Sensational Jurisprudence:

Law and the Governance of the Senses

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Friday Sept. 14, 2018
1:00 - 2:30pm

A light lunch will be served at 12:30pm in the Lounge

The seminar will begin at 1:00pm in the Ericson Seminar Room (room 265)

Abstract: The recent publication of Sensing Law (Hamilton et al) and Synesthetic Legalities (Marusek), and the impending publication of "Troubling Law's Sensorium" (a special issue of the Canadian Journal of Law and Society) point to a quickening of the senses in legal circles. This paper presents an overview of the sensory turn within socio-legal studies. Topics to be considered include: the social construction of the senses in the law of evidence, the privatization of sensation in IP law, the disciplining of the senses in carceral institutions, and "sensing like a city" (Valverde on the law of nuisance). What new insights can be gained from conceptualizing law as sense-making activity?

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