

St. Thomas University Atlantic Human Rights Centre Presents

DR. BERNIE VIGOD MEMORIAL LECTURE

**The Transformative Potential of
the Right to a Healthy Environment**



With speaker
Dr. David R. Boyd



Atlantic Human
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SPEAKER

Dr. David R. Boyd is the UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment, serving a second term from 2021-2024. He is also an Associate Professor of Law, Policy, and Sustainability at the University of British Columbia.

Dr. Boyd has a Ph.D. in Resource Management and Environmental Studies from UBC, a law degree from the University of Toronto, and a business degree from the University of Alberta. He served as the executive director of Ecojustice, argued cases at the Supreme Court of Canada, and worked as a special advisor on sustainability for Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin. He has advised many governments on environmental, constitutional, and human rights policy and co-chaired Vancouver's effort to become the world's greenest city by 2020.

He is the author of ten books and over 100 reports and articles on environmental law and policy, human rights, and constitutional law. His books include *The Rights of Nature* (EWC Press, 2017), *The Optimistic Environmentalist* (EWC Press, 2015), and *The Environmental Rights Revolution* (UBC Press, 2012).

DR. BERNIE VIGOD

Canadian historian and educator, Dr. Bernie Vigod (1946-1988) was a lifelong advocate of human rights and civil liberties.

Born in Winnipeg, he was educated at the University of Manitoba, Carleton University and Queen's University in Canada. In 1971, he joined the faculty of History at the University of New Brunswick, Canada where he taught for 17 years.



An outstanding teacher and scholar, Dr. Vigod was a Professor of History and Associate Dean of the University's School of Graduate Studies and Research, as well as the New Brunswick member of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

Dr. Vigod served the cause of human rights with distinction. He spoke and published extensively on human rights issues. Dr. Vigod also acted as an advisor to public officials on human rights issues and took a leading role in organizations dedicated to promoting human rights. This lecture series is dedicated to his memory and features distinguished speakers on a wide range of human rights issues.

PROGRAM

Welcome

President Dawn Russell

St. Thomas University

Introductions

Dr. Shannonbrooke Murphy

Acting Director, Atlantic Human Rights Centre

Dr. Janice Harvey

Coordinator, STU Environment and Society Program

Lecture

Dr. David R. Boyd

Questions

Moderator Dr. Janice Harvey

Announcement of Atlantic Human Rights Centre

2021 Award for Excellence in Human Rights

and

Announcement of Vigod Scholarships

and

Closing

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