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Bloggers Behind Bars

How an unconstitutional law is still putting people in jail

Section 301 of the Criminal Code criminalizes defamatory speech. It is a provision that can be used to jail people who speak publicly and negatively about others – even if what they say is true. It is clearly an unjustifiable and heavy-handed violation of freedom of expression – and numerous courts across the country have found it to be an unconstitutional law. So why are people still being arrested, charged and imprisoned for this crime?

Join us for a review of some recent cases where this section of the criminal code has been used, and a broader discussion of criminal libel and what role it plays in contemporary Canadian society.

Speakers will include Jamie Cameron, Professor at Osgoode Hall Law School and Abby Deshman, Program Director at the Canadian Civil Liberties Association.

Come out – and join in the conversation!!

Where: Memorial Room, Trinity-St. Paul United Church, 427 Bloor St W, Toronto.

When: 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Monday February 11, 2013.

The Conversations for Civil Liberties and Social Justice series hosts discussions about once a month – to check out future dates and topics go to www.ccla.org/events/conversations