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# ANNUAL REPORT

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Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research (MMFC) has a mandate to undertake and to support activities which will contribute to the elimination of family violence and violence against women and children from our society. In carrying out this mandate, the Centre shall support disciplinary and interdisciplinary research, scholarly and community-based conferences and workshops, and public education activities on any and all aspects of family violence and violence against women. It shall provide a national focus for academic and community-based research, and seek the participation of, and collaboration with, researchers from around the world.

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Taken from the revised Memorandum of Understanding signed by the President of UNB and the President of the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation in November 2012.



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# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The MMFC staff, researchers and supporters experienced a broad range of highs and lows in 2019-2020. Certainly, a highlight for the year from my perspective was the MMFC conference Ending Gender Based Violence: Harnessing Research and Action for Social Change held on October 9-10, 2019 at the Wu Conference Centre at UNB. Silke Brabander was the bilingual MC for the event which featured several sessions with French presentations. 135 people participated in the conference including two keynote speakers, a panel of legal researchers with expertise in child custody and domestic violence, and 63 scholars, front line workers, and government personnel who presented research papers, innovations in service delivery or recent policy changes. Several community organizations and government agencies including Sexual Violence NB, Liberty Lane Inc., PLEIS NB, the White Ribbon Campaign, and Love Shouldn't Hurt shared information about their services to conference participants during breaks. The evaluations from participants were generally positive with good suggestions for future events. MMFC staff and researchers are busy editing chapters from presenters who contributed to a book manuscript.



We launched our refreshed website in September 2019 and are confident that it provides ease of access to users. The website is complemented by the creative talents of Caen Squires, our new Communications Officer who joined our staff in mid-December. Caen has redesigned our email, e-news and social media channels as the MMFC moves towards a new brand that reflects our ongoing commitment to a collaborative approach to family violence research. Caen shared their graphic design skills with the other members of the Alliance of Canadian Research Centres on Gender Based Violence during the revival of regular communications between the five sister Centres this past year. I have had the privilege of chairing our quarterly meetings as we share information, advocate for change from the federal government, and brainstorm about future national projects.

I was saddened to receive Silke's resignation from the position of Associate Director at the end of 2019 and wished her well as she returned to work at the Women's Equality Branch of the provincial government. The Associate Director plays an important role in sustaining connections with community partners and creating professional development opportunities for those engaged in providing services for and responding appropriately to victims and perpetrators of family violence. We had just begun the search for a new Associate Director when life as we know it was altered by COVID 19 and public health directives for dealing with the pandemic. UNB suspended classes and advised all



faculty and staff to begin working from home mid-March 2020. Staff at the MMFC began checking-in daily via Zoom in order to support one another during this unprecedented transition. Scholars used the time normally spent participating in conferences to disseminate their research findings, develop new resources, and take advantage of new funding opportunities. Then, in April, twenty-two people were murdered by a gunman who went on a rampage in rural Nova Scotia after assaulting his intimate partner - the worst mass shooting in Canadian history.

The conditions created by the public health directives in response to the COVID 19 pandemic have heightened the risk for all forms of family violence, including death. Service providers have seen an increase in demand for their services – services that have been under-resourced for far too long. All of us who work to change the problem of family violence continue to hope that our research findings will convince policy makers that domestic violence service providers have always been essential workers who put their lives on the line to everyday.

Dr. Cathy Holtmann  
Director





## ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

## STAFF OF MMFC

Dr. Catherine Holtmann, Director

Silke Brabander, Associate Director  
(as of January 14, 2019 - December 6, 2019)

Caen Squires, Communications Officer  
(as of December 2019)

Kim Wade, Administrative Assistant



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### STAFF:

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Director of MMFC (non-voting)

Silke Brabander, Associate Director of MMFC  
(non-voting) (January 2019- December 2019)



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**THINK  
OUTSIDE  
THE BOX**



# RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

The MMFC welcomes suggestions for new research teams and projects, especially those in line with our Strategic Priorities. Individuals or groups who are interested in conducting research under the auspices of MMFC are encouraged to contact us. The MMFC welcomes projects on an affiliated basis. People involved in these projects conduct research on issues related to family violence and violence against women that are of interest to MMFC and in which MMFC are involved in one way or another. The Director and Associate Director frequently approach individuals and groups to discuss new research ideas for projects that fall within MMFC's mandate. All research projects must be consistent with the philosophy of MMFC, and conform to its Research Policy.

As is evident in the following sections, members of the MMFC research teams and research projects were active in applying for funding, conducting research, and presenting and publishing their findings.

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## THEMES

Information about the activities of current teams, projects and fellows can be found via the following themes.

- Gender
- Immigrant
- Religion
- Sexual Violence
- Violence Across the Lifespan
- Workplace
- Health
- Disabilities
- Law



# GENDER

*Safe and Understood Research Team: Intervening with families to promote healthy child outcomes and prevent abuse recurrence for young child victims of domestic violence exposure*

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## RESEARCHERS

Principal investigators for the Project in New Brunswick and Québec: Chantal Bourassa (professeure, École de travail social, Université de Moncton), Valérie Roy et Geneviève Lessard (professeures, École de travail social et de criminologie, Université Laval)

Principal investigators for this research team: Angelique Jenney (Wood's Homes Chair in Children's Mental Health at the University of Calgary) and Katreena Scot (professor at the Department of Applied Psychology at the University of Toronto, Associate Chair of the Applied Psychology and Human Development, program chair at the School & Clinical Child Psychology Program).

## COLLABORATORS

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Principal investigators for this research team: Angelique Jenney (Wood's Homes Chair in Children's Mental Health at the University of Calgary) and Katreena Scot (professor at the Department of Applied Psychology at the University of Toronto, Associate Chair of the Applied Psychology and Human Development, program chair at the School & Clinical Child Psychology Program).

## STUDENTS

Elisabeth Godbout (Stagiaire postdoctorale École de travail social et de criminologie)

## ACHIEVEMENTS

The project is national in scope with projects that include various components in three Canadian provinces: Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick. To date, each of the two intervention programs (Mom in Mind and The Caring Dads) have been offered in Quebec. Data from the interviews conducted with participants, stakeholders and coordinators have been analyzed and we are working on publishing them.

# GENDER

*Recognizing Critical Expertise in Gender-Based Violence Work*

*Research under contract with Women and Gender Equality Canada January 23/20 – January 22/22*

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## PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATORS

- Linda Baker, Western University
- Peter Jaffe, Western University
- Angelique Jenney, University of Calgary
- Katreena Scott, University of Toronto

## THE PROJECT

This project focuses on intimate partner violence (IPV), a major dimension of gender-based violence (GBV). The overarching goal is to highlight the expertise of the Canadian GBV specialist sector. GBV specialists include advocates who work with women and children in shelters and community agencies, those who support children exposed to IPV, and the facilitators of IPV groups for men that harm their partners and children.

We know that the knowledge, skills and capacities needed for effective GBV work with women survivors, children exposed to domestic violence and men who harm are built into the training and mentorship that agencies provide. Working together, we will identify a national set of core capacities that will be helpful to GBV organizations as they continue to design and implement sustainable and relevant training to strengthen collaborative community responses.

This project provides an exciting opportunity to bring GBV specialists together in three, national, expert groups:

- GBV specialists—including women who have experience of receiving services - who work primarily with women experiencing IPV;
- GBV specialists who work primarily with children living with IPV;
- GBV specialists who work primarily with men who harm their partners and children.

The expert groups will review and synthesize knowledge on key GBV capacities from a range of sources that will reinforce and build on the foundational work done by community-based organizations in different regions of Canada. Knowledge sources will include literature reviews (e.g. searches of organizational resources and agency websites; peer reviewed literature), the expert groups, and three rounds of survey and interview processes with GBV specialists - including women with lived experience of IPV and service - in Canada. A consensus building process will be used to reduce the number of identified capacities to a core set of GBV skills and knowledge. Consideration will be given to how these capacities are demonstrated in practice. GBV specialist groups will work both independently and together.



GBV specialists will be engaged in the creation and distribution of knowledge from the outset of the project through to completion.

Members of the Expert Groups are asked to commit to the following activities:

- Review materials in advance of meetings
- Attend 3 conference meetings per year either by phone or video link May 27, 2020, September 9, 2020, January 27, 2021, April 14, 2021, September 15, 2021 and December 8, 2021.
- Participate in a process of identifying and narrowing a set of GBV capacities (i.e. knowledge and skills) which will involve 3 rounds of online surveys and interviews
- Attend 2 in-person meetings in London, ON (2days each) on March 2 & 3, 2021 and on November 9 & 10, 2021
- Disseminate information to their networks

Members of the Expert Groups will be compensated for their time as follows:

- \$150 per conference meeting attended by phone or video link
- \$250/day per two-day, in-person meeting attended

Travel and accommodations for National Meetings in London, ON:

- We will arrange and pay for travel and accommodations
- Ancillary expenses will be reimbursed according to the National Joint Council approved rates



# IMMIGRANTS

*Violence against Immigrant and Visible Minority Women in New Brunswick Research Team*

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## TEAM COORDINATORS

- Catherine Holtmann, Sociology, UNB, Academic Coordinator
- Natasha Aktar, Community Coordinator

## TEAM MEMBERS

- Diedre Smith, Women's Equality Branch, NB
- Alex LeBlanc, NB Multicultural Council Inc
- Ginette Gautreau, NB Multicultural Council Inc
- Tracey Rickards, Nursing, UNB
- Sarah Doucet, Social Development, GNB
- Nigam Khanal, NB Immigrant Women's Association

## ACHIEVEMENTS

The New Brunswick Multicultural Council (NBMC) organized and hosted a Training Symposium: Cross-cultural Support for Immigrant DIPV Survivors on September 19, 2019. This was a follow-up knowledge transfer activity from the three-year Status of Women Canada funded project, which focused on increasing collaboration between domestic violence and immigrant settlement workers in responding to domestic/intimate partner violence experienced by immigrant women. 81 people attended the event, including most members of the research team. Presenters included Alia Hogben of the Canadian Council of Muslim Women, Deepa Mattoo of the Barbara Schlifer Clinic in Toronto, Briana Miller and Iman Farhat of the YMCA of Greater Halifax, and Madeline Lamboley of the Université de Moncton.

Cathy is a co-investigator and Mary Aspinall is a graduate research assistant with the Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative with Vulnerable Populations ([www.cdhip.org](http://www.cdhip.org)). One of the vulnerable populations included in this national study is immigrants. Cathy and Mary participated in national training event for trauma-informed interviewing on June 20th, 2019. The MMFC hosted a press conference for the Atlantic Launch of Phase 3 of the study on September 25th, 2019 which focuses on interviews with survivors of domestic homicide or close friends/family of a victim of domestic homicide.



Many of the research team members participated in the MMFC's Conference in October. The research team met on November 20th, 2019.

The Immigrant Women's Association of New Brunswick (IWANB) began as an advisory group for the Status of Women Canada funded project led by the NBMC. The IWANB formally opened up membership to all immigrant women in May 2019. Following this, the very first members meeting was held at the end of May to welcome new members and tell them about the goals and activities of the association. The IWANB was invited to participate in the Mayworks Festival poetry slam the 2nd year in a row and submissions by immigrant children and youth were read aloud.

In June, for their participation in the Cultural Expression Festival, they decided to feature immigrant women entrepreneurs' businesses at their booth. Several board members and new members also participated in the City's Living Library program as living books and volunteers. In July they put out a call for participants in a research project on fostering inter-generational exchange of culture through technology in immigrant families.

In August we participated in a poetry slam in collaboration with BIPOC and held their second members' meet and greet. In September the IWANB were formally incorporated as a non-profit provincial organization. Members participated in the panel at NBMC's Training Symposium on Cross Cultural Support for Immigrant IPV survivors.

In October they reached out to all the political parties to participate in a political panel with questions specifically geared towards the concerns of immigrant women and families. They were able to secure the participation of the political candidates of all major parties and the panel and interviews were live streamed for all of their Facebook followers.

In November the IWANB was very busy with several initiatives. They hosted a workshop on Trauma Informed Approaches to Helping Each other in collaboration with the MMFC. Board members participated in NBMC's Community Consultation for National Project on Building Leadership Capacity to address GBV on Non-Status, Refugee and Immigrant women in Canada. They also met with Coalition for Pay Equity to plan for future collaboration. The IWANB did fundraising by selling baked goods, as well as a recruitment drive at the Fall Cultural Gala hosted by the Bangladeshi association.

