

Encourage change in the ways we support people with mental health problems and in the words we use to describe them.

# STIGMA

## Mental Illness, Misconceptions and Stereotypes

Stigma is the biggest barrier preventing people from seeking help or treatment. It happens everywhere: at home, at school, at work, in the media.

### Thursday, March 19, 2009

12 noon - 2:00 pm Mental Illness and Stigma in the Media

2:15 pm - 4:30 pm Stigma - Mental Illness  
and Stereotypes in Society

Mount Royal College  
Roderick Mah Centre for  
Continuous Learning, Ross Glen Hall

Free (No cost)

*Both forums open to all students/professionals; of special interest to those in communication, nursing, criminal justice, social work, child studies, disability studies, education, psychology, film studies, policy studies*

## Distinguished Presenters:

- **Otto Wahl**, *International Expert on Stigma in Media and Pop Culture*
- **Andre Picard**, *Award-winning Journalist at The Globe and Mail*
- **Amanda Tetrault**, *Photojournalist, daughter of a parent with schizophrenia*
- **Patrick Baillie**, *Forensic Psychologist, Alberta Health Services - Peter Lougheed Centre*
- **Young adults experiencing mental illness**

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