Lazy Welfare Bums and Cheats:
The Social Construction of Poverty through Mainstream and Social Media
Featuring Kathy Dobson

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ABOUT KATHY DOBSON
A graduate of the MA in Communication Studies at Wilfrid Laurier University, Kathy Dobson is a PhD candidate at Carleton University’s Department of Communication. Supported by a Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship, Dobson’s research examines how harmful stereotypes and narratives are created and circulated about those living in poverty through mainstream news and social media.

Dobson’s award-winning book, *With a Closed Fist: Growing up in Canada’s Toughest Neighbourhood* (2011, Véhicule Press), is an insider’s view of poverty and includes a history of one of Canada’s most militant grassroots organizations fighting for social justice in Point St. Charles, Montreal.

Prior to graduate studies, Dobson worked as a journalist, and a documentary producer for CBC Radio. She wrote for publications including the *Globe and Mail, National Post,* and *Ottawa Citizen.*