In December they hosted a year end members meeting and informed the members about the various committees being setting up that they could join to get involved.

In the New Year they started setting up committees and meeting with members who had volunteered for them to plan initiatives and events for the year.

In late March following the COVID lockdown the IWANB began hosting Virtual Coffee Chats biweekly for our membership to assist with any feelings of isolation. These virtual coffee chats are ongoing

till a time the Board deems it safe to start in person meets again. They maintained their community pages by posting information about the pandemic and put out resources that could be of assistance to our membership during the lockdown.

The team continues to promote the Maison des femmes immigrantes in Quebec which provides interpretation services at an affordable rate (35\$/hour), offering some 40 languages through trained interpreters.

Cathy is one of four Canadian co-investigators on an international project involving eight countries entitled, "Violence against Women Migrants and Refugees: Analyzing Causes and Effective Policy Response." The Canadian research team is led by Dr. Evie Tastsoglou from Saint Mary's University in Halifax. Ginette Gautreau serves on the project's [Expert Advisory Group](https://smu.ca/gendernet/expert-advisory-group.html) (<https://smu.ca/gendernet/expert-advisory-group.html>). Following REB approval from the four universities involved, interviews were conducted with key stakeholders from across Canada. Cathy hired Catherine de Guise as a graduate research assistant, who had begun recruitment of immigrant and refugee women in Quebec. Data collection for the project was stopped in March due to COVID 19.

Ginette Gautreau, and members of the research team, also participated in a national project led by Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants (OCASI) entitled Building Leadership Capacity to Address Gender-Based Violence against Non-Status, Refugee and Immigrant Women across Canada. Team members attended a community consultation in November 2019 and supported the recruitment of in-person interviews of affected NSRI women in the Fredericton region.

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Online resources (websites, blogs, videos, photo essays)

<http://www.nb-mc.ca/overcoming-barriers-a-coordinated-response-to-violence-against-immigrant-women-in-new-brunswick/>

<https://smu.ca/gendernet/welcome.html>Funding



# RELIGION

*Religion and Violence Research Team*

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## TEAM COORDINATORS

- Catherine Holtmann, Sociology, UNB, Academic Coordinator
- Natasha Aktar, Community Coordinator

## TEAM MEMBERS

- Catherine Holtmann, Team Coordinator (Department of Sociology, UNB)
- Nancy Nason-Clark (Professor Emerita, Department of Sociology, UNB)
- Steve McMullin, (Acadia University, Wolfville, NS)
- Barbara Fisher-Townsend (CAI, Sociology, UNB)
- Lois Mitchell (Director of International Studies, St. Stephen's University, St. Stephen, NB)
- Emma Robinson, (Master's student, Sociology, UNB)
- Zainab Al-Muttairi (Undergraduate student, Nursing, UNB)
- Ava Hicks (Arts Internship, UNB)
- Rev. Daphne Marsden (Project Esther, Christ Church, New Zealand)

## TEAM HISTORY

The Religion and Violence Research Team was established by Nancy Nason-Clark and is one of the original teams of the MMFC twenty-five years ago. Team members have been examining the story of what happens when religious people look to their faith communities for help in the aftermath of violence in the family context. Using a variety of methodologies, and working together with Christian denominations and Muslim groups, we have collected data from victims, perpetrators, clergy, churches, shelters, domestic violence advocates, therapeutic professionals and criminal justice workers.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The International Collaboration on Faith & Violence was hosted by Steve at Acadia Divinity College, May 27-28, 2019. The event featured public presentations by Dr. Kristin Aune and Dr. Rebecca Barnes: "Churchgoers' Experiences of, and Church Responses to, Domestic Abuse: A Case Study from the UK" and Dr. Ruth Powell, "Australian clergy responses to domestic violence: Results from the 2016 Australian National Church Life Survey." Nancy delivered a breakfast presentation which was attended by 50 people including local clergy and ADC faculty.



The workshop included paper presentations by graduate students and faculty and planning for future collaboration. The event closed with participants attending the Acadia Divinity College chapel service during which Rev. Daphne Marsden preached the sermon: "Hearing the Whole Story." The team is grateful for the financial support from Acadia Divinity College and the MMFC for this successful event.

Cathy and Zainab worked with the Arabic Cultural Centre and Dr. Mohammed Baobaid of the Muslim Resource Centre for Social Support and Integration to organize and deliver a workshop on "Muslim and Arab Family Safety" in Fredericton on December 7th, 2019. About 30 people took part in the workshop which included presentations from Dr. Baobaid, Nigam Khanal and Andrea Wolfe, domestic violence Outreach Workers from Liberty Lane, Constable Mike Bamford from the Fredericton Police Force and Melissa MacKinnon-Hughes from the Child Protection branch of the Department of Social Development. Plans are underway to procure funding to further develop this partnership and conduct research on a culturally integrative model for Muslim Family Safety.

Team members continue to speak regularly on the issue of family violence in various locales – both near and far. Our focus continues to be on understanding the interface between religion and abuse and on building bridges between the steeple and the shelter.

### THE RAVE PROJECT WEBSITE

The RAVE (Religion and Violence e-Learning) website ([www.theraveproject.org](http://www.theraveproject.org)) is an important component of knowledge translation and online training for religious leaders. The site includes a blog which is updated monthly and is linked to social media via Facebook and Twitter. Ava Hicks did an Arts Internship with the research team and worked at updating the data base for the Canadian Shelter Map of the Help Now tab. Zainab Al-Muttairi was hired through UNB's work-study program. She updated several modules of the Fast Facts section of the Online Training tab; updated the print brochures and the videos for the Resources tab; added new country data to the Violence Around the World map; and started updating the data base for the US Shelter Map of the Help Now tab.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/religionandviolence/>

Twitter: [https://twitter.com/RAVE\\_UNB](https://twitter.com/RAVE_UNB)



# SEXUAL VIOLENCE

*Sexual Violence Research Team*

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## TEAM COORDINATORS

- Lorraine Whalley, Community Coordinator, SVN
- Natasha Aktar, Community Coordinator

## TEAM OBJECTIVES:

## TEAM MEMBERS

Position Vacant, MMFC, UNB

Jennifer Richard, SVN

Andie Marks, SVN

**EVALUATOR:** Dr. Mary C. Milikin,

## TEAM OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of the team is to help to build a more textured account of the presence of sexual violence and intimate partner sexual violence in the lives of New Brunswick women and create space for marginalized voices in particular. The team is committed to projects that involve collaboration with varied community stakeholders, and implementation of action-oriented approaches with the goal of contributing to community mobilization efforts as well as practice and policy innovation.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES:

In 2016, Sexual Violence New Brunswick (SVN), formerly the Fredericton Sexual Assault Centre received funding for three multi-year projects. As a result, SVN, the Sexual Violence Research Team and the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre established an evaluation team to work with Dr. Mary Milliken to develop and implement all evaluation related project activities. In 2018, the development of the evaluation plans for each of the three projects was completed and received approval from the Research Ethics Board of the University of New Brunswick. The evaluation frameworks were developed by Dr. Milliken in collaboration with Project Coordinators. All evaluation activities for the three projects were completed in the 2019-2020 year. Below is a summary of the final evaluation reports.

## MAKING CONNECTIONS: AN INTEGRATED CARE MODEL FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL CRIMES

Funded by Canada's Victims Fund, Department of Justice Canada, this initiative proposed establishing a co-ordinated service delivery model to address the complex and intersecting needs of individuals who required concurrent and longer-term support for various issues connected to their experience of sexual violence. After consulting with service providers, the Making Connections program pivoted away from creating a service-delivery model that providers would have to align with and/or integrate into their practices. The program focused instead on providing much-desired skills training for service providers within those organizations to make their practices more trauma-informed. The data collected during the evaluation of the

project indicated that this shift in focus to promote a culture shift within service organizations over the long term was highly appreciated and beneficial. The course developed during the program has been added to the SVN Professional development catalogue. The more service providers who take the course, the more likely agencies will begin to improve “from within” the way they provide care for clients with complex needs.

### IMPROVING WOMEN'S ACCESS TO JUSTICE THROUGH INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

Funded by the Status of Women Canada, this initiative has engaged key stakeholders on the city of Fredericton Police Force (FPF) to identify and implement changes in policies, protocols, and procedures that lead to inconsistent and discriminatory practices related to cases of sexual violence. A training program and some reference tools were developed to introduce trauma-informed approaches to the identification, investigation, and prosecution stages of processing sexual violence cases. A high proportion of FPF officers participated in and responded well to the course, and the FPF Chief has agreed to hire SVN to provide the training on an as-needs basis. There is anecdotal evidence that some FPF officers are using trauma informed approaches when working with survivors of sexual assault. Members of the FPF advisory committee were highly engaged, and the committee had an excellent and productive working relationship with SVN, which has established a solid foundation for the on-going work of the Victim Advocate, a recently established position at SVN.

Overall, this project was very well received, met most of its objectives and there are plans in place to address activities that were delayed by the world-wide Covid-19 pandemic. The improved relationship between SVN and the broader FPF provides opportunities to potentially change more processes and procedures, and to reduce harm to survivors in cases of sexual assault passing through the New Brunswick criminal justice system. The project also enhanced the already excellent reputation of SVN for its work with survivors of sexual abuse at local, provincial, and national levels.

### ENHANCING CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSE TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN NEW BRUNSWICK

With funds from the Department of Justice and Public Safety, New Brunswick, SVN has been conducting a feasibility study and developing innovative and enhanced training on the unique dynamics related to sexual violence for criminal justice professionals within the court system. Through this project, all New Brunswick Crown Prosecutors, judges, and several classes of law students at UNB have been introduced to the concepts of trauma informed approaches that can be used in cases of sexual violence. The project achieved its main objectives, and the consultation group was highly engaged and had an excellent and productive working relationship with SVN. The approval ratings were very high for the training course for Crown Prosecutors, and it is now available as part of the approved catalogue for professional development in New Brunswick.

In 2019, Sexual Violence New Brunswick received funding from Women and Gender Equality (WAGE) for Maintain: A Blueprint for Collective Care for a 5 year project to enable SVN to build evidence-based expertise on collective care as a trauma informed principle, which will inform the development of a comprehensive and practical collective care blueprint for agencies in the gender-based violence sector. SVN and the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre established an evaluation team to work with Dr. Mary Milliken to develop and implement all evaluation related project activities over the 5-year timeline of the project. In the first year 2019- 2020, the Project Co-ordinator has been doing the background research and introducing the project to various partners. The evaluation framework is being developed in cooperation with the Project Coordinator as the program evolves in the context of the ongoing Covid-19 global pandemic.



# SEXUAL VIOLENCE

*Enhancing Criminal Justice Response to Sexual Violence in New Brunswick*

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## PROJECT COORDINATOR

- Dr. Karla O'Regan, MMFC Research Fellow (2018 - 2023)

## THE PROJECT

This project is funded by the province's Department of Justice and Public Safety and was developed by Sexual Violence New Brunswick (formerly Fredericton Sexual Assault Centre) with the goal of developing trauma-informed training and materials for criminal justice professionals working with cases of sexual violence. I am a member of the Consultation Committee for this project (ECJR) and have continued to provide research and assistance in the preparation of training materials over this last year. In September 2019, I participated in the training delivery for regional Crown prosecutors and was scheduled to report on this training (as a panelist) at SVN's Sexual Violence in the Justice System Summit held at the Crowne Plaza Fredericton on March 25-26, 2020, but this event was unfortunately cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Rescheduled date: TBD.

## Future outcomes:

Sexual Violence in the Justice System Summit (rescheduled)

Adaptations of the pilot facilitator guide developed for trauma-informed sexual assault prosecutions for other criminal justice sectors.

# SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Assessing Strategies of Serial Sexual Assault Using Social Media Sources

Assigned the file number REB #2019-174

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## TEAM MEMBERS:

Principal investigator for the Project is Lucia O'Sullivan. Affiliated graduate students working on this project include Charlene Belu, Lauren Cormier, and Morgan Richard.

## STUDENTS:

- Charlene Belu
- Lauren Cormier
- Morgan Richard

## ACHIEVEMENTS:

We have tried a number of approaches via social media but with limited success so far. Our targets have been participants on gaming sites and Reddit pages. We are planning to start a new set of social media sites to target.





