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Issues of reproductive freedom in South Africa topic of next lecture in Mandela series

BRANTFORD – Wilfrid Laurier University and the Tshepo Institute for the Study of Contemporary Africa continue the Nelson Mandela lecture series with a lecture by Susanne Klausen titled, “From Rights to Justice: The Ongoing Struggle for Reproductive Freedom in Post-Apartheid South Africa.” The lecture takes place at Laurier’s Brantford campus on Thursday, Jan. 21 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in room RCW 002. Admission to this event is free and all are welcome.

Klausen is an associate professor of history at Carleton University in Ottawa. Her research focuses on nationalism and sexuality, the history of reproductive health services in South Africa and movements for reproductive rights in a transitional perspective. She is the author of *Race, Maternity, and the Politics of Birth Control in South Africa*, published by Palgrave Macmillan in 2004. More recently, her book *Abortion Under Apartheid: Nationalism, Sexuality, and Women’s Reproductive Rights in South Africa*, was published by Oxford University Press in 2015. Klausen’s other recent work has appeared in the *Journal of Southern African Studies*, *Medical History* and *Journal of Women’s History*. She holds a PhD in history from Queen’s University.

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