

# Law and Emotion: A Misunderstood Relation

## Speaker Bios

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### Speakers

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#### **Susan A. Bandes**

**Centennial Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Law, DePaul College of Law, DePaul University, Chicago**



Susan A. Bandes is a scholar in the areas of criminal procedure, federal courts, and civil rights, and a pioneer in the interdisciplinary study of the role of emotion in law. Her legal career began at the Illinois Office of the State Appellate Defender. In 1980, she became staff counsel for the Illinois American Civil Liberties Union. She taught at DePaul Law School from 1984 to 2017, and is now Centennial Professor of Law Emeritus. She has written two books and more than 70 articles. She is a member of the American Law Institute, a fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and a founder of the Collaborative Research Network on Law and Emotion.

#### **Richard Weisman**

**Professor Emeritus, York University, Toronto**



Richard Weisman taught at York from 1969 to 2017 and held a joint appointment between the Law and Society Program in the Department of Social Science and the Department of Sociology at the Glendon College campus of York University. He has written two books most recently *Showing Remorse- Law and the Social Control of Emotion*, 2014, which received an honorable mention in the Distinguished Book Award from the Sociology of Law section of the American Sociological Association. His articles on the role of remorse in law have appeared in interdisciplinary journals including *Social and Legal Studies*, *Studies in Law, Politics, and Society*, and *Canadian Journal of Criminal Justice*. He is one of the founders of the Graduate Program in Socio-Legal Studies at York University and a past president of the Canadian Law and Society Association. Most recently, he is a co-editor of *Remorse and Criminal Justice* (Routledge, 2022) along with Steven Tudor, Kate Rossmannith and Michael Proeve.

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## Chair

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### **Kate Rossmanith** **Associate Professor, Macquarie University, Australia**



Kate Rossmanith researches emotion and narrative in legal processes, as well as forms of nonfiction writing. In 2021 she was awarded a four-year Australian Research Council Future Fellowship for her project exploring how 'closure' operates as an emotional expectation in the justice system. She has written extensively on the subject of 'remorse'. She is the author of *Small Wrongs: How we really say sorry in love, life and law* (2018); and is a co-editor of *Remorse and Criminal Justice* (Routledge, 2022) along with Steven Tudor, Richard Weisman and Michael Proeve. Her articles and chapters have appeared in international journals and collections, and her essays have been published by *The Monthly*, *The Guardian*, *The Australian*, *Public Books*, *Sydney Review of Books*, and *Best Australian Essays 2007*.

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## Welcome to country speaker

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### **Michael West**



Michael West is a member and Cultural Representative of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) - the traditional custodians of the Land, Air, Water and Culture within their boundaries. He is a member of the Stolen Generations and is an Aboriginal man of the Gamilaroi Nation. Michael holds and has held prominent roles including: board member of the NSW Indigenous Chamber of Commerce; a National Executive member of the National Sorry Day Committee; and a Delegate of National Congress of Australia's First Peoples. He also founded a reconciliation consultancy called "Guwaali" meaning to talk, speak and converse in his mother's Gamilaroi language. Michael strongly supports diversity and believes that the appreciation of diversity brings greater understanding of oneself, increasing the opportunities in Australia and throughout the world through respectful engagement. Michael believes everyone has value and that it is upon us, and upon society, to enable individuals and communities to achieve their dreams and aspirations.