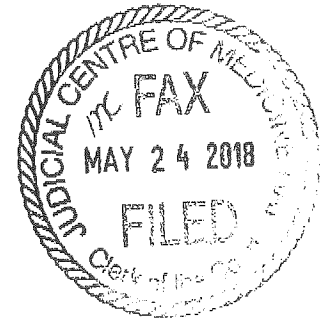


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AFFIDAVIT OF [REDACTED]
Sworn on May 23, 2018

I, [REDACTED], of the [REDACTED], in the Province of Alberta, SWEAR AND SAY THAT:

1. I am a Corporate Sales Representative and a father of [REDACTED] children, one of whom is still in school. I have personal knowledge of the facts herein deposed except where based on information and belief, in which case I verily believe same to be true.
2. On May 13, 2018, I attended the Alberta Secular Conference held in Calgary, Alberta, and was personally present for the entirety of the talk given by [REDACTED] [REDACTED], entitled "We've Got Secular Work to Do", which I also recorded.

[REDACTED] Involvement with [REDACTED] GSA Club

3. In the introduction to her talk, [REDACTED] told the audience, "I have mental health issues." She also advised in her introduction that she had attended a religious school in her youth, saying, "So for those of you who don't know, I actually attended a private Christian school in Alberta for ten years – those seventy percent funded, young-earth creationism schools that we've been talking about all weekend – I went to one of those."

4. [REDACTED] explained to the audience why she decided to start a Gay-Straight Alliance ("GSA") at [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Alberta, saying,

When I found myself standing on the opposite side of this issue, I felt like I really needed to do something about it...at the time my family had just moved to [REDACTED] Alberta....

During the question and answer period after her talk, someone from the audience asked [REDACTED] why she was so passionate about "gay" rights. She responded by stating:

Probably the fact that when I was growing up, everybody in my family, including me, was passionately against them. And that toxicity needs to be countered...because I was wrong. And when you're wrong, you need to admit it, and then you need to make it better.

5. In describing how she started a GSA club at [REDACTED], [REDACTED] indicated that she first "sent an email to the school, asking if they had a GSA, and, you know, saying maybe I could be involved." [REDACTED] told the audience that she was advised by the school that they did at one point have a GSA club, but no longer had one. She stated that

she continued to email back and forth with the Family Wellness worker at [REDACTED] seeking to start a GSA club at [REDACTED] for three years, until eventually some students came forward requesting a GSA, after which point an [REDACTED] employee remembered her emails and contacted her.

6. [REDACTED] quickly became active in the GSA stating:

It wasn't very long before I was of great use to the GSA at [REDACTED] because interestingly enough when you're working with teenagers, having a driver's license and two million in liability on your insurance, is actually a superpower.

7. In describing her first few [REDACTED] GSA club meetings to the audience, [REDACTED] indicated that she did not have children of her own in the GSA club, nor was she an employee of the school:

So the first couple of meetings went well, we were just kinda figuring out what we were all going to do. I know a couple of the students were a little weirded out that I was there – “who's this lady? She's not anyone's parent, she's not a teacher, she doesn't work here”.

8. Throughout [REDACTED] talk, she repeatedly referred to the students in the GSA club as “my kids.”

9. [REDACTED] advised the audience that she attends every [REDACTED] GSA club meeting, and that she brings her two children, ages seven and five, to these meetings and field trips except for “places where I can't take my kids” While speaking about her children attending these GSA meetings, she said, “They're not always thrilled about the fact that we're going to a GSA either.”

[REDACTED] GSA Club Activities

10. In her talk, [REDACTED] listed several of the GSA club's activities, which included the following:
- i. She personally drove the students from the GSA club to the “Queer Prom” in Calgary, Alberta. She told the audience, “It was so fantastic to see these kids dress how they wanted to dress, dance with who they wanted to dance with, and know

that everyone around them was having a great time and not worried about those types of things”;

