

OUT FROM UNDER: Disability, History and Things to Remember

Curators' Bios

Melanie Panitch



Dr. Melanie Panitch is Director of the School of Disability Studies, a position she has held since the School was founded in 1999, and Co-director of the Ryerson-RBC Institute for Disability Studies Research and Education. Drawing on her deep roots in the disability rights movement, she has recently published a history of activist mothering in the Canadian Association for Community Living titled "Disability, Mothers and Organization: Accidental Activists".

Kathryn Church



Dr. Kathryn Church is Associate Professor in the School of Disability Studies at Ryerson University. She directs the School's affiliated research program through the Ryerson-RBC Institute for Disability Studies Research and Education. Her own research practice is a multi-faceted experiment in fusing ethnographic studies of ruling with arts-informed methods of writing and presentation of knowledge/s. Adept at both popular and scholarly forms, she is one of a handful of academics who has documented the activist work of the psychiatric survivor movement in Canada.

Catherine Frazee



Dr. Catherine Frazee is a Professor of Distinction in the School of Disability Studies at Ryerson University and Co-director of the Ryerson-RBC Institute for Disability Studies Research and Education. As a writer, educator and activist with particular interests in disability culture and resistance, her work is informed both by life experience as a disabled woman and by varied and long-standing involvements in the equality struggles of marginalized groups in Canada.