

IAVGO Community Legal Clinic

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The Law Office of Antony Singleton

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INJURED WORKERS IN THE WORLD OF PRECARIOUS WORK: ADVOCACY AND ORGANIZED RESISTANCE

A series of seven weekly seminars for workers and advocates
- starting January 22, 2019 -

Workers in precarious employment suffer most harshly the consequences of workplace injury: poverty, social isolation, and deteriorating physical and mental health.

Workers' compensation systems are supposed to protect workers from the negative consequences of injuries, but our current system replicates and enforces the economic and social structures that create precarity in the first place.

This seminar series explores the major issues facing injured workers in the world of precarious work, to share information and explore strategies about how to move forward with individual cases and drive systemic change. A humane workers' comp system that protects *all* workers is possible—but what does that look like, and how do we get there?

What will happen in the seminars

Each seminar will explore a major issue for injured workers in the world of precarious work. We'll start with a brief presentation defining the problem, and laying out the law, policies and WSIB practices underlying it.

Then we'll hear from guest speakers who have special experience in the area (such as a community organizer, academic researcher or legal worker). Our guest speakers include Sara Mojtehdzadeh, Gary Newhouse, Chris Ramsaroop and Katherine Lippel.

We'll finish with a discussion about the lessons we can learn from the speakers' experience, and future strategies for individual cases and driving systemic change. Each seminar will be accompanied by a set of optional readings that we'll distribute to registrants prior to the session.

Who should attend?

- **Injured workers** who want to understand their experience with the WSIB in a larger context and connect with others who've had similar experiences
- **Worker advocates** who want to reflect on how their casework fits into the bigger picture, and get ideas on how they can help move the needle for injured workers
- **Worker advocates who are tired and jaded**, and who want to rediscover *why* they do this work, and refresh their ideas about *how* they do it
- **Law students** who want to learn how a law practice can connect with social justice movements.

Registration is free; follow the links below. You can register to attend the full series or sign up for one or more individual seminars. Seminars will be held at 55 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, 4-6 pm, and by webinar.

- January 22nd – Health care - <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/injured-workers-in-the-world-of-precarious-work-health-care-migrant-workers-tickets-54348928107>
- January 29th – Funding - <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/injured-workers-in-the-world-of-precarious-work-funding-of-the-scheme-tickets-54666194058>
- February 5th – Deeming - <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/injured-workers-in-the-world-of-precarious-work-deeming-tickets-54667255232>
- February 12th – Return to work - <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/injured-workers-in-the-world-of-precarious-work-return-to-work-tickets-54667882107>
- February 26th – Mental health - <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/injured-workers-in-the-world-of-precarious-work-mental-health-discrimination-tickets-54705215773>
- March 5th – Surveillance and Criminalization - <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/injured-workers-in-the-world-of-precarious-work-surveillance-and-criminalization-tickets-55150418386>
- March 12th – Occupational Disease - <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/injured-workers-in-the-world-of-precarious-work-occupational-disease-tickets-55172312873>
- March 26th – Return to work – rescheduled – BY WEBINAR only - <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/injured-workers-in-the-world-of-precarious-work-return-to-work-re-scheduled-webinar-only-tickets-57548057790>

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