

HUMAN  
RIGHTS  
WATCH

REPORT RELEASE IN TORONTO:  
*HOMELESS AT HOME*  
LGBT RIGHTS & RISKS IN JAMAICA



Join HRW for a **special evening** to learn about our new report focusing on the LGBT community in Jamaica.

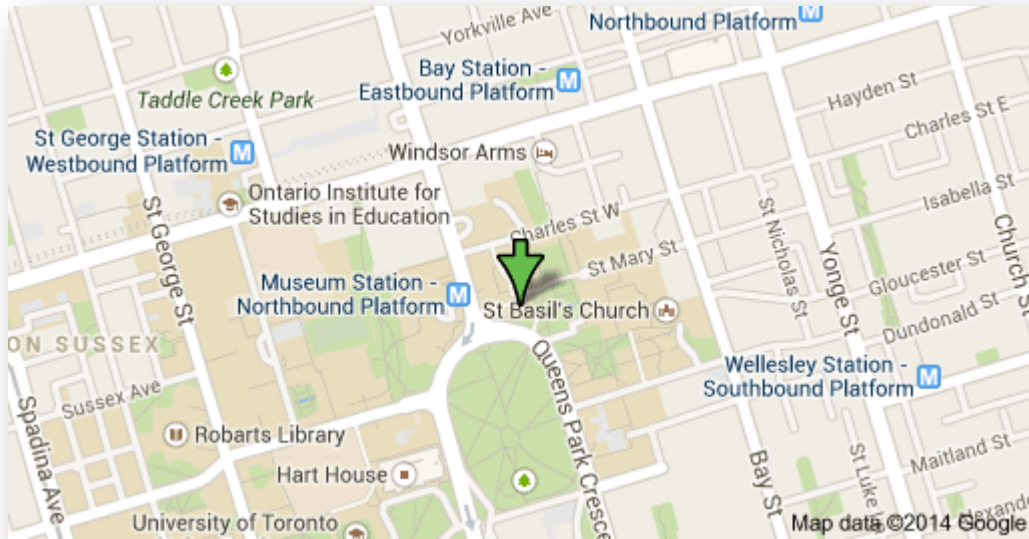
*Featuring:*

**Graeme Reid, LGBT Director & Rhon Reynolds, LGBT Researcher**

---

Thursday, October 23, 2014

6:00pm – 8:00pm  
Alumni Hall (First Floor)  
Victoria College  
73 Queens Park Crescent East  
Faculty of Law | University of Toronto



RSVP by Monday, October 20 to [canada@hrw.org](mailto:canada@hrw.org) or 416.322.8448

---

THE REPORT:

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) Jamaicans face an intolerable level of violence, both physical and sexual, perpetrated on the basis of actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity. The July 2013 murder of 16-year-old Dwayne Jones, who was brutally killed for wearing women's clothing, exemplifies this pattern. Police investigations into such violence are often inadequate or lacking altogether, in some cases due to homophobia or transphobia within the police force. This report documents 56 cases of such violence, in addition to cases of discrimination from government institutions, including healthcare facilities, as well as in the private sector. The report recognizes recent efforts by police to establish protocols for addressing hate crimes, but calls for improved protection and non-discrimination mechanisms as well as an end to legislation that facilitates abuses, such as the "buggery laws."

---

HRW IS GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF:



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO  
FACULTY OF LAW

INTERNATIONAL  
HUMAN RIGHTS  
PROGRAM

# OUT IN LAW

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

---

 @hrwcanada

 Human Rights Watch Canada Committee

Photo: ©

**HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH TYRANNY HAS A WITNESS**

To unsubscribe to updates and events from HRW Canada, please send “unsubscribe” [here](#).