- ii. The club invited and listened to guest speakers, including Education Minister David Eggen, Member of the Legislative Assembly Nathan Cooper whose topic was the Bill 24 legislation. There was controversy after because a picture on Minister Eggen’s twitter had [REDACTED] five-year-old daughter in the background and there were questions about why a five-year-old was at a GSA;
 - iii. Another guest speaker named [REDACTED] from [REDACTED], also attended the [REDACTED] GSA club on two separate occasions to speak about “access to trans medical care”. [REDACTED] indicated that the purpose of [REDACTED] talks was to provide information to transgender youth about their medical care;
 - iv. The GSA club participated in roundtable discussions between the students of the GSA club and various other organizations, including with the Calgary Sexual Health Centre which holds roundtables once a month; and
 - v. She drives the students of the [REDACTED] GSA club to other GSA clubs in neighboring areas, including the [REDACTED] GSA club, which De Leeuw indicated was for the purposes of having the children meeting each other and to see how other GSA clubs run their meetings. Concerning this GSA outing, [REDACTED] stated: “One of my very favorite memories of GSA happened on this field trip...when we climbed back into my car and the kids are in the back seat ... they are talking about who in the GSA was cute ... I am here battling for their rights and they’re excited that their dating pool just got bigger.”
11. [REDACTED] also indicated that she had hosted movie nights with the students in the GSA club, and identified “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” and “Brokeback Mountain” as two of the movies the GSA club had shown to students. Concerning, “Brokeback Mountain”, [REDACTED] stated: “None of the students had ever seen it before ... we need to fix this.”
12. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit “A”** to this, my affidavit, is the International Movie Database’s (IMDb’s) Parent’s Guide (Parent’s Guide) for “The Rocky Horror Picture

Show”, which details the film’s themes of sex, cannibalism and drug use, indicating the following:

- i. Under *Sex & Nudity*, the Parent’s Guide advises that “[a]n element of the plot has the main character creating a muscle man for his sexual pleasure,” and that “[s]ilhouettes (shadows) of people are used to depict two sexual scenes, a man having sex with a woman, and a man receiving fellatio”;
 - ii. Under *Violence & Gore*, the Parent’s Guide indicates that “[i]t is strongly implied the a man was fed to everyone at dinner” (sic); and
 - iii. Under *Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking*, the Parent’s Guide describes a scene in the movie depicting intravenous drug use, indicating that “[a] picture of Eddie in a men’s room with a syringe in one hand and a tourniquet [sic] around his arm about to shoot up is shown briefly.”
13. Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit “B”**, to this, my Affidavit, is the IMDb’s Parent’s Guide for the movie “Brokeback Mountain,” which indicates the following:
- i. Under *Sex & Nudity*, the Parent’s Guide identifies 11 sexual scenes, including the following scene:

Two men have sex in a dark tent. They kiss and one man rolls onto his stomach and unfastens his belt, his buttocks are very briefly visible. The second man undoes his pants and begins thrusting forcefully. They both moan.
 - ii. Under *Frightening & Intense Scenes*, the Parent’s Guide lists the following scene:

A man tells another man a story about a young man who was accused of being a homosexual. The young man gets beaten up and killed by some local people. His penis gets tied to a car by a rope and torn off. You then see a quick shot of the young man dead, decomposed and his penis missing.

The website finishes the description of this scene with adding, “The beating is disturbing.”

GSA Club Attendance at [REDACTED] Home

14. [REDACTED] indicated during her talk that the children in the GSA club had attended her personal home before, and that she was planning to have the children of the GSA club to attend her home once again, saying, “In a couple weeks, the students are going to be at my house, in my kitchen, to bake cupcakes for a bake-sale.” Later, during the question and

answer segment of her talk, [REDACTED] added the following when speaking about the GSA club children who had attended her home:

This is why they like coming to my house. It's why they like when I run the meetings, because I let them say the F-word and their teachers do not. But I haven't met a lot of their parents.

[REDACTED] Bias and Partisanship

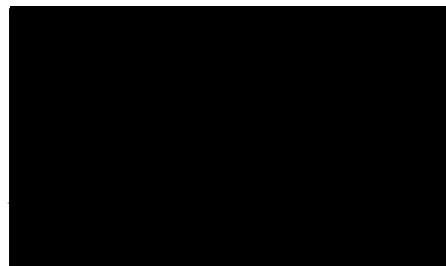
15. Throughout the question and answer period, [REDACTED] made several comments showing her partisanship and bias. For example, she stated, "the people in power in the UCP and the people who operate these schools are not on our team. They have an agenda – one that includes major social engineering."
16. Near the end of her talk, [REDACTED] encouraged audience members to be "active where you can be... there are opportunities to do just simple things, and for me that simple thing is just an hour a week." I have reviewed the website advertising the Alberta Secular Conference, which contains a biographical write-up of [REDACTED], and credits her with establishing an Alberta-wide support group for feminists whose stated goals include "looking for activist opportunities." Attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit "C"**, to this, my Affidavit, is a copy of the website biographical write-up of [REDACTED].
17. I swear this Affidavit bona fide and for no improper purpose.

