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Improving Police Responses to Tech Facilitated Violence Against Women & Girls: Why Standard Form Contract Terms Shouldn't Trump Public Policy

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Liverpool City Campus
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ABSTRACT

Girls do not need merely to be empowered with technological know-how in order to engage fully online. Too often girls engagement online is hampered by gender policing. Reshaping the online environment in ways that address this discrimination meaningfully requires a multi-faceted approach that includes transparent, responsive, and accessible redress through both social media platforms and, where necessary, law enforcement agencies. Unfortunately, these institutions all too often fail to respond adequately when girls report acts of TFVAWG committed against them.

This paper, co-authored by Suzanne Dunn, Julie Lalonde and Jane Bailey, illustrates this failure by drawing on lessons learned from Canadian activist Julie S. Lalonde's experiences in advocating online for gender equality. It also raises the troubling concern of law enforcement deference to corporate terms of service rather than to Canadian law.

BIOGRAPHY

Jane Bailey is a Full Professor of Law at the University of Ottawa where she co-leads The eQuality Project, a 7-year SSHRC funded partnership focused on the impact of online commercial profiling on youths' identities and social relationships. Jane leads the Project stream focused on cyberviolence and vulnerable youth. Among her proudest professional achievements are co-leading The eGirls Project, creating and teaching a law course called Cyberfeminism and, appearing before the Supreme Court of Canada in the Jarvis voyeurism case.

In fall 2018 Jane will be a Visiting Professor at Hong Kong University and at RMIT in Australia.