

MSW 10-Growing Community

Join the MSW program,
School of Social Work @ Renison University College (uWaterloo)
in celebrating our 10th anniversary!



Virtual Speaker Series:

July 11, 2023, Tuesday, 12:30-2 pm EDT (ASL provided)

Art Activism in Three Reflections



Cara Eastcott, Independent Multidisciplinary Creative

Cara has curated, produced, and programmed over a hundred projects in music, dance, visual arts, theatre and disability arts over the last 15 years. She has held multiple leadership positions at Tangled Art + Disability; a Deaf and disability art gallery and organization. In 2020, she curated *Legends Are the Rivers That Take Us Home* (Thames Art Gallery, 2020). The exhibit was influenced by the work of Black-Canadian filmmakers, Claire Preto and Roger McTair and the residents of North Buxton, the Underground Railroad borderland of Southwestern Ontario. In her words: *"I resist the notion of art as an elitist inaccessible, unrelatable private luxury. How do we bring the experience of arts and culture back into our public daily lives in a way that is normalized and has a lasting impact?"*

Shawn Hewitt, Co-Principle, Creative Hewman Inc

Shawn Hewitt has over 25 years of experience leading the conceptualization, development and delivery of innovative solutions and content mixed with an ability to craft the unexpected. He is an award-winning visionary, and passionate people leader helping organizations (private and public) work better for people and systems by harnessing disruptive technology, including Mixed Reality and Generative AI. Shawn holds a Master of Design in Strategic Foresight and Innovation (MDes) and has won multiple awards including the 2004 Canadian Music Week Fan Choice Award and Advancing Innovation Award from the Ontario Public Service. As co-principal, creative director, executive producer of Creative Hewman Inc, Shawn leads the development of innovative human-centered digital experiences, gaming, and novel storytelling concepts.

Ruth Wilson, Participatory Researcher & Facilitator

A participatory researcher, facilitator, and a PhD Candidate at the University of Toronto, Ruth is also a social worker. She is trained in Freirean approaches to community practice with substantial experience working in the settlement sector as a community health worker. A vital component of her practice includes mobilizing community knowledge and creating spaces for joy and healing through creative partnerships with artists.

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