

Lily Kay Ross

EDUCATION

University of Otago, Dunedin, NZ	2020
<i>PhD, Gender Studies</i>	
Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA	2014
<i>MDiv, Agnostic chaplaincy, feminist theory, and marginalised spiritualities</i>	
California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, CA	2009
<i>BA, Interdisciplinary Studies</i>	

WORK EXPERIENCE

Writing and Editing Services 2015-present

Owner, writer, editor

Producing copy and editing for clients in multiple sectors. Developed a client centred method for original, narrative driven content creation. Manage financial records. See my [reviews](#) for on Yelp.

Psymposia 2020-2023

Feminism and Ethics Fellow

Writing, editing submissions, social media, communications and organizational strategy, podcast guest and co-host. This role primarily involves research and victim/survivor centered journalism. Creator, producer, reporter, and host on *New York Magazine* x Psymposia's Cover Story: Power Trip podcast, which was the largest podcast launch in Vox Media history, and reached #3 in Overall category on Spotify and #1 True Crime.

SELECTED TALKS + LECTURES

University College London, Society for the Application of Psychedelics, Webinar | 2022

University of Cincinnati, Remote Lecture | 2022

New Zealand COVID-19 Response and Sexual Violence, Webinar | 2021

Harvard Chan School of Public Health, Webinar | 2020

Sociological Association of Aotearoa New Zealand | 2017

Guest lectures in Critical Victimology, University of Otago, NZ | 2017, 2018, 2019

Space Race Bodies II, Dunedin, NZ | 2016

Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC | 2014
Psymposium, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA | 2014
Whidbey Winter Gathering, Whidbey Island, WA | 2014
Psychedemia Conference, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA | 2012
Women's Visionary Congress, Center for Noetic Sciences | 2011

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

New York magazine | "Cover Story: Power Trip" | 2021, 2022
New York Magazine | "The Trials of Rick Doblin" | 2022
Harvard Bill of Health Blog | A Precautionary Approach to Touch in Psychedelic|Assisted Therapy | 2022
Signs: Journal of Women, Culture, and Society | "The Survivor Imperative: Sexual Violence, Victimhood, and Neoliberalism" | 2022
Psymposia | "The Masters of Bad Trips" | 2021
Psymposia | "Decriminalization offers an ethical counterbalance to address sexual misconduct in psychedelic therapy" | 2020
Psymposia | | "The Politics of Grief During a Pandemic" | 2020
Journal for Sex Research | "Accounting for Men's Refusal of Heterosex: A Story|Completion Study With Young Adults" | 2017
Psymposia | "I survived sexual abuse in the Amazon and victim blame at home" | 2017
Elephant Journal | "Shamans are sexy and drugs are drugs" | 2014

IN THE MEDIA

QUOTED IN PRINT

Women's Health UK | "Is psychedelic therapy the next-gen treatment we think?" | 2023
STAT | "A psychedelic therapist allegedly took millions from a Holocaust survivor, highlighting worries about elders taking hallucinogens" | 2022
CBC | "Health Canada announces review of all MDMA trials, as complaint alleges major flaws and safety issues" | 2022
CBC | "Footage of therapists spooning and pinning down patient in B.C. trial for MDMA therapy prompts review" | 2022
Vice | "It's Time to Start Studying the Downside of Psychedelics" | 2022
New York magazine | "You Won't Feel High After Watching This Video" | 2022
The Microdose | "Five Questions for Lily Kay Ross" | 2022

CBC | “As psychedelic therapy goes mainstream, former patient warns of danger of sexual abuse” | 2021

Quartz | “Psychedelic Therapy has a Sexual Abuse Problem” | Olivia Goldhill | 2020

Stuff | “A third of NZ university students are sexually assaulted, a study suggests” | Michelle Duff | 2019

New York magazine | “Sexual Assault in the Amazon: As the ayahuasca tourism industry grows, so do accounts of abuse” | Rachel Monroe | 2017

CNN | “Could this be the next medicinal marijuana?” | 2014

AUDIO

Entheogenesis Australis | “Psychedelic Therapeutic Wonderland” | 2024

The Deeper Pulse | “Power Trip: Psychedelic Therapy & The Ethics of High-Minded Healing” | 2024

KCRW | “SoCal ayahuasca retreats can bring healing. Not all are safe” | 2022

Just Between Us | “Psychedelic Problems with Dr. Lily Kay Ross and Dave Nickels” | 2022

Last Born in the Wilderness | “Lily Kay Ross: Power Tripping, Exposing Abuse, & Applying Psychedelic Ethics” | 2022

Plus Three +++ | “Psychedelics, sex, power, silence” | 2020

Dose Nation | Episode 49 | 2014

Matrix Masters | Episode 419, “A Conversation from the Margins” | 2014

Expanding Mind | “Trauma and Transformation” | 2014

FILM + TELEVISION

ABC Australia | “Psyched Up” | 2022 documentary

TVNZ Sunday Program | “Rage of Consent” | 2019

TVNZ Breakfast | “External group needed to combat sexual assault in New Zealand universities, researchers say” | 2019

She’ll Be Right | 2020 documentary

Psychedemia: The Psychedelic Conference Documentary | 2012 documentary