SWORN BEFORE ME at [REDACTED], Alberta,)
this 23 day of May, 2018.)



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Sex & Nudity

Severe 2 of 4 found this severe

Suggested MPAA Rating: PG-13 for Some Sexual Behavior, Suggestive Dancing, Innuendo, Language, and Brief Violence (Keep it in mind that this movie came out before the PG-13 rating came out. This movie was too much to be rated PG, so it was rated R, although by today's standards, it is more PG-13 than R.)

A woman's breasts briefly pop out of her bustier.

Several people are seen wearing revealing clothing throughout the film

Silhouettes (shadows) of people are used to depict two sexual scenes, a man having sex with a woman, and a man receiving fellatio. (Most graphic moment, the film keeps it's R rating for this scene alone)

The female lead seduces a man and allows him to fondle her breasts and ends up having sex with him (some shots show the man on top of her kissing her) They are later caught under the sheets by the woman's fiancé and two others

Statues of completely nude people are seen around the castle (Not graphic, they resemble

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An element of the plot has the main character creating a muscle man for his sexual pleasure.

Sexual remarks throughout and lots of sexual references.

Violence & Gore

Moderate 2 of 3 found this moderate

A man is killed with a pickaxe off-screen. A trail of blood is seen, blood is seen on the killer's gloves.

It is strongly implied the a man was fed to everyone at dinner.

A man's gory remains are show, but they're very fake looking

Some people are shot with a ray gun.

Profanity

Moderate 2 of 4 found this moderate

The word "fuck" is used once, in a song lyric. The word "dammit" is used repeatedly in a song lyric. "Goddamn" is used once.

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking

Mild 2 of 3 found this mild

People are seen drinking wine at dinner.

Frank-N-Furter periodically smokes cigarettes.

Dr. Scott finds a joint (but doesn't smoke it) in The Zen Room.

A picture of Eddie in a men's room with a syringe in one hand and turnicate around his arm about to shoot up is shown briefly.

Frightening & Intense Scenes


Moderate 2 of 3 found this moderate

The film is a spoof and homage of the Sci-Fi and Horror genre of the 50's and 60's, so there are some mildly frightening scenes, generally during the creation scene, but overall, the film has a comedic tone throughout.

The strong implication that a man was fed to everyone at dinner may disturb some people. This scene however is in place more for comedic value.

Suggested MPAA Rating: R for sexual content and some language.

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 The Parents Guide items below may give away important plot points.

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Frank, Rocky, and Columbia all die in the end, which may upset a few

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Certification

MPAA Rated R for sexuality, nudity, language and some violence

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Sex & Nudity

Severe 3 of 6 found this severe

5/10

Two men have sex in a dark tent. They kiss and one man rolls onto his stomach and unfastens his belt, his buttocks are very briefly visible. The second man undoes his pants and begins thrusting forcefully. They both moan. The camera cuts before the climax. The scene lasts under a minute and no nudity is shown apart from the brief sight of the side of a man's buttocks.

A man and woman have sex. He thrusts on top of her and her bare breasts are visible for a few frames. They stop before either of them climax.

A couple have sex. After they kiss passionately, he flips her over onto her stomach, and begins thrusting and moaning. Brief and no nudity.

A man and woman kiss passionately, she removes her top, revealing her bare breasts. They caress and sex is implied. Only lasts a few seconds.

Two men jump into a river nude. From a distance, we see bare buttocks and genitals, hardly visible. Scene last a few seconds.

A shirtless man and another man lie in bed kissing. They caress and one moves on top as they kiss passionately. Sex is implied.

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A man is shown nude from the side. His buttocks are visible.

