

ARIEL F. SALLOWS LECTURE

UNDRIP and Indigenous Rights to Heritage: Law, Policy and Reform

Monday, March 20, 2023

12pm

**MLT Aikins Lecture Theatre
Room 150, Law Building**

**15 Campus Drive
University of Saskatchewan**

**This event is free and
everyone is welcome.**



Professor Catherine Bell

Catherine Bell is the Ariel F. Sallows Chair in Human Rights at the College of Law and Professor Emerita of Law at the University of Alberta. Her research focuses on Indigenous constitutional rights, cultural heritage law, and Indigenous research ethics. Recent projects include with the First Peoples' Cultural Council of BC on repatriation and legislation impacting First Nations heritage; the Canadian Museums Association on application of UNDRIP to museum policy and practice; the Indigenous Heritage Circle on reforms to national heritage laws and policies; and developing collaborative projects globally as a member of the Steering Committee for the Intellectual Property in Cultural Heritage Project. In 2012, Professor Bell was awarded the Ramon John Hnatyshyn Governor General's Gold Medal for outstanding contributions to law and legal education in Canada.

The last few years have seen significant activity concerning review of law, policy and practice affecting Indigenous heritage with a particular emphasis on alignment with the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UNDRIP). In this talk Professor Bell will explore legal and normative justifications, challenges and progress in law reform drawing on examples from cultural property export and import law, repatriation of Indigenous belongings, and provincial heritage conservation law.

