

# Human Experimentation in Canadian Prisons

In 1995, Dorothy Proctor wrote to the Solicitor General of Canada describing how at age 17 in the early 1960s, she had, while incarcerated at the Prison for Women, been the victim of LSD and electroshock experiments.



Canadian Prison for Women

Her claim was initially denied but her own investigations revealed not only the truth of these assertions but also the forgotten history of human experimentation in Canadian prisons. This research critically examines the range of human experimentation conducted in Canadian prisons during the second half of the twentieth century when Dorothy's case was exposed.

This study is being completed in collaboration with Dorothy Proctor and draws on a wide array of sources including archival research, legal documentation, interviews and first-hand accounts.

This research has been presented at a number of conferences and will be published as a book chapter in a forthcoming book titled *Mad Matters: A Critical Reader in Canadian Mad Studies* edited by Brenda LeFrancois, Robert Menzies and Geoffrey Reaume.

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