

WE REMEMBER



"I am a Canadian, free to speak without fear,
free to worship in my own way, free to stand for what I think right,
free to oppose what I believe wrong, or free to choose those who shall govern my country.
This heritage of freedom I pledge to uphold for myself and all mankind."

John Diefenbaker, (1895-1979), Prime Minister of Canada

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Parliamentary Forum *on* **CANADIAN FREEDOMS**

Hosted by:

David Anderson, MP Cypress Hills—Grasslands
Shadow Cabinet Secretary
Human Rights and Religious Freedom



Room 430, Wellington Building
197 Sparks Street, Ottawa

OCTOBER 30, 2017

7:00pm—9:00pm

SCHEDULE

Parliamentary Forum on Canadian Freedoms

October 30, 2017 • 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
AGENDA

- 6:30 | Registration and Coffee
- 7:00 | Welcome by **DAVID ANDERSON, MP**
Member of Parliament for Cypress Hills-Grasslands
- 7:05 | Addresses by:
MR. STEPHEN WOODWORTH
Chair & Executive Director, The Democracy Defence Initiative
MR. REED ELLEY
Chair, Freedom Defence Canada
- 7:25 | Formal Programme, moderated by:
DAVID ANDERSON, MP
- DR. JOHN ROBSON: The historic development of basic freedoms.**
Documentary Filmmaker, Columnist, Commentator-at-large and Invited Professor at the University of Ottawa
- MR. JAY CAMERON: Survey of current challenges to basic freedoms in Canada, and international standards for basic freedoms.**
Litigation Manager, the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms
- DR. JANET EPP BUCKINGHAM: The challenge of maintaining freedoms in the future.**
Director, Laurentian Leadership Centre & Professor at Trinity Western University
- 8:25 | Q&A and Dialogue on Future Cooperation
- 8:55 | Closing Remarks by **DAVID ANDERSON, MP**

SPEAKERS



Mr. Jay Cameron

Litigation Manager, Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms

Jay Cameron is a Litigation Manager at the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms, a non-profit law firm dedicated to the education and defence of Canadians constitutional rights, particularly freedom of religion and conscience, freedom of speech and freedom of association. Jay graduated from law school in New Brunswick in 2007 and articulated at a national law firm in Calgary, Alberta. After being called to the bar in 2008, Jay worked in British Columbia as a Crown prosecutor.

In 2012 he returned to Alberta and civil litigation and has since appeared at every level of court in Alberta, B.C., Nova Scotia, Manitoba, and at the Court of Appeal in Ontario. He has testified as a witness on constitutional issues at standing committees of both the House of Commons and the Senate, and will represent the Justice Centre at the Supreme Court of Canada in November 2017 on a landmark freedom of association case. He is married, loves the outdoors, and believes that everyone is created equal by God and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights.



Dr. Janet Epp Buckingham B.A., LL.B., LL.D.

Professor, Trinity Western University
Director, Laurentian Leadership Centre

Janet Epp Buckingham is a professor at Trinity Western University and the Director of the Laurentian Leadership Centre, an Ottawa-based, 1 live-in, extension program for upper-year university students focusing on public policy. She has previously served as director, law and public policy, for the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada and Executive Director of the

Christian Legal Fellowship.

Buckingham has an LL.B. from Dalhousie University and an LL.D. from the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa. She has numerous academic publications on religious freedom, and published a book on the history of religious freedom in Canada, *Fighting over God*, in 2014.



Mr. John Robson

Commentator-at-large; News Talk Radio 580 CFRA Ottawa
Columnist; *National Post* and documentary filmmaker
Invited Professor; University of Ottawa

John Robson holds a B.A. and an M.A. in history from the University of Toronto and a Ph. D in American history from the University of Texas at Austin.

He has worked in academia, think tanks and politics as well as doing print, radio and television journalism in Canada. He produced and hosted the documentary

The Great War Remembered for Sun News Network in 2014 and the crowd-funded documentary and companion book *Magna Carta: Our Shared Legacy of Liberty* in 2015, as well as the crowd-funded documentaries *True, Strong and Free: Fixing Canada's Constitution* and *A Right to Arms* in 2016.