The Kelly Bang Memorial Lectureship was established by her family in 1999 to honour those whose research, practice, teaching, and advocacy advance opportunities for women and/or marginalized adults who are learning to live in their communities. The Lectureship recognizes the importance of the creative arts in personal and social visions. It is administered by Dalhousie University School of Occupational Therapy.

Kelly Bang was a nationally known occupational therapist, lecturer, writer, artist, and counselor for survivors of child and sexual abuse. Her occupational therapy career started with positions in New York. Later, in Nova Scotia, she worked with the Inglis Street program of Abbie J. Lane Hospital in Halifax, the Recreation Association for the Disabled in Lunenburg, and Bridgewater’s Ark Industries providing sheltered employment for adults with mental and physical disabilities (as Director from 1980-1988). Kelly was a long-time volunteer at Second Story Women’s Centre, Bridgewater, and in 1989 she founded Nova Functional Assessments and Therapy Services Limited based in Lunenburg. Her strong support for Dalhousie’s School of Occupational Therapy assisted in the development of the undergraduate program where she was Lecturer (1993-1994).

We are seeking nominations for the Kelly Bang Memorial Lectureship, which includes an opportunity to give a public lecture in Halifax and/or online via livestream, as well as opportunities to connect with students and any local professional or community groups with special interest in the expertise of the Lecturer. The award includes an honorarium and travel expenses (in accordance with public health measures). Nominations of individuals or small groups from across Canada who could offer an inspirational message for the Dalhousie University and Nova Scotia communities of practitioners, students, faculty members, and the public are encouraged.

Final selection of the lecturer will be made by the Everyday Living Research Collaboratory Committee based on the following criteria:
1. Research, practice, teaching, or advocacy for the advancement of opportunities for women and/or marginalized adults
2. The role of community life, creative arts and/or de-colonizing approaches in personal and social visions

Please submit letters (or emails) of nomination with the following information:
- Name and contact information of the person submitting the nomination.
- Name and contact information of the nominee.
- Brief biography of the nominee, including credentials, past and current affiliations as appropriate.
- Statement of how the nominee fits the criteria for the Kelly Bang Memorial Lectureship.

Nominations can be sent to Dr. Crystal Dieleman, Coordinator, Everyday Living Research Collaboratory of the School of Occupational Therapy – crystal.dieleman@dal.ca.