# VIOLENCE ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

*Creating Peaceful Learning Environments Team*

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## TEAM COORDINATORS

- Ann Cameron, UNB, UBC

## TEAM MEMBERS

- Nora Didkowsky, PhD, Postdoctoral researcher
- Elizabeth Gerhardt, UNB graduate, Child Studies Lab RA/manager
- Sharon Hales, Teacher, Maple Grove Elementary School, VSB
- Anne Hunt UNB Honorary Research Associate (former UNB MEd student)
- Kang Lee, University of Toronto professor (former UNB PhD student)
- Stacey McKay, Fredericton clinician (former UNB PhD student)
- Ribeiro, A. UBC MEd graduate student
- Linda Ryan, Teacher, Priestman Street Elementary School, (UNB graduate student)

## ACHIEVEMENTS

The Creating Peaceful Learning Environments team undertakes numerous quasi-ecological projects around the globe, focusing on resilience of toddlers, kindergarten students in the transition to school, most recently in Brazil and Italy as well as eastern and western Canada, youth and independent elderly adults in Switzerland, Lithuania and eastern and western Canada, and bring to light findings regarding gender factors in youth perceptions of intimate relationships and the influence of digital media and relationships.

Ann Cameron coordinates research in collaboration with CPLE team members including current and past UNB and UBC graduate and undergraduate students. New initiatives involve: 1) former UNB doctoral student, Kang Lee, a SSHRC grant-supported cross-cultural study of academic integrity; 2) a new collaborative study in both British Columbia and New Brunswick of the reciprocal learning and teaching of Indigenous knowledge and cultural practices with older and younger non-Indigenous elementary school students and their teachers; 3) A Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation-funded knowledge-dissemination initiative with youth facilitating Confidence in Communications.

We continue to publish and present team findings in community and academic forums nationally and internationally. Our work to date has had an impact on the communities we contribute to by highlighting the importance of gender- and culture-sensitive analyses and interventions. Implications are of significance for schools' violence prevention, socio-emotional development and international youth resiliency.

# VIOLENCE ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

*Preventing and Eliminating Cyberviolence against Young Women and Girls Project*

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## TEAM MEMBERS

- Matt Rogers, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education, UNB
- Rina Arseneault, MMFC
- Miguel LeBlanc, NBASW
- Martine Paquet, NBASW
- Christian Whalley, Office of the Child & Youth Advocate

## ACHIEVEMENTS

The Preventing and Eliminating Cyberviolence against Young Women and Girls Project continued its work on the third phase of the project – the Dissemination Strategy. During the timeframe of this annual report, the film finished its film festival run. It screened at the Tampa Bay Underground Film Festival, Florida; Young Filmmakers' Film Festival, New York; and the Worldwide Women's Festival, Arizona. The film has also been screened in a number of academic contexts including university and public-school classes, conferences, and for teacher professional development. Based on these live-audience screenings, the film has had an audience of over 500 viewers to date. The next stage of the dissemination strategy involves preparing the film for digital distribution in a tool-kit for educators.





# VIOLENCE ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

*The Wellbeing, Social Development, and Family Functioning of Adolescents in Military Families*

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## PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATORS

- Deborah Harrison, Sociology, UNB

## CO-INVESTIGATORS

- Patrizia Albanese, Sociology, Ryerson University, Toronto
- Rachel Berman, Centre for Children, Youth, and Families (and Early Childhood Education), Ryerson University, Toronto
- Christine Newburn-Cook, Associate Dean (Research), Nursing, University of Alberta
- Karen Robson, Sociology, York University, Toronto

## COLLABORATORS

- Lucie Laliberté, lawyer, Children's Aid Society, St. Catharines Ontario; President, Organization of Spouses of Military Members
- Margaret Malone, Nursing, Ryerson University, Toronto
- David McTimoney, Superintendent, Anglophone West School District, Fredericton NB
- Mary Mesheau, Principal (retired), Summerhill elementary school, Oromocto, NB; currently working as a mediator and educational consultant
- Shanyn Small, Psychologist, Anglophone West School District, Oromocto NB

## ORGANIZATIONAL COLLABORATOR AND PARTNER

- NB Anglophone West school board (Oromocto and environs)

## SITE COORDINATOR

- Jennifer Phillips, Business Consultant/Facilitator, Fredericton

## STUDENTS

- Angela Deveau, PhD student, Women's Studies, York University, Toronto
- Laura Hache, MA student, Ryerson University, Toronto
- Danielle Kwan-Lafond, PhD student, Sociology, York University, Toronto
- Chris Sanders, now Assistant Professor, Sociology, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay Ontario
- Riley Veldhuizen, Criminology graduate, St. Thomas University, Fredericton

## ACHIEVEMENTS

Afghanistan (2001 to 2011) is, to date, the longest military engagement in Canadian history. During the mission the Canadian public heard from the media daily about the pros and cons of the deployment of troops to volatile areas. But they heard almost nothing about the impact of dangerous deployments on the members of military families, especially children. As a result, Canadians who were not members of the military community discovered very little about how deployments affect members of military families. In clear and accessible prose, the final product of our research (*Growing Up in Armyville*, listed below) historically situated Canada's war in Afghanistan, then analyzed the often devastating effect of the soldiers' overseas deployment on their adolescent children. Based on a replication of the National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth (which

had omitted children of Canadian Armed Forces [CAF] members), administered to all the students attending “Armyville” High School between 2006 and 2010, and on in-depth interviews with 61 adolescents from CAF families, our team’s mixed methods study compared the wellbeing of the CAF and civilian youth with that of their peers across Canada; and it illuminated how the CAF adolescents’ lives were affected by the Afghanistan mission – at home, at school, among their friends, and when their parents returned suffering from PTSD. In particular, the 61 interviews found that, during the mission, adolescents took on extra household tasks, co-parented younger siblings, took care of their undeployed parent, censored their communication with both parents, and frequently forwent extracurricular activities and the companionship of their friends. The girls in particular took on emotionally useful roles at home, devised strategies (when necessary) to compensate for the emotional unavailability of their undeployed parent, and sometimes became parentified. Adolescents are very significant members of military families affected by volatile deployments, because they possess a full understanding of the dangers of such a deployment, and are also often required to become family caregivers at a time when their own developmental needs are strong.

Our project was an example of collaborative action research (CAR), which represented a historically unique start-to-finish partnership between a school jurisdiction (“the Armyville School District”) and an academic team. *Growing Up in Armyville* included a candid assessment of the successes and missed opportunities of this collaboration, and assessed the potential role of schools in supporting adolescents affected by deployments.

Involvement in global conflict has become one of the most urgent Canadian policy issues of the early twenty-first century. Internationally, *Growing Up in Armyville* has been the first monograph to focus on these new high-risk deployments from the standpoint of the children left behind. Its findings implicitly question policymakers’ wisdom in continuing to over-commit Canadian troops to service in war zones, and to subject the soldiers, and their families, to under-resourced support services when they return home.

### KNOWLEDGE-BASED PRACTICE

At our 2011 symposium [see our 2012 Report] we recommended that the curriculum of the Grade 10 Personal Development course would benefit from inclusion of the topics (a) military deployments; (b) post-traumatic stress disorder and other operational stress injuries; and (c) stress, juggling responsibilities, and mental health (including women and domestic labour issues). In 2014, The NB Department of Education and Early Childhood Development revised the curriculum of this course to incorporate at least four learning outcomes that would be compatible with these topics: (1) how change and personal growth affect one’s ability to engage in learning and work; (2) strategies for achieving positive mental health/well-being; (3) how an individual’s various roles and responsibilities may interrelate with work, family, and leisure activities; and (4) gender stereotyping in work and family settings. In the fall of 2014, Anglophone West Superintendent David McTimoney sent an email to the district school staff to remind them of the possibility of including military family issues content in this and in other appropriate courses.

In 2011, the annual intake form sent to all parents in Anglophone West School District was modified to include questions regarding (a) parental CAF membership; and (b) parental participation in an overseas CAF deployment during the current school year. Annual intake information is always available to teachers and other appropriate District personnel.

# WORKPLACE

*Workplace Violence and Abuse Research Team (WVAT)*

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## TEAM COORDINATORS

- Sue O'Donnell, Academic Co-Chair, Nursing, UNB
- Anthea Plummer, Community Co-Chair

## TEAM MEMBERS

- Brenda Moore, Learning Advisor, Learning Centre, Canadian Forces Base, Gagetown
- Lindsay Manuel, Violence Prevention Initiatives, Women's Equality Branch
- Tricia Parker, Violence Prevention Initiatives, Women's Equality Branch
- Sula Levesque, Human Rights Officer, Human Rights and Positive Environment Office, UNB
- Wayne Walsh, retired P. Eng.
- Shelley Parker, Industrial Psychologist, NB Power
- Nicole Smith, owner of Nicole Smith Conflict Management
- Natacha Connelly Bosse, lawyer

## ACHIEVEMENTS

The Workplace Violence and Abuse Research Team (WVAT) disseminates research evidence and current practices related to the problem of workplace abuse among public, professional, and academic audiences. While various team members regularly give talks and presentations, our main approach to dissemination has been via the annual Respectful Workplace Week. The first week of September has been declared Respectful Workplace Week by the Government of New Brunswick since 2007. WVAT has also hosted a speaking event during Respectful Workplace Week since 2014. After the success of the first one-day Respectful Workplace Week Conference and Workshop in 2018, the format was replicated in 2019.

### • RESPECTFUL WORKPLACE WEEK DECLARATIONS

As a team, we lobbied to have the week of September 2 to 6, 2019 declared Respectful Workplace Week by the Province of New Brunswick, the City of Fredericton and the University of New Brunswick. Due to growing recognition of Respectful Workplace Week in the province, a number of other individual work organizations have also taken initiative to make a declaration the first week of September.





- RESPECTFUL WORKPLACE WEEK CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP

The Respectful Workplace Week Conference and Workshop was titled, Tools and Resources for Promoting Respect in the Workplace and conducted on September 5, 2019. It was attended by approximately 120 participants.

Presentations included: Respecting Process: Practical Tips for Conducting Robust & Fair Compliant Investigations by Amy Gough Farnworth, Director of Labour Relations at New Brunswick Community College; Recognizing Incivility: Emails & Actions by Shelley Parker PhD a WVAT Member and Industrial Psychologist at NB Power; Building a Respectful Workplace by Tammy Moore, UNIFOR Atlantic Council Executive Member and UNIFOR Women's Advocate; and Creating the Respectful Workplace Policy and Program at GNB by Myrna Belyea-Tracy the Director and Alina Cress a Wellness Specialist of Employee Safety and Wellness, GNB Finance and Treasury Board.

Workshops included: a Reader's Theater by Anil Adeshish, Associate Professor and Division Director of Occupational Medicine at the University of Toronto, Kelly VanBuskirk, Lawyer and Partner at Lawson Creamer Lawyers and Sue O'Donnell, WVAT Academic Co-Chair and Associate Professor at the Faculty of Nursing, University of New Brunswick and a WorkSafeNB Demonstration by Geneviève Pilon the Assistant Director and Angela Francoeur a Regulatory Review Officer of WorkSafeNB.

# HEALTH

## *Lifetime Violence, Masculinities, and Health*

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This project is a 5 year study funded by an Operating Grant through the Canadian Institutes of Health Research [CIHR, 2014-2019; \$383,675] investigating the links between lifetime violence, masculinities and health among 600 New Brunswick (NB) men and 100 Atlantic Canadian men ages 19-65 years.

Violence is a major public health issue and the harmful effects of violence on health have been well studied among women, however, men and boys also experience and commit violence at home, in workplaces, and in the community. Of late, men's health has emerged as an area of interest; however, research on violence has not been a priority despite its prevalence in the lives of men. Studying the effects of violence across the lifespan on men's health is a promising line of inquiry for gaining new understandings of illness, disability, and death among men.

### PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATORS

- Dr. Kelly Scott-Storey, RN MN PhD, Nursing, University of New Brunswick
- Dr. Dr. Sue O'Donnell, RN MN PhD, Nursing, University of New Brunswick
- Dr. Judith Wuest, RN MN PhD, Professor Emeritus Nursing, University of New Brunswick

### CO-INVESTIGATORS

- Dr. Judith MacIntosh, RN MN PhD, Professor Emeritus Nursing, University of New Brunswick
- Marilyn Merritt-Gray, RN MN, Retired Professor, Nursing, university of New Brunswick

### POST-DOCTORAL STUDENT

- Dr. Petrea Taylor, RN MN PhD, University of New Brunswick

### RESEARCH COORDINATOR

- Jeannie Malcolm, BA MA, Nursing, University of New Brunswick

### RESEARCH ASSISTANT:

- Charlene Vincent, BN MN, University of New Brunswick

Since recruiting ~700 men who completed an online survey about health, health behaviors, lifetime experiences of violence and gender, conducting health checks with approximately 250 of these men, and conducting in-depth qualitative interviews with ~38 of the participants to better understand their experiences, we have continued to focus on analysis of findings and publications.

# HEALTH

## *iHeal Study*

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This project is a 5 year study funded by an Operating Grant through the Canadian Institutes of Health. Funded as part of a \$100 Million Federal investment in programs and services to address the needs of people affected by IPV, researchers from the Universities of Western Ontario, British Columbia and New Brunswick are studying the impacts of an innovative, evidence-based intervention, called iHEAL, designed to meet the needs of women who have separated, or who are in the process of separating from an abusive partner [PHAC Supporting Health of Victims of Domestic and Child Abuse through Community Programs; \$3,050,674; 2016-2021].

The Intervention for Health Enhancement and Living (iHEAL) is a health promotion intervention developed to improve safety and health of women living in diverse life contexts who are in the transition of separating from an abusive partner. iHEAL is delivered by community health nurses working in partnership with women in 10-18 sessions over 6 months, drawing on local supports and services. iHEAL sessions address both short-term needs such as problems encountered by women because of ongoing violence, as well as long-term goals of safety, health and well-being. iHEAL is woman-led, with a focus on complementing and extending, rather than duplicating, existing resources. <https://ichgcp.net/clinical-trials-registry/NCT03573778>

### PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATORS

- Dr. Kelly Scott-Storey, RN MN PhD, Faculty of Nursing, University of New Brunswick
- Dr. Marilyn Ford-Gilboe, RN MN PhD, Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing, Faculty of Health Sciences, Western University
- Dr. Colleen Varcoe, RN MN PhD, School of Nursing, University of British Columbia

### CO-INVESTIGATORS

- Dr. Sue O'Donnell, RN MN PhD, Faculty of Nursing, University of New Brunswick

We will test whether iHEAL improves the quality of life, mental and physical health, confidence and control of women who are separating from an abusive partner and who live in selected rural and urban communities in Ontario, British Columbia and New Brunswick. A group of 280 eligible women will be assigned by chance to either complete the iHEAL over a 6 month period (nurse visit group), or provided with information about local community services to help them seek support on their own (self-directed group).

In late March, we completed delivery of the intervention with 331 women and are continuing to collect 12 and 18 month post intervention data. In July we will begin qualitative interviews with a subset of ~ 30-40 women who indicated interest in participating; we will be interviewing them about their experiences with iHEAL and suggestions for improving the intervention. In January 2020, we launched the Francophone iHEAL feasibility study in the Acadian Peninsula. We are actively recruiting 10-12 women who will receive a culturally and linguistically adapted version of iHEAL; we will be examining the fit, applicability and relevance of iHEAL within the francophone context.



# LAW

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## PROJECT TITLE:

Collaborative Design of a Research-Informed, Coordinated Provincial / Queen's Bench Family Violence Court Model

## PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS:

- Dr. Linda C Neilson, Professor Emerita, Research Associate Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research
- Joanne Boucher, Coordinator, Provincial Court, Domestic Violence Cases, Moncton, New Brunswick

## JUDICIAL ADVISERS:

Honorable Justice Brigitte Robichaud, Court of Queen's Bench, Family Division (Supernumerary) & Honourable Judge Anne Dugas Horsman, Provincial Court (Supernumerary)

## CONTRIBUTOR & COLLABORATOR:

Province of New Brunswick, Department of Justice and Office of the Attorney General

**CONTRIBUTION GRANT FUNDER:** Department of Justice Canada. Three year contribution grant

**RESEARCH ASSISTANTS:** Marie-Pier LeBreton Noel and Julie Arsenault (2019-2020).

## PARTICIPANTS & PARTNERS:

- Provincial Advisory Committee: representatives of the Department of Justice & Office of the Attorney General, Department of Public Safety including Victim Services, Department of Social Development (Child Protection) and Women's Equality Branch as well as the Director of the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research.
- Participants & partners in applicable Judicial District: Court of Queen's Bench Justices and Provincial Court Judges (delayed); Director of Court Services; RCMP; Crown Prosecutors (Criminal and Family); Legal Aid (Family & Criminal); Domestic violence intervention programs; Social Development (child Protection); Victim Services; Probation, including Elsipogtog First Nation; Practising Lawyers; Family Crisis Centre; Addictions and Mental Health Services; and Provincial representative of PPS Community Corrections (Provincial Coordinated Community Risk – CCR- Management Project).

Research Team Progress Report (April 1 2019 to April 30, 2020): Although the project is located in one Judicial District, it is national in scope. The project will document the collaborative design of Canada's first coordinated family violence court model spanning the criminal, civil-intimate-partner protection, family-law and child-protection systems. Anticipated outcomes include enhanced adult

and child safety, reduced duplication of information and evidence, and improved coordination of court orders and agreements. While the project experienced delays as a result of the world wide Covid 19 epidemic, the research team also accomplished a great deal between April 1 2019 and April 30, 2020. Particulars include:

Finalization of the contribution grant contract between UNB and Justice Canada; Research account opened July 28, 2019; Finalization of court file data collection instruments (Queen's Bench, Family Division with separate court file data collection instruments for a) family law, b) social development support & child protection, and c) Intimate Partner Intervention Act court files; Finalization of court file data collection instrument for Provincial Court, criminal cases; Finalization of Focus Group particulars including consent and research team obligation instruments; Development of Case Identification System to connect criminal Domestic Violence (DV) cases with involvement in other court systems (family, child protection/support, Intimate Partner Intervention). Identification of 340 cross-sector court files for analysis; Preparation of REB application and receipt of research ethics clearance from UNB; Training of part-time court coordinator; Creation of Province wide Cross-Sector (Justice, Public Safety, Child Protection, M.M.F. Family Violence Research Centre) Government-Research Centre Advisory Committee; Documentation of Advisory Committee Structure and Mandate; Development of Coding system to link research data from multiple court systems without using or collecting identifying data; Reporting to various NB government departments (Justice, Public Safety, Social Development) on data collection needs and methods; Application for bulk access to court files and exceptions to restrictions found in Province of New Brunswick (2011) Access to Court Records Manual; Review of research instruments and research methods by privacy experts within each applicable New Brunswick government department; Receipt of government sector privacy review clearances; Interviewing, hiring and two days of training for two bilingual research assistants to collect court file data under Co-principal investigator, Joanne Boucher's supervision. Delivery of Full day Educational Conference & Cross Sector Focus Group meeting. Participants included a Director of Court Services, police administrators, Criminal and Family crown prosecutors, Legal Aid (family and criminal), law practitioners, child protection services, victim services, probation including First Nations, intervention programs for accused, and a representative of the Provincial Coordinated Community Risk Management project. During the focus group discussions, participants expressed a keen interest in participating in the project, commented on the need for improved information flow across all community sectors and among courts. Court file data was collected from 183 court files prior to corona virus lock down. The Focus Group interview discussions with Judges, Justice and Masters was scheduled for March 27. Invitations, Letters of consent and Research Team Obligation were translated and hand delivered in both official languages. Nonetheless, as a result of the corona virus epidemic, this part of the project was postponed.

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

DISABILITIES *Violence against Women with Disabilities Research Team*

VIOLENCE ACROSS THE LIFESPAN *Abuse and Neglect of Older Adults Team (ANORT)*

# RESEARCH FELLOWS OF THE MMFC



## DR. MARY-ANN CAMPBELL

Dr. Mary Ann Campbell. Dr. Campbell is a Professor in the Department of Psychology on the Saint John campus of UNB and the Director of the Centre for Criminal Justice Studies.

Dr. Campbell's research focuses on developing and enhancing the application of evidence-based strategies for crime prevention and reduction as well as police psychology - their current work examines the use of the ODARA (Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment) tool - how it is being used by police services in New Brunswick and its impact on subsequent Intimate Partner Violence events with the same perpetrator.

Dr. Campbell presented on some of her findings to the New Brunswick Association of Chiefs of Police in the fall and are in ongoing discussions with the New Brunswick Department of Public Safety around practical and developmental implications.





## DR. DIANE CROCKER

Diane Crocker is involved in the evaluation of the Halifax Domestic Violence Court and the province of Nova Scotia's Sexual Violence Prevention Committee. In both cases, she provides guidance to government and community partners on evaluation research design and implementation. She has co-edited a book called *Critical Conversations about Sexual Violence on University Campuses: New Challenges, Novel Solutions*, along with Joanne Minaker and Amanda Nelund, which is currently under assessment with McGill Queens University Press. She has also been awarded five grants for her research on Culturally Appropriate Approaches to Evaluation, Domestic Violence Court Evaluation, and others.

## DR. DAVID C. HOFMANN

David Hofmann joined UNB's Sociology department in 2016. Currently working with a government-funded national research team examining right-wing extremism in Canada, David is leading the Maritimes portion of the project. This project will inform government, police, and strategic partners regarding the extent, motivations, and activities of right-wing extremism in Canada.

David's current research interests are focused on five broad areas: terrorism and political violence, charismatic leadership, right-wing extremism, apocalyptic and millenarian groups, and criminal & illicit networks. David is a mixed methodologist, with a particular interest in social network analysis. Given the culture of toxic masculinity that often goes hand-in-hand with groups and individuals involved in right-winged extremist groups, it is an environment where Intimate Partner Violence/gendered violence is likely to thrive. David is interested in incorporating an exploration of the relationship between right-wing extremism and IPV/gender violence into his research.





## DR. LINDA NEILSON

Linda Neilson, Professor Emerita at the University of New Brunswick, is a socio-legal expert on domestic violence and legal systems.

In addition to serving as Co-Principal Investigator of the 'Collaborative Design of a Research-Informed Coordinated Provincial / Queen's Bench Family Violence Court Model' project reported elsewhere, Professor Emerita Dr. Neilson reports a relatively busy year.

She completed the second edition of her extensive practice e-book on responding to domestic violence in the legal system: Linda C Neilson (2020, 2nd ed.) Responding to Domestic Violence in Family Law, Civil Protection & Child Protection Cases (Ottawa: Canadian Legal Information Institute, CanLII). The 2020 1500+ page e-book replaces the earlier 2017 edition.

In anticipation of implementation of forthcoming changes to the Divorce Act in 2021, she and Susan B. Boyd, with review comments by Hon. Donna Martinson, published: Linda Neilson and Susan B Boyd (2020) Interpreting the New Divorce Act, Rules of Statutory Interpretation & Senate Observations (Vancouver: FREDA Center for Research on Violence Against Women) to assist law practitioners and service providers when interpreting the forthcoming changes. She also wrote, with Joan Meier, Elizabeth Sheehy, Margaret Jackson, Ruth Halperin-Kaddari, Susan Boyd, Peter Jaffe, and Simon Lapierre, the (2019) Collective Memo of Concern to: World Health Organization (London, Ontario: Learning to End Abuse, Western University) alerting the World Health Organization to research credibility and family law problems associated with including references to 'parental alienation' in the WHO's ICD-11 diagnostic manual. That memo of concern was endorsed by over 352 leading experts in the fields of family law, family violence and child abuse as well as 764 concerned individuals from 36 countries around the world. She also organized and chaired an international panel (United States, United Kingdom & Canada) on alienation titled: "The World Wide Parental Alienation/Family Violence Crisis in Family Law" during the Research Centre's Ending Gender Based Violence: Harnessing Research & Action for Social Change Conference in October of 2019.

