

KELLY HANNAH-MOFFAT

Education

As an internationally respected scholar, administrator, and advocate for penal reform, Kelly Hannah-Moffat is a leading voice for change in the criminal justice system.

Her work on challenging oppressive practices within the justice system—especially those that harm Black and Indigenous women—has forged a path through uncharted territory since the late 1990s.

Kelly's expertise and recommendations have been sought out for numerous legal cases and inquests investigating women's prison conditions and rights violations, impacting policies with the prison system. Her more than 70 publications—including the award-winning article "Prisons that Empower" and work on solitary confinement, criminal records disclosures, and risk assessment have influenced countless scholars, as well as litigation and government agencies. She also shares her talents with human rights and community organizations such as the Canadian Civil Liberties Association and Elizabeth Fry Society Toronto, where she once served as president.

In her role as a professor of Criminology and Sociolegal Studies at the University of Toronto, Kelly has amplified the talents of countless young women and played a fundamental role in launching important equity and Indigenous initiatives at the university. She currently sits as the University of Toronto's Vice-President of People Strategy, Equity & Culture, championing diversity in hiring, the expansion of affinity groups for 2SLGBTQ+ staff, and changes that serve and support the Indigenous community.

Lastly, while Artificial Intelligence (AI) has the potential to influence the criminal justice system negatively, Kelly is poised to rally against the narratives of bias and racial discrimination that underscore this technology to ensure that the future is more just for Black and Indigenous women and gender diverse people.

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