A man is shown nude from behind. His buttocks are briefly visible, however the man is out of focus in the background.

Two men wrestle playfully whilst shirtless. They stop and kiss each other. This is shown from a distance.

Two men lie in a bed after sex. They hold and caress each other, and their bare chests are visible.

Two men kiss very passionately. One man's wife witnesses this and is shaken.

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Violence & Gore

Moderate 3 of 4 found this moderate

A man beats up another man for saying dirty words in front of his daughter. He punches him and kicks him in the face.

A man grabs his wife by the neck and hold his fist against her face. He lets her go and goes outside. A car honks at him for walking in front of it. The man walks to the opened window of the car and starts punching the man. The driver gets out and overpowers the man, beating him to the ground.

A short of graphic shot of a gay boy lying dead on a ditch. He is badly decomposed and his pants has been pulled down. His penis is missing and you see a red spot.

8/10

A man is beaten to death by three men in a brief scene. Nothing is audible. His very bloody face is shown for a quick second. Quite graphic.

A few quick fist-fights, one of which results in a small bloody nose for one man and a facial bruise for the other.

A dead, dust-covered man that is mentioned to have been beaten to death and castrated is briefly seen from a distance.

Two men shoot an elk.

We see a sheep that has been graphically gutted (by a coyote).

Profanity

Severe 2 of 3 found this severe

7/10

22 uses of 'fuck', 11 of 'Goddamn', 9 of 'shit', 3 of 'son of a bitch' and 'queer', and 1 of 'dick' and 'asshole'.

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking

Mild 3 of 3 found this mild

5/10

Some scenes depict characters drinking, sometimes to excess. A few characters smoke.

Frightening & Intense Scenes

Moderate 4 of 4 found this moderate

A man tells another man a story about a young man who was accused of being a homosexual. The young man gets beaten up and killed by some local people. His penis gets tied to a car by a rope and torn off. You then see a quick shot of the young man dead, decomposed and his penis missing.

7/10

The beating is disturbing.

A man punches his male lover across the face after the latter accidentally hits him on the nose.

There are themes that involve homophobia.

The ending can be rather upsetting.

The movie raises some moral questions.

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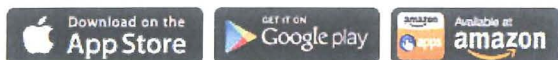
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9am - 10:00am Sunday registration

9:15am - (for those interested)
Screening, Gord Downie's "The Secret Path"

10am - Esther Palmer - Leaving behind
Fundamentalist Religions (A survivor of Bountiful)

11am - Miranda Jimmy -Residential Schooling
and Reconciliation Efforts

THIS IS EXHIBIT "C"
referred to in the Affidavit of

Sworn before me this 23
day of May A.D. 2018
Marty Moore
A Commissioner in and for the Province of Alberta
Barbister Solicitor

Noon - 1pm lunch break

1pm - 3pm
Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) -
Bradley Peter, David Amies and
Linda McKay-Panos

Guided Letter Campaigns for both MAID and
School funding issues

3pm - 5pm
Catholic and Public School Funding in Alberta
David King - OurIDEA, Luke Fevin - APUPIL
Michael Janz - School Trustee

Noon - 1pm lunch break

1pm- Karen Lumley Kerr and Maria De Leeuw
"We've got secular work to do!"
From women's rights to GSAs - Secular issues that
need our attention

2pm - Alishba Zarmeen - Feminism in Muslim
Majority countries

3:30pm- Ali A. Rizvi - Muslim Enlightenment;
Activism taking place in the Muslim world,
including updates on secular bloggers like Raif
Badawi.



Ali is the award-winning author of the book, *The Atheist Muslim: A Journey from Religion to Reason* (St. Martin's Press, 2016) and co-host of the podcast *Secular Jihadists for a Muslim Enlightenment*. Ali grew up in Libya, Saudi Arabia, and Pakistan, as part of a progressive Muslim family, before he moved permanently to Canada in his twenties. He is a trained oncologic pathologist, and also holds a master of science degree in biochemistry from McMaster University. In 2011, he switched his career to medical communications so he could focus more on his writing. Ali is an avid and vocal advocate for secularism, science, and enlightenment, particularly in the Muslim community. He



has been featured on CNN, in The New York Times, The Atlantic, Vox, The Huffington Post, CBC, BBC, the New York Post, and a range of other major media outlets. The Atheist Muslim won the 2016 Morris D. Forkosch Award for Best Book from the Center for Inquiry.