Two sets of slides associated with her presentation on that panel are publicly available on line at:

[https://www.unb.ca/mmfc/\\_assets/documents/linda\\_neilson\\_international\\_parental\\_alienation\\_family\\_violence\\_crisis\\_supplementary.pdf](https://www.unb.ca/mmfc/_assets/documents/linda_neilson_international_parental_alienation_family_violence_crisis_supplementary.pdf)

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## DR. KARLA O'REGAN

BA (STU), JD (Toronto), MA (Toronto), LLM (Dalhousie), PhD (LSE)  
Dr. O'Regan is an Associate Professor of Criminology at St. Thomas University and a part-time lecturer in the Faculty of Law at UNB.

A graduate of St. Thomas University, Karla has law degrees from the University of Toronto, Dalhousie University, and the London School of Economics. She is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada and has worked for the Federal Department of Justice, Ontario's Office of the Children's Lawyer, and the private legal sector. Karla served as a Complaint Officer under St. Thomas University's Harassment & Discrimination Policy for five years and chaired the University's Research Ethics Board from 2014-2018. She acts as a project supervisor for Pro Bono Students Canada and is a (faculty-elected) member of St. Thomas University's Board of Governors. Dr. O'Regan also serves on the NBCC Research Ethics Board and has acted on a number of community and regional Boards of Directors, including the Fredericton SPCA, Dialogue NB, and the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission. She is currently working with the Fredericton Sexual Assault Centre and the Fredericton Police Force on a case audit of unfounded sexual assault files. Her book, *Law & Consent: Contesting the Common Sense* (Routledge) published in Spring 2019.



## DR. EVIE TASTSOGLOU

Dr. Evie Tastsoglou is the Canadian principle investigator on a proposal to GENDER-NET Plus for funding for the project: "Violence against women migrants and refugees: Analysing causes and effective policy response." Co-investigators include Dr. Lori Wilkinson from the University of Manitoba, Dr. Myrna Dawson from the University of Guelph and Dr. Catherine Holtmann from UNB. GENDER-NET Plus is a consortium of 16 committed organisations from 13 countries that aims to strengthen transnational collaborations between research programme owners and managers and provide support to the promotion of gender equality through institutional change. This research takes an intersectional approach to understand SGBV in the context of migration, analysing the ways in which discriminations and inequalities based on gender, race, nationality, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and age, interact to make certain women more vulnerable to SGBV and less able to access support and services for survivors than others. The project team hired Dr. Chantelle Falconer with a two year post-doctoral fellowship. Chantelle is the project manager.







## DR. LUCIA O'SULLIVAN

Dr. O'Sullivan is a social psychologist and Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of New Brunswick. She is also the Director of the Sex and Relationships Lab.

Her work focuses primarily on sexual health, intimate relationships, and the affective and cognitive components of sexual decision-making of young adults and adolescents. She held a Canada Research Chair in Adolescents' Sexual Health Behaviour (2006-2016) and has received a wide range of funding from federal agencies (e.g., NIH, CIHR, SSHRC) and private foundations (e.g., Ford, NBHRF) to support her work.

In a recent check in, Dr. O'Sullivan reports that, along with PhD student, Charlene Belu & Honour student, Kali Furlong, they have recently been approved for, and launched, a really interesting project studying serial sexual assaulters using various social media and gaming sites. The aim is to anonymously engage with men who have admitted to serial sexual assault in order to gain insight into this hard-to-reach population. Additionally, Dr. O'Sullivan & PhD student Charlene Belu have been working on finalizing a collection of data around nonconsensual kissing titled "Stolen Kisses"

"Kissing is a much overlooked form of sexual behaviour, incorporated into all studies but often seen as an ancillary to others and rarely the focus itself. However, we believe it might give us important insights into the tolerance that many people have with regard to some types of nonconsensual experiences." - Dr. Lucia O'Sullivan

## DR. CASEY BURKHOLDER

An Associate Professor in UNB's Faculty of Education, Casey's research programs focus on working with youth through do-it-yourself (DIY) art and media production to explore issues of concern. She is currently the Primary Investigator on three SSHRC - funded projects:

- A project that seeks to queer Social Studies education in New Brunswick
  - A project that seeks to understand the supports and barriers in teaching Sex Education in New Brunswick
  - A social distancing, mail-based art, activism, and archiving project with LGBTQ+ youth in Atlantic Canada called Pride/Swell.
- Dr. Burkholder is deeply committed to working with youth and community members to speak back to oppressive conditions, and work collaboratively to make change in schools and society.



## DR. KELLY SCOTT-STOREY

Dr. Scott-Storey is a health researcher and Associate Professor in the Faculty of Nursing at the University of New Brunswick. Her areas of interests lie broadly within the intersection of violence, gender and health, especially cardiovascular disease. She has held ~ \$4.5 million dollars in research funding and is currently a Principal Investigator (PI) on two large multi-provincial randomized control trials; the iHEAL study, which is aimed at testing the effectiveness of a nurse-led health promotion intervention for women who have experienced intimate partner violence, and the iCAN study, aimed at exploring the use of an on-line health and safety decision aid for women experiencing intimate partner violence. Additionally, she is a PI on a 5-year CIHR Operating Grant and an 18-month NBHRF grant aimed at examining men's experiences of cumulative lifetime violence and the intersection of gender and health.



Dr. Scott-Storey has been actively involved in trying to better measure and capture experiences of interpersonal violence for both women and men. She was part of an international team that developed a short version of the Composite Abuse Scale entitled CASR-SF which is currently being used by Statistics Canada (For details visit: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5168640/>).

Dr. Scott-Storey has disseminated her work through publications, as well as numerous presentations at both National and International workshops, conferences and seminars; her program of research and activism was acknowledged in 2016 by the New Brunswick Health Research Foundation when she was awarded the honour of 'Young Investigator of the Month' and was a finalist for the Young Investigator of the Year Award.

## DR. ARDATH WHYNACHT

Dr. Ardath Whynacht is assistant professor in the Department of Sociology at Mount Allison University. She specializes in critical criminology, feminist and queer theory, mental health and trauma, sociology of science, and youth culture. Ardath explores community responses to violence outside the criminal justice system, including family and partner violence and violence against marginalized groups. She frequently contributes commentary to media on problems of intimate partner and sexual violence.



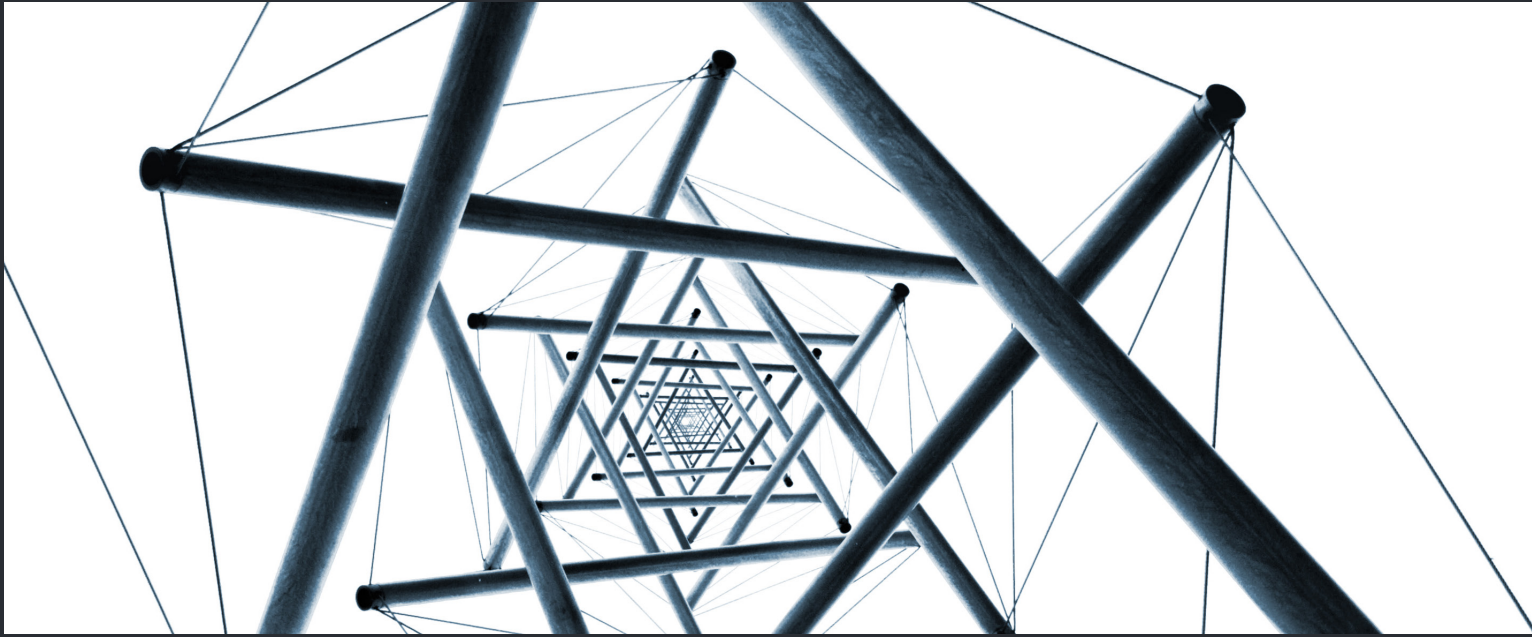


“ It is a privilege to support the collaborative work of the scholars, public service providers and government personnel who are associated with the MMFC. They have been unwavering in their commitment to improving the safety and wellbeing of survivors of all forms of gendered based violence since the onset of the COVID 19 pandemic and its impacts on their work environments. ”

Dr. Cathy Holtmann

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# RESEARCH PROJECTS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MMFC

Dr. Cathy Holtmann is a co-investigator and the MMFC and the Fredericton Sexual Assault Centre are partner organizations with the SSHRC - funded Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative with Vulnerable Populations (CDHPVP) under the direction of Myrna Dawson, the director of the Centre for the Study of Social and Legal Responses to Violence at the University of Guelph and Peter Jaffe, the Academic Director of the Centre for Research & Education on Violence against Women & Children (CREVAWC) at Western University.

Members of the CDHPVP conduct research on domestic homicides in Canada, identify protocols and strategies that will reduce risk and shares this knowledge with the wider community.

The initiative focuses on four vulnerable groups: Indigenous populations; rural, remote and northern populations; immigrant and refugee populations; and children exposed to domestic violence.

Mary Aspinall, a graduate student in the Sociology Department is working as a research assistant for the CDHPVP under Cathy's supervision. Briefs based on research are available via the website: <http://cdhpi.ca/>.



# COMMITTEES & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

As part of its ongoing commitment to the community, staff from the MMFC work with many community committees, namely:

Atlantic Summer Institute (ASI)	Rina Arseneaut
Love Shouldn't Hurt Campaign – Advisory Committee	Silke Brabander
NB Family Violence in the Workplace Committee	Silke Brabander, provincial chairperson
NB Roundtable on Crime and Public Safety	Cathy Holtmann
NB Silent Witness Committee	Silke Brabander
Preventing and Responding to Sexual Violence in New Brunswick	Charlene Belu, PhD Candidate in Clinical Psychology - UNB
UNB/STU/NBCC University Women's Centre Board	Cathy Holtmann, Silke Brabander
UNB's Campus Sexual Assault Prevention Team	Charlene Belu, PhD Candidate in Clinical Psychology - UNB
Vanier Institute for the Family	Rina Arseneaut
White Ribbon Campaign - Fredericton	Silke Brabander
The 203 Centre for Gender & Sexual Diversity	Caen Squires

Of note this year is the work achieved with the New Brunswick Family Violence and the Workplace Committee which succeeded in completing the rebrand exercise and completed its development of a new toolkit and fact sheets before the end of 2019.

- Developed new fact sheets on diversity, trauma-informed employers, confidentiality and privacy of employees, and others.
- Developed and are delivering new training to employers.
- Developed a new logo, website and fact sheets that are currently available at [toolkitnb.ca](https://toolkitnb.ca).
- Developed new promotional items such as a banner, stickers and compiled fact sheets that can be downloaded.





# EDUCATION

## FAMILY VIOLENCE ISSUES CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The Family Violence Issues (FVI) Certificate program consists of eight, three credit hour courses from the Faculty of Arts at UNB. Students can enroll in the program with the approval of the MMFC Director and can put together a program based on their unique interests. They must choose a minimum of three core courses, a maximum of 3 intensive courses, along with at least 2 supplementary courses. Three of the five core courses and two supplementary courses are currently available online through UNB's College of Extended Learning.

