group concerning sexuality. The workshop explored these varied dynamics, integrating diverse disciplinary and methodological perspectives.

Results Dissemination:

Religion and Sexuality: Diversity and the Limits of Tolerance, edited by P. D. Young, H. Shipley, T. Trothen. Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 2015.