David King is a Canadian politician and public education policy activist. He is a former Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta during which time he was Legislative Secretary to (then) Premier Peter Lougheed (1971–1976), Minister of Education (1979–1986), and Minister of Technology, Research, and Telecommunications (1986). As a Member of the Legislative Assembly, King introduced a Bill to repeal the Sexual Sterilization Act stating that the "Act violates fundamental human rights".

From February, 1990 until July, 2010 he served as Executive Director of the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta.

David is now active with the Green Party of B.C., serving on the Provincial Council.



Pakistani feminist and firebrand secular activist, Alishba Zarmeen doesn't mince words. Coming from a modest background in Karachi, Pakistan, she came to North America after winning several international scholarships, including the prestigious United World College scholarship for secondary school.

Alishba became an avidly vocal atheist activist in college, and her anti-theism has won her both loyal followers and determined enemies, landing her on Pakistan's blasphemy lists. A fiery public speaker always up for a good argument, Alishba is unrelentingly passionate and determined to change the world.

The National Post, CBC and other political commentators have described Stephen Carter as a "political mastermind."



He led Alison Redford's successful race for the Progressive Conservative Association leadership bid in Alberta, as well as her campaign for premier of the province. Stephen also served as Chief of Staff to the Premier for 6 months.

He was the political strategist in Naheed Nenshi's successful 2010 campaign for mayor of Calgary. His roots in politics include serving as media liaison and strategies to Joe Clark.

Stephen is also a highly regarded political pundit who appears regularly on CBC and other networks; and recently he has received accolades for the irreverent podcast, The Strategists, which was regularly one of the top news and political podcasts in Canada & recently voted Calgary podcast of the year.



Miranda Jimmy is a passionate Edmontonian and member of Thunderchild First Nation. She is a community connector and fierce defender of truth. Miranda is committed to the spirit and intent of the treaty relationship and finds ways each day to demonstrate to others what this looks like. Miranda's professional life has focused on contributing to her community in a variety of ways. She has made a career in the not-for-profit and public sectors and currently is the Indigenous Arts Consultant for the Alberta Foundation for the Arts.

In 2016, Miranda was an Avenue Magazine Top 40 under 40, being recognized for her work with RISE – Reconciliation in Solidarity Edmonton, an inclusive group promoting reconciliation in actions and words. Since 2015, RISE has been able to engage more than 50,000 people in reconciliation efforts through social media, public events, interactive programming, and a self-published quarterly magazine.

Most of the time, Miranda can be found online sharing her thoughts on twitter @TheMirandaJimmy and on her blog at MirandaJimmy.com

Linda McKay-Panos is the Executive Director of the Alberta Civil Liberties Research Centre. She taught Language Arts and Social Studies with the Calgary Board of Education for 7 years before returning to university to obtain a Law Degree. She practiced law for a time, before joining the Alberta Civil Liberties Research Centre in 1992 as a Research Associate. Linda is a sessional instructor in the Faculties of Arts and Law at the University of Calgary. Linda received her Bachelor of Education, Juris Doctor and Master of Laws degrees from the University of Calgary. Linda is the Past President of the Alberta Association for Multicultural Education and the Past President of the Public Legal Education Network of Alberta. Linda is the author of several publications dealing with civil liberties, access to



information, human rights, discrimination, equality and related topics. Linda received the 2001 Suzanne Mah Award, an Alberta Centennial Medal in 2005 and was selected in 2017 to be celebrated by YW's she who dares Canada 150 Project for her work in human rights in Alberta.



Joshua Whitehead is a Two-Spirit/ Oji-Cree/nehinyaw member of Peguis First Nation (Treaty 1) in Manitowapow. He is currently a doctoral student at the University of Calgary where he focuses on Indigenous Literatures and Cultures in the English Department.