These online courses are offered in open entry format which means students can begin at anytime but must complete the course six months from the start date. For more information see: <https://www.unb.ca/cel/credit/online-courses/open-entry-courses/>

The complete description of the FVI Certificate program and all of its courses are in the undergraduate calendar and on the MMFC website.

## NEW FAMILY VIOLENCE ISSUES ONLINE COURSE

FVI 2001 Introduction to Family Violence Issues was launched in January 2019 – a new, online, core course for the FVI Certificate Program. The course was created by Rina Arsenault and Stephanie Sanford. It is described in the UNB Calendar as follows:

Introduction to current theories, research and practice in family violence issues. Topics will include: themes of violence; dynamics of violence; gender relations; attitudes, myths, and realities surrounding family violence; public versus private nature of family violence. Research from various perspectives will be evaluated.

The course content is innovative including extensive use of videos, websites, online resources, and the up-to-date scholarly publications. Rina and Stephanie delivered the course until August and Maria Conroy took over responsibility for the course at the beginning of September 2020.

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## STUDENTS AT THE MMFC

Every year, students make invaluable contributions to the work of the MMFC while acquiring research skills. In 2019-2020 Neda Hosseini worked a graduate research assistant with Cathy Holtmann on a project with the Religion and Violence Research Team. Emma Robinson worked on a contract for the Women's Equality Branch on a Review of Best Practices and Services for Children Exposed to Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence. Zainab Al-Muttairi filled a work-study position as a Knowledge Transfer

Assistant for the Religion and Violence Research Team. Julia Purinton was hired with provincial SEED funding to conduct knowledge transfer work. Alison Meng worked as a graduate assistant with the 2019

Conference Planning Committee and Misha Maitreyi was hired as an editorial assistant for the post - conference book project. Sarah Liberty completed a paid Arts Internship with Liberty Lane Second Stage Housing.





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# CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS



Baobaid, M., and Holtmann, C., 2019. Engaging in Meaningful Conversations with Muslim Communities about Domestic Violence, paper presented at the MMFC conference Ending Gender-Based Violence: Harnessing Research and Action for Social Change, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB, October 9.

Belu, C. F., & O'Sullivan, L. F. (2019, May). Once a poacher always a poacher? Sociosexual orientation, serial infidelity, and associations with relationship quality. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association, Halifax, NS.

Bertrand Robitaille, Anais., Godbout, Élisabeth., Bourassa, Chantal., Roy, Valérie., Lessard, Geneviève., Scott, Katreena., 2020. Paternité en contexte de violence conjugale : évaluation qualitative de l'implantation du programme Caring Dads dans la province de Québec. Canadian Domestic Violence Conference, Halifax, NS., Mars.

Bertrand Robitaille, Anais., Godbout, Élisabeth., Bourassa, Chantal., Lessard, Geneviève., Roy, Valérie., Jenny, Angélique. 2020. Maternité et relation mère-enfant en contexte de violence conjugale : illustration du programme Mothers in Mind au Québec. Canadian Domestic Violence Conference, Halifax, NS., Mars.

Campbell, M.A., 2019. Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment Tool: Validity and Influence on Police Response. Symposium presented at the North American Criminal Justice and Correctional Psychology Conference, Halifax, Canada, June.

Campbell, M.A., Gill, C., & Ballucci, D., 2019. The influence of the ODARA risk information on police response to IPV calls. Paper presented at the North American Criminal Justice and Correctional Psychology Conference, Halifax, Canada, June.

deJong, E., Campbell, M. A., & McTague, J., 2019. An evaluation of police use of a risk assessment tool for intimate partner violence. Symposium paper presented at the North American Criminal Justice and Correctional Psychology Conference, Halifax, Canada, June.

Ford-Gilboe, M., Wathen, N., O'Donnell, S., Scott-Storey, K., Varcoe, C., MacMillan, H., Perrin, N., MacGregor, J., Sedziafa, A., 2019. Development and testing of the Composite Abuse Scale Revised-Short Form (CASR-SF): A gendered analysis. Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum, Cape Town, South Africa., October 21-24.

Gryshuck, O., Campbell, M.A., McTague, J., & deJong, E., 2019. The utility of the ODARA with female suspects of intimate partner violence. Symposium paper presented at the North American Criminal Justice and Correctional Psychology Conference, Halifax, Canada, June.

Hughes, K., O'Sullivan, L. F., & Byers, E. S. (2019, June). Sexual functioning of late adolescents and young adults: Individual and relationship factors. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association, Halifax.

Holtmann, C. 2019. Lived Religion and the Gendering of Care, paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in St. Louis, MI, October 26.

Hofmann, D.C., 2019. Targeted Removal: Optimizing Disruption to Illicit and Covert Networks. The Annual Conference of the Gregg Centre for the Study of War and Society and the Canadian Army Combat Training Centre, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada.

Holtmann, C., 2019. Immigrant Women in the Maritimes: Considering their Strengths and Vulnerabilities When Responding to Intimate Partner Violence, presentation for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women at UNB Saint John, November 25.

Holtmann, C., and Hosseini Kazemizad, N., 2019. Gender Roles, Religious Immigrant Families and IPV, paper presented at the MMFC conference Ending Gender-Based Violence: Harnessing Research and Action for Social Change, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB, October 10.

Holtmann, C., Gareau, P., Selby, J., and Shipley, H., 2019. Authors-Meet-Critics session on Exploring Religion and Diversity in Canada: People, Practice and Possibility (Springer, 2018), at the annual meeting for the Canadian Society for Studies in Religion during Congress 2019, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, June 4.

Holtmann, C., and Robinson, E., 2019. Interfaith Photovoice Initiative: Amplifying Voices through Photography, Interfaith Dialogue and Immigrant Advocacy, paper presented at the Canadian Sociological Association annual meeting during Congress 2019, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, June 3.

Holtmann, C., and Hosseini Kazemizad, N., 2019. Christian and Muslim Immigrant Couples and Gendered Practices of Care, paper presented at the International Collaboration on Faith and Violence, Acadia Divinity College, Wolfville, NS, May 28.

Holtmann, C., and Robinson, E., 2019. Seeing Religion: Photovoice and Muslim-Christian Dialogue, paper presented at the 36th Qualitative Analysis Conference, Fredericton, NB, May 10.

Maitreyi, M., and Holtmann, C., 2020. The Othering of Muslim Minorities and the Issue of Intimate Partner Violence: Implications for Public Policy and Service Provision. Canadian Domestic Violence Conference 6. Halifax, NS, March.

McMullin, Steve., Nason-Clark., Nancy. Seminary Students and Training about Domestic Violence, research paper presented at the MMFC conference Ending Gender-Based Violence: Harnessing Research and Action for Social Change, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB, October 9-10.

McMullin, Steve., Nason-Clark., Nancy., 2019. The Seminary's Role in Preparing Students to Respond to Domestic Violence, research paper presented at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association, St. Louis, MO, October.

Mitchell, K., Lewis, R., O'Sullivan, L. & Fortenberry, D. (2019, October). A concept of sexual wellbeing for population health. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Denver, CO.

O'Donnell, S., 2019. Examining the use and effectiveness of workplace Employee Family Assistance Programs for the identification and treatment of employee depression. American Psychological Association International Work, Stress, and Health Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania., November 6-9.

O'Donnell, S., Scott-Storey, K., Ford-Gilboe, M., Varcoe, C., Wathen, N., MacMillan, H., 2019. Examining the applicability and fit of the Composite Abuse Scale Revised-Short Form (CASR-SF) for Men? MMFC National Conference: Ending Gender Based Violence: Harnessing Research and Action for Social Change, Fredericton, New Brunswick., October 9-10.

O'Donnell, S., Scott-Storey, K., Wuest, J., 2019. Ask and they will come: Engaging men in violence, gender and health research. National 36th Qualitative Analysis Conference: The Transdisciplinary Efficacy of Qualitative Methods: Studying Everyday Life, the Empirical Tradition Continues, Fredericton, New Brunswick., May 9-11.

O'Sullivan, L. F., Byers, E. S., & Hughes, K. (2019, June). Making it work: how intimate relationships provide a context to resolve problems in sexual functioning for young people. In L. F. O'Sullivan (Chair), In the pursuit (or avoidance) of sexual pleasure: Relationships in context. Symposium presented at the Positive Action in Relationships Mini Conference of the International Association for Relationship Research, Ottawa.

O'Sullivan, L. F. (2019, June). Tech-enabled (not tech-eclipsed)! In J. Verette Lindenbaum (Chair), Positive Action in Teaching Relationships. Symposium presented at the Positive Action in Relationships Mini Conference of the International Association for Relationship Research, Ottawa.

O'Sullivan, L. F., Lee, B. H., & Belu, C. F. (2019, July). Only you: Monogamy maintenance strategies and the appeal of attractive others. Paper presented at the Applied Relationships Mini Conference of the International Association for Relationship Research, Brighton, United Kingdom.

O'Sullivan, L. F., Lee, B., & Belu, C. F. (2019, October). Efforts to maintain monogamy when faced with an attractive alternative partner. Paper presented at the annual congress of the World Association for Sexual Health, Mexico City, Mexico.

O'Sullivan, L. F. (2019, November). Dealbreakers and ultimatums: Negotiating romantic and sexual exclusivity in (ostensibly) monogamous relationships. In R. Balzarini (Chair), Understanding Relationships Beyond Monogamy: Predicting Interest, Pleasure, and Satisfaction in Casual Encounters and Consensual Non-Monogamy. Symposium presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Denver, CO.

Scott-Storey, K., O'Donnell, S., & Wuest, J., 2019. Cumulative lifetime violence severity: Does it make a difference to the health of Canadian men? MMFC National Conference: Ending Gender Based Violence: Harnessing Research and Action for Social Change. Fredericton, NB, Canada, October 9-10.

Read, E. A., O'Donnell, S., Bruning, P., & Donovan, J., 2019. Examining the use and effectiveness of workplace Employee Family Assistance Programs for the identification and treatment of employee depression. American Psychological Association International Work, Stress, and Health Conference Philadelphia, Pennsylvania., November 6-9.

Richard, M., & O'Sullivan, L. F. (2019, October). Sexual assault and victimization of massage therapists by their clients. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Sex Research Forum, Victoria, BC.



Richard, M., Belu, C. F., & O'Sullivan, L. F. (2019, June). Rape myth acceptance among university students: Its associations with bystander intervention attitudes and sexual assault. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association, Halifax.

Robinson, E. 2019. Attitudes Toward Sexual Assault Among Evangelical Protestant Youth in New Brunswick, paper presented at the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research 2019 Conference, Fredericton, NB, October 9.

Robinson, E., 2019. Rape Myths, Sexual Scripts, and Consent in Evangelical Purity Books, paper presented at the International Collaboration on Faith and Violence, hosted by Acadia Divinity College in Wolfville, NS, May 28.

Rogers, M., 2019. Social Proof. Creative Connections. Fredericton, NB., October 24-26.

Rogers, M., 2019. Mobilizing 'Social Proof.' Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre's (MMFC) conference, Ending Gender Based Violence: Harnessing Research and Action for Social Change., Fredericton, NB., October 9-10.

Rogers, M., Moorehouse, A., Milchenko, L. & Giffin, T., 2019. Addressing cyberviolence with youth through participatory verbatim cinema (New Brunswick Education Research Symposium). Fredericton, NB.

Rogers, M., 2019. Addressing cyberviolence with youth through participatory verbatim cinema: Social Proof as activism. Qualitative Conference, Fredericton, NB. May 9-11.

Tastsoglou, E., 2019. Panel Speaker on Why is it important to have a regional specific settlement and integration model of practice for the Atlantic region? What would an Atlantic region-specific model look like?" at: Challenges to Newcomer Settlement and Integration in Atlantic Canada. (SSHRC Connections Grant Team Conference). Halifax, N.S., June 12-13.

Weeks, L. E., 2019. How can we support diverse older women who experience intimate partner violence? Northwood's 9th Annual Research Symposium, Dartmouth, June 14.







