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Leaving Catholicism: Secularization among Women on Vancouver Island

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5:00-6:00 p.m.

David Turpin Building, Room A110

Some scholars have argued that second wave feminism was a primary cause of Western secularization in the 1960s. This lecture reports the findings of a regionally and denominationally specific case study that tests this argument. Examining the oral histories of women who were raised in the Catholic Church on Vancouver Island but later departed from organized religion, I investigate the reported role that women's liberation played in their decisions.

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