Joshua is the author of full-metal indigiqueer (Talonbooks) and the forthcoming Jonny Appleseed (Arsenal Pulp Press)



David Amies
Physicians' Advisory Council, Dying With Dignity Canada

Michael Janz has been an Edmonton Public School Trustee since 2010, serving as Chair from 2015-2017. Beyond his work as Trustee, Michael is a father of a future EPSB student and has been proud to serve our community in several other capacities: Manager with Boys and Girls Club Big Brothers Big Sisters Edmonton, Former Marketing Director for the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues, Masters in Education Policy Studies from the University of Alberta,



**Avenue Magazine 2012 "Top 40 Under 40",
Served as President of the University of Alberta Students'
Union, Six year Trustee, Edmonton Public Library Board**

Michael will be joining us on the School Panel.



Esther Palmer was born into the Fundamental Mormon Polygamist Community of Bountiful, one of 47 children fathered by the same man. At age 16 she was married to a man who already had a wife and between them had 19 children. At age 45, in May of 2012, she finally left.

Esther is educated as a midwife who also has a degree in Nursing. She advocates for women's reproductive health and fights for justice for women who are trapped inside these types of groups. She organized "SafetyNet in the Kootenays" helping those who leave Bountiful to navigate the world beyond the FLDS closed community.



Bradley Peter is a biologist from Edmonton. After watching his grandmother suffer a prolonged death in 2009 due to a terminal illness, Bradley became involved with the Right to Die movement. In 2012, Bradley helped create the Edmonton Chapter of Dying with Dignity, which conducts education on patient rights and advocates for the introduction of legislation on medically assisted dying, and sits on the National Board for the group. Bradley brings a passion for evidence-based medicine and critical thinking to this issue and believes nobody should have to experience unwanted suffering at the end of life.

Luke Fevin is a passionate atheist, secularist, politico & media



contributor from Alberta. He is a strong advocate for Public Education and for secular rights. Luke has been involved in numerous secular education & rights initiatives from prayer, sex-ed, Gideon Bibles, Op Xmas Child to lobbying for LGBTQ friendly, anti-bullying, GSA & washroom policies in Public AND Catholic schools & districts - as well as wider separation of church and state issues such as prayer at city council meetings & faith versus rights in the medical system.

He sits on the board of The Society of Edmonton Atheists, is co-founder of the APUPIL group (Albertan Parents for Unbiased Public Inclusive Learning) & assists with a number of provincial & national secular groups & initiatives. His key focus is the disestablishment of the Separate Catholic school system.

Luke can be found on social media through his hilariously witty alias, **According2Luke**.



Your host for the weekend is Karen Lumley Kerr, co-founder of the AB Secular Conference. This mother of three spends her time doing volunteer work for activist and non-profit groups, and is the current President of the Society of Edmonton Atheists.

At age 16, as part of sexual education programs, she spoke to high school kids about her choice to have an abortion. She continues fighting for women's reproductive rights today. Recently she helped remove anti-choice groups from schools in St. Albert, while championing for comprehensive evidence-based sex education.

Karen will be speaking to us about secular activism issues including women's reproductive rights and comprehensive sex education in schools.



Maria De Leeuw is a vocal activist in the secular community in Alberta. A stay-at-home mom, she is also a part-time student .

In 2014 Maria helped set up an Alberta wide support group for feminists. They meet monthly to discuss how they can help end systemic racism, sexism and bigotry in society while looking for activist opportunities.

She also volunteers her time at the local high school, as a support for the Gay Straight Alliance group there. Maria will be sharing that experience with us.

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Unfortunately, Maryam is no longer able to join us.



Maryam Malekpour is a mechanical engineer residing in Vancouver. She left her home, family and entire life in Iran suddenly in 2012 after she discovered that the Iranian authorities were planning to arrest her for her campaigning efforts to spread awareness about the situation of her imprisoned brother, Saeed Malekpour, in the international media.

A freelance web programmer and Canadian resident who was in Iran on a visit from British Columbia, Saeed was kidnapped off the streets in Tehran on October 4, 2008 by plainclothes forces. Interrogators working for the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps's "cyber army" subjected him to severe physical and psychological torture until he agreed to confess to falsified charges, including moderating several pornographic websites. After his forced confessions were aired on Iranian state-run media channels, Saeed released a letter from prison declaring that his confessions were forced, and detailed the tortures he endured.

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