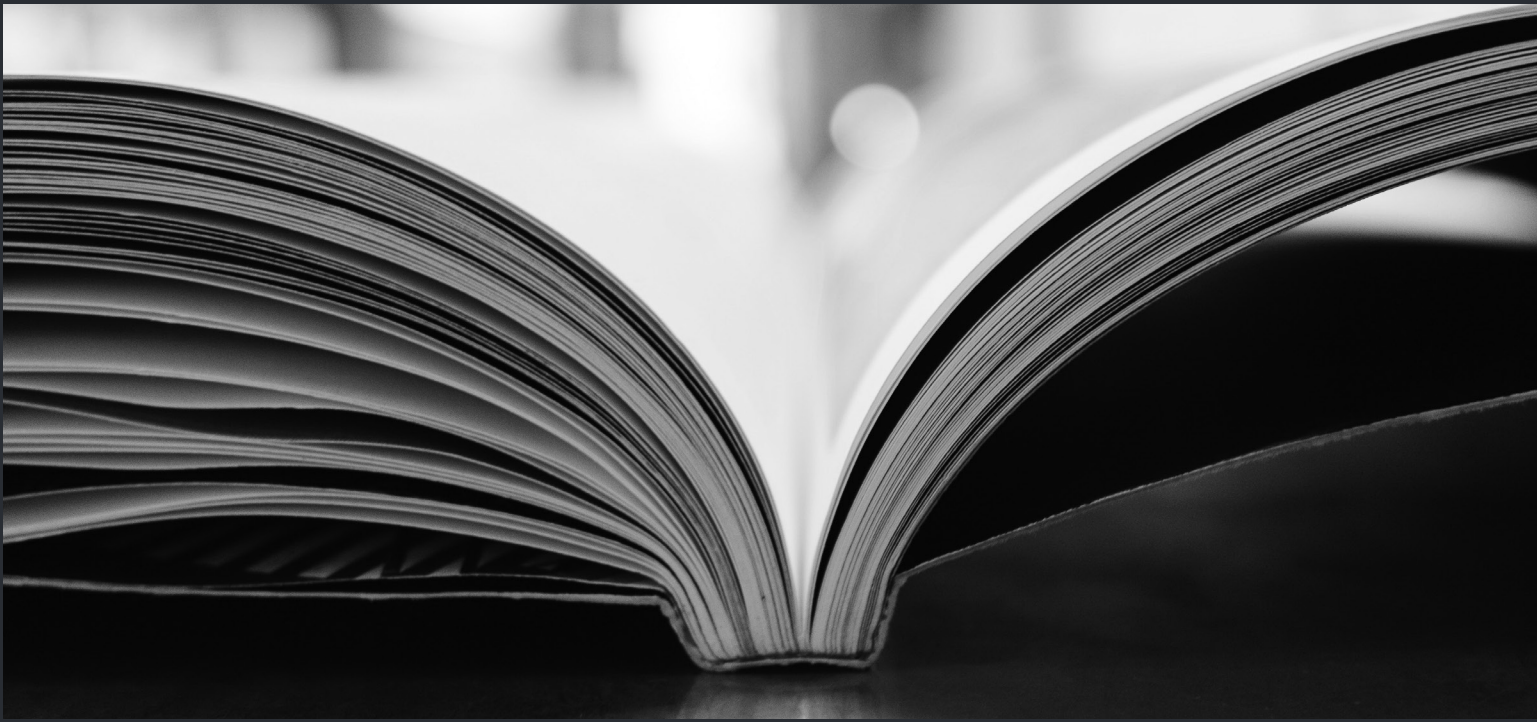
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# INVITED PRESENTATIONS



- Brabaner, Silke., 2019. Introduction to the work, and breadth of research, of the MMFC. Fredericton, NB, November.
- Brabander, Silke., 2019. 30th Anniversary Vigil Speaker. National Day of Action and Remembrance on Violence Against Women. UNB. December 6.
- Campbell, M.A., 2019. Appraising risk of intimate partner violence: The role of the ODARA as a decision-aid for police. Invited panelist at The Silent Witness Journey: Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation – Family Violence Symposium organized in partnership with the Women’s Equality Branch of the NB Government, Fredericton, New Brunswick, March 29.
- Gautreau, G., 2020. National Roundtable: Gender-Based Violence against Non-Status, Refugee and Immigrant Women in the context of COVID19, online presentation, Fredericton, April 30.
- Gautreau, G., 2019. Atlantic Region Association of Immigrant Serving Agencies Annual Professional Development Forum on Mental Health and Trauma-Informed Approaches to Settlement Services, Halifax, October 9.
- Hofmann, David., 2019. Right-Wing Extremism in Canada, Cross-Cultural Roundtable on Security, Public Safety Canada, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, [Co-presented with Amar Amarasingham], June 15.
- Holtmann, C., Brabander, S., Dubé, N., Board Orientation.
- Holtmann, C., and Robinson, E., 2019. “Seeing and Believing in a Digital Age: Christian-Muslim Interfaith Engagement through Photovoice,” paper presented for the Sociology Department Brown Bag series at UNB, Fredericton, November 20
- Holtmann, C., 2019. Family Violence Prevention: The Role of Research, presented to the Christ Church Cathedral Mother’s Union, Fredericton, NB, November.
- Holtmann, C., 2019. Immigrant Women in the Maritimes: Considering their Strengths and Vulnerabilities When Responding to Intimate Partner Violence, presentation for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women at UNB Saint John, November 25.
- Holtmann, C., 2019. Panel discussion on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in research, hosted by the Office of Research Services at UNB, May 3.
- Moorehouse, A., 2019. Exploring Cyberviolence through Social Proof. Invited presentation. ED6108: Comprehensive Sexuality Education. University of New Brunswick. Fredericton, NB.
- Nason-Clark, N., 2019. Understanding and Responding to Intimate Partner Violence: Is Religion Part of the Problem or Part of the Solution? Public Lecture, Goethe Universität Frankfurt, Frankfurt, Germany, November 4.
- Nason-Clark, N., 2019. Convocation Address, Acadia University, May 10.
- Neilson, Linda, C., 2019. Expert Witness Senate Law and Constitutional Affairs Committee to comment on Bill C-78 (proposed changes to the Divorce Act). See item 4 for access to briefs, June 5.

- O'Donnell, S., 2019. Workplace bullying what you need to know. Horizon Health Network Registration Clerks Professional Development Workshop. Saint John Regional Hospital, Saint John, New Brunswick, June 7.
- O'Sullivan, L. F. (2019, November). Assessing the trip wires of relationship exclusivity: How infidelity evolves despite a strong standard of monogamy. Invited talk presented at the Kinsey Institute, Bloomington, Indiana.
- O'Regan, Karla., 2020. Dementia & the Capacity to Consent for GERO 4023: Advanced Seminar in Gerontology, St. Thomas University, Fredericton, New Brunswick., February 19.
- O'Regan, Karla., 2020. Ethical Considerations in Social Work Practice for SCWK 5006: Preparing for Social Work Practice, St. Thomas University, Fredericton, New Brunswick, January 14.
- O'Regan, Karla., 2020. Sex Ethics: Conversations about Consent for first-year students, St. Thomas University, Fredericton, New Brunswick, January 6.
- O'Regan, Karla., 2019. Sexual Misconduct in the Workplace., (invited panelist) FAUST/CAUT., St. Thomas University, Fredericton, New Brunswick, September 16.
- O'Regan, Karla., 2019. Research Ethics & Social Work Practice for SCWK 5223: Organizing for Action with Diverse Groups, May 23.
- O'Regan, Karla., 2019. Consent Conversations" for Rothesay Netherwood School (Grade 11), March 20.
- O'Regan, Karla., 2019. The Charter and LGBTQIA2+ Human Rights" for HMRT 3633A: Gender Expression, Sexual Orientation, and Human Rights", September 25.
- Parker, S., 2019. Violence in the Workplace. NB Power Employee Training. NB Power, Fredericton, New Brunswick. Developer and Speaker., March 18-22, 25-29)
- Parker, S., O'Donnell, S., 2019. Workplace Conduct Employee Workshop. City of Saint John, Saint John New Brunswick. Developer and Speakers., May 6-7.
- Rogers, M., & Moorehouse, A., 2019. Social Proof and Ethics. UNB Faculty of Education, Ethical Dilemma Café., Fredericton, NB.
- Rogers, M., Phinney, A., Moorehouse, A., Milchenko, L., & Sharpe, T., 2019. Social Proof. Invited presentation for the National Social Work Month at the New Brunswick Social Work Association. Fredericton, NB.
- Rogers, M., Milchenko, L., & Giffin, T., 2019. Social Proof: Screening and Discussion. Invited presentation. SOCI 3634: Violence Against Women, University of New Brunswick. Fredericton, NB.
- Rogers, M., Phinney, A., Moorehouse, A., Milchenko, L. & Sharpe, T., 2019. 10 years of the What's up Doc? Film program and festival. Cinema Politica. Fredericton, NB



# BOOKS, CHAPTERS & ARTICLES

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Belu, C. F., & O'Sullivan, L. F. (in press) Formation of a primary relationship with an infidelity partner. In T. Shackelford, & T. DeLecce (Eds.), *The Oxford handbook of infidelity*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

Burtch, Andrew., (2019) *Histoire Sociale/Social History*, 52:105, May.

Byers, E. S., O'Sullivan, L. F., & Hughes, K. (2019). Sexual functioning of late adolescents and young adults in relationships: Association with Individual characteristics and relationship factors. *Sexual and Relationship Therapy*. Online ahead of print doi: 10.1080/14681994.2019.1626982

Crocker, Diane; Minaker, Joanne; Nelund, Amanda, Eds. (under assessment with McGill Queens University Press) *Critical Conversations about Sexual Violence on University Campuses: New Challenges, Novel Solutions*.

Hofmann, D.C., 2019. Breaking Free: A Socio-Historical Analysis of the Canadian Freeman-on-the-Land Movement, in *Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism in Canada*, Jez Littlewood, Lorne Dawson, and Sara Thompson (Eds.). Toronto: University of Toronto Press.



- Neilson, Linda C., et al., 2019. Collective Memo of Concern to: World Health Organization (London, Ontario: Western University).
- Neilson, Linda C., Meier, Joan., Sheehy, Elizabeth, USA; Jackson, Margaret, Boyd, Susan, Jaffe, Peter, and Lapierre, Simon, Canada; and Halperin-Kaddari, Ruth, Israel of the international Collective Memo of Concern to World Health Organization relating to a reference to “parental alienation” in the ICD-11.
- Neilson, Linda C., 2019. Brief on Bill C-78 Prepared for Canadian Senate (Ottawa: Senate of Canada)
- Neilson, Linda C., LEAF (Women’s Legal Education and Action Fund) Brief on Bill C-78 Joint Brief submitted by Luke’s Place and National Association of Women and the Law to House of Commons on Bill C-78.
- Neilson, Linda C., International discussion list of leading family law, child rights, child welfare and mental health academics/professionals concerned about the spread of parental alienation claims made in family law cases. Countries represented: Australia, Canada, Israel, Italy, Brazil, New Zealand, United Kingdom and USA. The associated drop box is administered by Z. Rathus, Griffiths University, Australia.
- O’Donnell, S., Scott-Storey, K., Wuest, J., Malcolm, J., Taylor, P., & Vincent, C. (2020). Patterns of Correlates of Cannabis Use by Cumulative Lifetime Violence Severity in a Community Sample of Eastern Canadian Men. *Journal of Cannabis Research*, 2(14): 1-17. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s42238-020-00021-5>
- O’Sullivan, L. F., Belu, C. F., Richard, M. E., Fuller, R. B. (under review). Intervening on behalf of a target during incidents of sexual assault among college student bystanders. *Journal of Sex Research*.
- O’Sullivan, L. F., Meyer-Bahlburg, H. F. L., & McKeague, I. (2019). Sexual Self-Concept Inventory. In R. R. Milhausen, J. K. Sakaluk, T. D. Fisher, C. M. Davis, & W. L. Yarber (Eds.), *The Handbook of Sexuality-Related Measures* (4th edition) (pp. 539-541). New York, NY: Routledge.
- O’Sullivan, L. F., Vannier, S., & Merwin, K. (2020). Sexual communication. In C. F. Pukall (Ed.), *Human Sexuality* (pp. 296-312). Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
- O’Sullivan, L. F. (2019). Sexual harassment and assault of New Brunswick massage therapists. Report provided to Association of New Brunswick Massage Therapists. (French version: Harcèlement sexuel et agression sexuelle des massothérapeutes du Nouveau-Brunswick).
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- Scott-Storey, K., O’Donnell, J., & Wuest, J., MacIntosh, J., & Merritt-Gray, M., 2020. The Cumulative Lifetime Violence Severity Scale: Development and Initial Testing Among Men. *BMC Public Health*, 20(418), 1-14. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-020-08551-6>

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Tastsoglou, Evangelia., 2019. Special Guest Editor of Special Issue on Transnational, Feminist and Intersectional Perspectives on Immigrants and Refugees in Canada of the journal of Canadian Ethnic Studies, Vol. 51. 3, pp. 1-182.

