CALE 2026 ACEJ

Guidance and Accountability Towards a More Just Society

October 22-24, 2026 | Toronto

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

(*Last Revised - October 20, 2026*)

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Joey Eaton Centre (1 Dundas Street West)

6:00 p.m.	Informal Kick-Off Dinner (optional)

Venue: JOEY Eaton Centre (1 Dundas Street West)

- Self-funded (not covered by the conference)
- Reservation is under “Nikita” or “CALE 2026 Conference”
- Given the group’s size, an 18% gratuity will be automatically added to all bills

Friday, October 23, 2026

Ted Rogers School of Management (55 Dundas Street West, 7th Floor)

8:45 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.	Breakfast
9:20 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Opening Remarks
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Research Panel 1

Panel Chair: Gideon Christian (UCalgary)

Amy Salyzyn (UOttawa) & Alexandra Mogyoros (TMU)	*“Exploring Concepts of Trust and Trustworthiness through Law Society of Ontario v. AA”*

Lisa Levesque (TMU)	*"Surveillance in the Legal Information Ecosystem"*
Devan Marr (LawPRO)	*"Breaking the AI-Hype Machine: What the Luddites can Teach us About Technological Competency"*
Marcela Bezerra Santos (Legal Risk and Compliance Professional)	*"Beyond the Human Wall: Agentic AI, Information Lineage, and Ethical Screens in Canadian Law Firms"*

11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. Break

11:20 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. Teaching Panel 1

"Teaching Law Ethically: Field-Specific Accountability and the Ethics of Legal Education"

Panel Chair: Gillian MacNeil (UManitoba)

Priscylla Joca (TMU) and Rebeca Macias Gimenez (UAlberta) (non-attending co-author), Uche Ngwaba (TMU), and Jake Effoduh (TMU)

12:50 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Regulator Panel

"AI (Mis)use and Beyond: Challenges for Legal Regulators"

Panel Chair: Glenn Stuart (LSO)

Valerie Payne (LSS), Joleen Dabble (LSNB), and Glenn Stuart (LSO)

3:30 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. Break

3:50 p.m. – 5:20 p.m. Research Panel 2

Panel Chair: Alexandra Mogyoros (TMU)

Michael Dunn (UAlberta)	*"Ministers of Justice, More or Less: The Ethical Independence of Government Lawyers in a Westminster Order"*
Andrew Flavelle Martin (Dalhousie)	*"Legal Ethics for Crown Counsel in Extradition Proceedings: A Reinvigorated Doctrinal Analysis"*
Brandon Trask (UManitoba)	*"Failing by Design: Examining How the Structure of Public Prosecution Services in Canada Can Incentivize Unethical Behaviour"*

5:20 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Transition Remarks

Historical walking tour of the TMU campus and neighbourhood led by Simon Wallace (TMU) available before dinner.

7:00 p.m. Conference Dinner

Venue: Sears Atrium, George Vari Engineering and Computing Centre (245 Church Street, 3rd Floor)

Saturday, October 24, 2026

Ted Rogers School of Management (55 Dundas Street West, 7th Floor)

9:00 - 9:20 a.m. Breakfast

Breakfast will be available until about 10:20 a.m.

9:20 - 10:20 a.m. Annual General Meeting

All are welcome - CALE/ACEJ membership is not required.

10:20 - 11:50 a.m. Research Panel 3

Panel Chair: Andrew Flavelle Martin (Dalhousie)	
Preston Lim (Queen's)	*"Judicial Diplomacy"*
Clare Benton (UBC)	*"Raising the Bar: Addressing Gender-Based Bullying, Discrimination and Harassment in the Legal Profession in British Columbia"*
Majid Pourostad (NATIONS GATE® Law)	*"When Counsel Reappoints an Arbitrator: Disclosure, Silence, and Ethical Challenges"*

