



# HEALTH ETHICS SEMINAR

## 2024-2025 SERIES

# Rendering Visible: Mapping the Systemic Implications of "Birth Alerts" for Indigenous Women and Children

## ABSTRACT

This seminar examines the history, impacts, and systemic roots of "birth alerts" on Indigenous maternal and child wellbeing in Canada. "Birth alerts"—notifications from healthcare providers to child welfare agencies regarding "at-risk" pregnancies, disproportionately affecting Indigenous women—have been criticized for sustaining colonial surveillance and contributing to the high rates of Indigenous children in state care. Participants will explore how healthcare, child welfare, and justice systems intersect in this practice, revealing its role in systemic racism and colonial legacies. Discussions will cover pathways for Indigenous-led reform, honouring Indigenous family structures, and promoting culturally respectful maternal and child health initiatives while disrupting systemic oppression embedded within the health care system.

Date: December 12, 2024

Location: [Meeting Room 3 - College Plaza](#) & [Zoom](#)

Time: 12 noon - 1:00 PM

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