Tastsoglou, Evangelia., 2019. Transnational, Feminist and Intersectional Perspectives on Immigrants and Refugees in Canada: An Introduction, in Special Issue on Transnational, Feminist and Intersectional Perspectives on Immigrants and Refugees in Canada of the journal of Canadian Ethnic Studies (edited by E. Tastsoglou), Vol. 51: 3, , pp. 1-16.

Tastsoglou, Evangelia., and Nourpanah, Shiva., 2019. (Re)Producing Gender: Refugee Advocacy and Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in Refugee Narratives, in Special Issue on Transnational, Feminist and Intersectional Perspectives on Immigrants and Refugees in Canada of the journal of Canadian Ethnic Studies, (edited by E. Tastsoglou), Vol. 51: 3, pp. 37-57.

Thompson, A. E., & O'Sullivan, L. F. (2019) The Definitions of Infidelity Questionnaire. In R. R. Milhausen, J. K. Sakaluk, T. D. Fisher, C. M. Davis, & W. L. Yarber (Eds.), *The Handbook of Sexuality-Related Measures* (4th edition) (pp. 453-455). New York, NY: Routledge.

Williams., R., Sachs, W.L., Holtmann, C., van Stee, E.G., Eekhoff, K., Bos, M., and Amonette, A., 2019. Through One Another's Lenses: Photovoice and Interfaith Dialogue in Giordan, G. and Lynch, A.P., eds. *Annual Review of the Sociology of Religion, Volume 10, Interreligious Dialogue: From Religion to Geopolitics*. Pp. 253-274. Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill.

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O'Sullivan, L. F., "Have You Ever Dated a Sapiosexual?" By Dave McGinn, *The Globe and Mail*, October 3, 2019. Available at: <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/life/relationships/article-the-rise-of-the-sapio-sexual-identity-in-dating/>

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# SEMINARS, WEBINARS, WORKSHOPS

Brabander, Silke., 2019. It's Your Business to Care: Intimate Partner Violence and the Impact on the Workplace Workshop. June 3.

Brabander, Silke & Manuel, Lindsay., 2019. It's Your Business to Care: Intimate Partner Violence and the Impact on the Workplace Workshop. Dec 3-4.

Brabander, Silke., 2019. Trauma-Informed Ways to Helping Each Other Workshop: The connection between abuse, the impacts of trauma and how everyone can help those who are suffering from abuse in a trauma-informed way. Immigrant Women's Association of New Brunswick. November.

Brabander, Silke., 2019. Assessing Danger in Abusive Relationships – An Overview of Intimate Partner Violence and Risk Factors for Lethality Webinar. Association canadienne des travailleuses et travailleurs sociaux (ACTS). November 14.

Brabander, Silke., 2019. Évaluer le danger dans les relations violentes – Un aperçu de la violence entre partenaires intimes et des facteurs de risque pour la létalité. Webinar. Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW). November 28.

Rogers, Matt., Reader's Theater by Anil Adeshi, Associate Professor and Division Director of Occupational Medicine at the University of Toronto, Kelly VanBuskirk, Lawyer and Partner at Lawson Creamer Lawyers and Sue O'Donnell, WVAT Academic Co-Chair and Associate Professor at the Faculty of Nursing, University of New Brunswick

Rogers, Matt., WorkSafeNB Demonstration by Geneviève Pilon the Assistant Director and Angela Francoeur a Regulatory Review Officer of WorkSafeNB.

# COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

In December of 2019, the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre, in conjunction with the Fergusson Foundation and the Human Rights and Positive Environment Office of UNB, hired its first Communications Officer, Caen Squires, on a 3-year contract.



### THEIR ROLE HAS INCLUDED:

- The coordination and implementation of the MMFC communications strategy.
- Development and management of communication plans, defining audiences, key messages, success indicators, tactics, and measurement strategies for internal and external audiences for promotional purposes
- Coordination of interviews and fact-checking. Write articles, reports, press releases, media advisories, web content, social media posts, etc.
- The coordination, implementation and production of annual reports, e-newsletters, and management of website content
- Distribution of communications to relevant audiences. Tracking the dissemination of all communications materials and distillation of their impact.
- Coordinating media relations with UNB Communications, UNB faculty and staff, journalists, as well as community, businesses, government, and regional universities; to work closely with the Communications and Marketing groups of UNB.
- Supervision of the communications-related activities engaged in by students who work or conduct research for the MMFC.







# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW:

The budget for MMFC's core operations for the fiscal year 2019-2020 was \$412,397. The core funding was provided from the interest on the endowment fund of the Fergusson Foundation (\$170,000), and from the University of New Brunswick (\$166,251), and various miscellaneous revenues. The MMFC would like to thank the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation for their financial support for 2019-2020. Their significant support is instrumental to the operation of the MMFC.

In addition to the Faculty of Arts contributing a full-time administrative secretary, UNB pays for all maintenance and utilities for MMFC. Also, many other units at the University of New Brunswick provide a variety of services and in-kind support, especially the Office of Research Services, the Financial Services, Development and Donor Relations, Human Resources, Student Services, Campus Sexual Assault Support Advocates, Communications, Marketing, Facilities Management, UNB Libraries, College of Extended Learning, Student Career and Employment Services, Human Rights and Positive Environment Office, and Integrated Technology Services. These services and supports are greatly appreciated and instrumental to the operation of MMFC.

## Research & Education Funding

Research Teams and Committees at the MMFC receive the following types of funding for research-based work. The funds awarded in 2019-2020 are listed in the table below

- Health Canada
- Justice Canada
- Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)

Tri-Council funding:

- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)
- Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR)
- Women's Equality Branch, Government of New Brunswick (Community Action Fund)

Student Grants are also obtained through the following programs:

- Work Study
- Canada Summer Jobs
- Summer Employment Experience Development



Below is an estimate of the grants received for research and education in 2019-2020, followed by the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for MMFC Operations.

# OPERATIONS FUNDING OF THE MMFC : GRANTS & AWARDS



Below is an estimate of the grants received for research and education in 2019-2020, followed by the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for MMFC Operations.

MMFC	GRANTING AGENCY	AMOUNT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Student/Staff Employee Programs</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work Study Grant</li><li>• Youth Employment Fund</li><li>• Student Employment Experience Development</li></ul>	<div>1,016</div> <div>3,657</div> <div>6,868</div>
Sub-Total		\$11,541

MMFC CONSULTANT/ EVALUATION PROJECTS	GRANTING AGENCY	AMOUNT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improving Women’s Access to Justice through Institutional Change</li><li>• Enhancing Criminal Justice Response to Sexual Violence in New Brunswick</li><li>• SVNБ Maintain</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fredericton Sexual Assault Centre</li><li>• Fredericton Sexual Assault Centre</li><li>• Fredericton Sexual Assault Centre</li></ul>	<div>3,000</div> <div>3,000</div> <div>4,500</div>
Sub-Total		\$10,500



MMFC RESEARCH TEAMS/ PROJECTS	GRANTING AGENCY	AMOUNT
Creating Peaceful Learning Environments Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSHRC (\$200,000 2019-2023)</li> <li>SSHRC (\$300,000 2020-2024)</li> <li>Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation</li> <li>UNB Work (two terms)</li> <li>Canada Summer Jobs grant</li> </ul>	50,000 75,000 5,000 1,800 2,000
Religion and Violence Research Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acadia Divinity College, for International Collaboration on Faith &amp; Violence</li> <li>MMFC, for International Collaboration on Faith &amp; Violence</li> <li>UNB Arts Faculty Academic Development Funding for travel to the annual meeting for the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion at Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities, UBC, Vancouver, BC</li> <li>Sociology Department</li> </ul>	5,000 4,500 600 1,000
Workplace Violence and Abuse Team (Workplace Bullying)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Brunswick Health Research Foundation (NBHRF) Bridge Grant Fund (2020-2021) Variation in Men's Health by Cumulative Lifetime Violence Severity and Social Determinants of Health: A Longitudinal Exploratory Study.</li> <li>New Brunswick Health Research Foundation (NBHRF) Bridge Grant Fund. (2019-2021). Cumulative Lifetime Violence and Men's Health Promotion Processes: A Grounded Theory Photovoice study</li> <li>Nursing Resource Strategy Fund. (2019-2020).</li> <li>Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Connections Grant. (2019-2020). Ending gender -based violence: Harnessing research for action and social change</li> </ul>	34,409 34,937 8,090 12,752
Violence against Immigrant and Visible Minority Women in New Brunswick Research Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CIHR funding for Violence against Women Migrants and Refugees: Analyzing Causes and Effective Policy Response.</li> <li>Community Action Fund from the GNB Women's Equality Branch, for Training Symposium: Cross-cultural Support for Immigrant DIPV Survivors</li> </ul>	6,689.50 15,000
Safe and Understood Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Health Agency of Canada New Brunswick section of this project: \$111,900 (2016-2020).</li> </ul>	27,975
Preventing and Eliminating Cyberviolence against Young Women and Girls		
Sub-Total		\$276,663

RESEARCH FELLOWS	GRANTING AGENCY	AMOUNT
• Dr. Lucia O’Sullivan	• Social Sciences and Humanities Council of Canada: Supports and Barriers in Teaching Sex Education in New Brunswick Schools	233,060
• Dr. Kelly Scott-Storey	• Canadian Institutes of Health Research (\$383,675 - 2014-2019) for Lifetime Violence, Masculinities, & Health project	76,735
	• Public Health Agency of Canada Grant. (2016-2021; \$3,050,674) for iHEAL Project	610,135
• Dr. Evangelia Tastsoglou	• SMU Community Engagement Research	7,500
	• Canadian Institutes of Health Research for Violence against Women Migrants and Refugees project (\$220,912 for 2019-2021 three-year project)	
	• Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Insight Development Grant	73,637
Sub-Total		\$1,001,067
		11,541
		10,500
		276,663
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TOTAL		<u>\$1,299,771</u>

\*The above amounts are estimated based on multi-year grant information provided to us.







# FINANCIAL REPORT

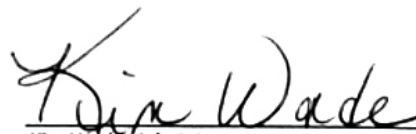
**Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research**  
**Revenue and Expenditures**  
**Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020**

Carry Forward	\$ 4,269
<b>REVENUE</b>	
Fergusson Foundation (FF) Grant	\$ 170,000
Fergusson Foundation (FF) Communications Officer	\$ 15,484
Fergusson Foundation (FF) Recovery of Expenses	\$ 862
University of New Brunswick (UNB)	\$ 166,251
UNB Human Rights Office Communications Officer (salary & computer)	\$ 6,178
Centre Funds - portion of computer for Communications Officer	\$ 2,233
Summer student Grant (Fed)	
Youth Employment Fund (YEF)	\$ 3,657
Work Study Grant	\$ 1,016
Summer Employment Experience Development (SEED)	\$ 6,868
Subsidized administration	\$ -
Special Project funding	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 372,550</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Salaries-FF/MMFC (50% Director, Associate Director)	\$ 134,542
Salaries-UNB (50% Director, Admin)	\$ 133,339
Salaries-Communication Officer	\$ 20,645
Maintenance-UNB	\$ 31,912
Youth Employment Fund	\$ 3,657
Work Study Grant	\$ 1,016
Summer Employment Experience Development (SEED)	\$ 8,836
Professional Fees	
Office (phone lines, photocopier, supplies, etc.)	\$ 7,498
Computers	\$ 3,257
Office Equipment	
Transportation	\$ 353
Conferences/Seminars/Professional Development	\$ 1,420
Research Support	
Special Projects	
Communications	\$ 1,085
Other expenses	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 347,560</b>
<b>Balance of Revenues - Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 29,259</b>



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Date: September 9, 2020



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