The Beyond Bullying Project is a multimedia storytelling project that collects stories of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) sexuality and gender in schools. We know that often LGBTQ issues are controversial in schools and that LGBTQ students are at risk of being teased and harassed, but we also want to know, what can LGBTQ sexuality and gender mean beyond the focus on bullying? What other, more ordinary, stories circulate through schools? In 2014-5, we constructed a private, storytelling booth in three high schools, and then, for two weeks, invited students, teachers, and staff to enter the booth and tell a story about LGBTQ sexuality and gender. Our pitch to would-be storytellers was open-ended—tell a story about yourself, a friend, your family, political and social events, anything; the story does not even need to be true. In this talk, I'll share some videos from the booth and talk about how students and teachers understood LGBTQ sexuality and gender as important in their families, communities and school.

Speaker: Dr. Jen Gilbert- Associate Professor, Faculty of Education, York University
Date and Time: 2-3:30pm on Friday, February 8th, 2019
Location: Dunton Tower 1419, Carleton University
Admission is free and everyone is welcome!

Jen Gilbert is an Associate Professor of Education. Her research focuses on LGBTQ issues in schools and controversies surrounding sex education. Dr. Gilbert is the author of Sexuality in School: The Limits of Education, winner of the 2014 Outstanding Book Award from the American Educational Research Association (Curriculum). She is the recipient of several SSHRC grants to study debates about sex education policy and practice in Canada and the U.S. Her current project compares how the idea of sexual consent is being incorporated into sexual health education in Ontario and California.