11:50 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. Lunch & Awards

12:50 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. Teaching Panel 2

Panel Chair: Deanne Sowter (TMU)	
Stephen G.A. Pitel (Western)	*"Teaching Legal Ethics and Professionalism through Advocacy Competitions"*
Kelly Gallagher-Mackay (Laurier)	*"AI, Ethics and the Democratic Classroom in Higher Education"*
Pooja Parmar (UVic)	*"Teaching Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility in Multijuridical Spaces"*

2:20 – 2:40 p.m. Break

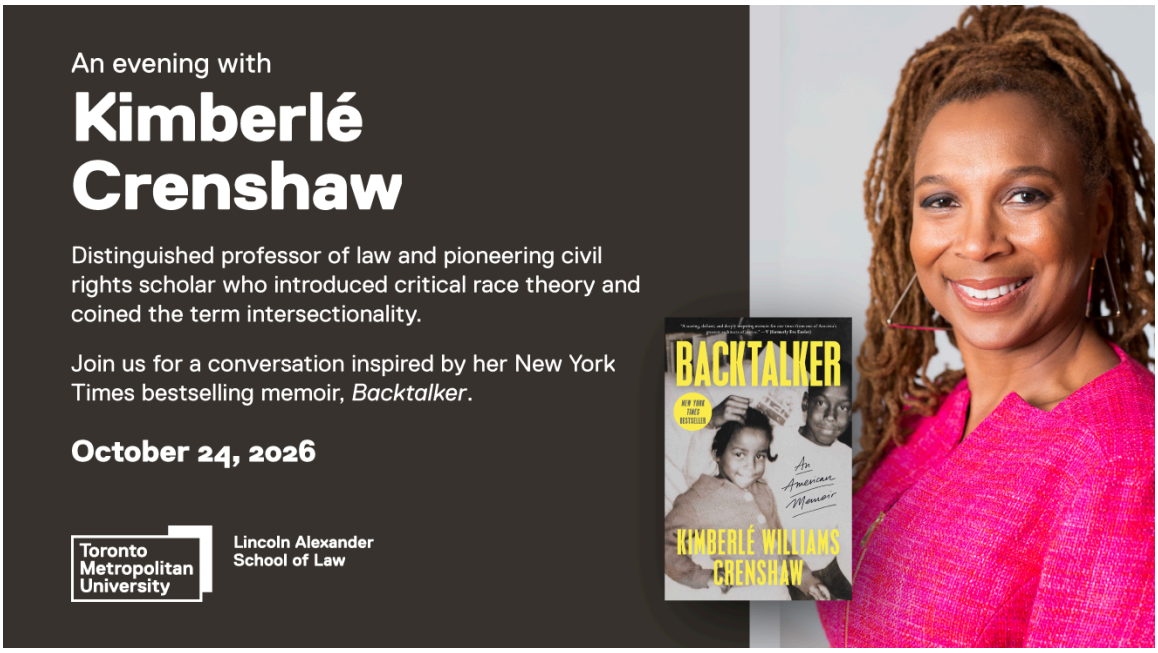
2:40 – 4:00 p.m. Research Panel #4

Panel Chair: Basil Alexander (TMU)	
Dan Pinnington (LawPRO)	*"The Most Common Causes of Legal Malpractice Claims"*

Faisal Bhabha (Osgoode)	*"'He Who Is Without Sin': Professional Responsibility After the MacDonald Report"*
Noel Semple (UWindsor)	*"Timely, Competent, Sustainable Advocacy: Pick Two?"*

4:00 – 4:10 p.m. Closing Remarks

Lincoln Alexander School of Law Special Event



Backtalker: An Evening With Kimberlé Crenshaw
October 24, 2026 | 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. (DOORS OPEN AT 4:30 P.M.)
TIFF Lightbox (350 King Street West)

EVENT DETAILS: backtalker.eventbrite.ca (To register for this event, please contact rekha@torontomu.ca.)

NOTE: *A **separate registration** is required for this community event. To maximize attendance, we oversell our events to account for anticipated no-shows. Admission is guaranteed until 5:20 p.m. or until the venue capacity is reached. Seating is available on a first come, first served basis.*