

2025 - 2026 Annual Report



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Director's Report

This year has been a year of firsts for me in ways I could not have imagined. I moved from studying histories of violence and disability in the seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth centuries to leading a research centre focused on action-oriented research to eliminate family violence. If you had told me even a few years ago that I would find myself here, I would have asked who your psychic was and how much they charge. But life has a funny way of placing us where we are meant to be, sometimes long before we understand why. The Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research and the Fergusson Foundation took a chance on me, and I am deeply grateful for their trust, generosity, and their bravery.

My training as a historian has brought a somewhat different perspective to the Centre's work. Historians are, after all, professionally obsessed with asking how we got here. A historical perspective reveals how systems of power have normalized, enabled, and sometimes actively produced violence within families and communities. It also reminds us that what feels entrenched can change, that progress is rarely linear, and that people have the power to make change. As a historian, I am a storyteller, and part of what I love about coming to the Centre is the opportunity to learn new research and tell stories that have real-world impact today.

This perspective has informed my first year as Director and the Centre's research agenda. Although it was a year of transition, it has also been immensely successful. I am particularly proud of the research and partnerships we have developed. This year, I received two SSHRC grants that will significantly expand the Centre's research program. An Insight Development Grant will support my project on the medicalization of gender-based violence in nineteenth-century New Brunswick and how NB women created their own care networks and survival strategies when formal institutional protection failed. A Connection Grant, undertaken with Dr. Matt Rogers, will support a documentary film exploring the history of the women who founded the Fergusson Foundation and the MMFC. This project was inspired by the incredible stories many of you shared about the early years of the FF and MMFC. The tenacity of the women who led this movement, and the Centre's place in Canada's wider history, piqued my historian's curiosity, and I knew their story had to be told to a wide audience. SSHRC, the Fergusson Foundation, and the UNB University Research Fund support the project, and I am particularly excited about the opportunity to bring this history to a wider audience. I have also begun a new collaborative project with Dr. Melissa Keehan, Dr. Andrea Garner, Katie Hamill, Dr. Matt Rogers, and Solo Chicken Productions



focused on disability-centred sexuality education as a strategy to prevent gender-based violence against disabled children and youth. This work brings together disability studies, GBV research, community expertise, and knowledge mobilization to contribute meaningfully to prevention.

At the same time, important existing initiatives have continued and expanded. The Centre continues to support the Abuse and Neglect of Older Adults Research Team (ANO-ART), which focuses on women in midlife and older who have experienced intimate partner violence. This builds on the Centre's longstanding commitment to ensuring that research responds to the experiences of women whose needs are too often overlooked. From Awareness to Action (A2A) concluded, and the Centre signed on to support the continuation of their work on family violence and family law, while strengthening our role within the Alliance of Canadian Research Centres on Gender-Based Violence. These ongoing partnerships remind us that the Centre's impact is built not only through new projects but also through sustained relationships and long-term commitments to collaborative research.

This year also saw the growth of the Centre's research community. We were delighted to welcome Dr. Yvonne Simpson as a postdoctoral fellow. Dr. Simpson's work on disabled women survivors of gender-based violence in New Brunswick brings an important focus to the structural barriers that shape access to safety, health care, and justice. We also welcomed Dr. Brandon Sparks as a research fellow. Dr. Sparks is an expert on incels, male loneliness, and misogyny, bringing valuable expertise to the Centre's work on technology-facilitated gender-based violence. Researchers with such varied expertise strengthen the Centre's intellectual life and expand the questions we can ask.

The Centre also had a busy year of public engagement and knowledge mobilization. During the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, we hosted a film screening, contributed to the December 6 commemorative event (where I was honoured to deliver the keynote address), and filmed a fireside chat with Honourable Dr. Lynn Chantal Boudreau, Minister of Women and Gender Equality. These events offered important opportunities to share research, listen, build relationships, and reaffirm the Centre's commitment to working alongside the communities we serve. We also expanded the MMFC's podcast, *In Conversation*, which the Centre hosts and produces and brings researchers, front-line workers, advocates, and community members together to discuss gender-based violence in Atlantic Canada. The podcast has given us another way to make research accessible beyond the university and, equally importantly, to create space for people doing this work in communities to share their knowledge and experiences. I have particularly enjoyed using the podcast to have conversations that might not otherwise happen and to introduce our audiences to the people and ideas shaping the field and frontline services.

I have been fortunate to be part of the team at the MMFC. They welcomed me with open arms and have been so patient as I learned a new disciplinary language. As a historian, I never imagined I would say the words coding, data, and knowledge mobilization so often! More seriously, I have been incredibly fortunate to work alongside people who bring expertise, creativity, and teamwork to the Centre every day. Dr. Matt Rogers helped transition me into the director role. He was always up for a troubleshooting phone call and provided me with such great mentoring that I am convinced he should moonlight as a career coach. Our Administrative Coordinator, Michael Van Tassell, has patiently taught me a great deal about the Centre's work and the research environment in which it operates, and I am deeply grateful for his generosity and collegiality. PhD candidate and GBV researcher Katie Hamill joined the Centre in October as our Communications and Knowledge Dissemination Officer. Katie revived our podcast and brought creativity, expertise, and community connections to our workplace. This year, the MMFC also said goodbye to Associate Director Danie Gagnon, who had been an important part of the Centre for several years. We are grateful for all that Danie contributed during her time with us and wish her every success in her new opportunity.

We are also thrilled to welcome our new Associate Director, Mayme Lefurgey. Mayme brings decades of experience in community-based and collaborative research on gender-based violence, and it is difficult to imagine a better fit for this role. We are delighted that she will join us in January, and I am excited about what we will accomplish together. In the meantime, the team will continue moving the Centre forward toward new goals and ambitions, strengthening our service to communities across New Brunswick and the Atlantic provinces, and supporting research, education, and programming focused on gender-based and family violence. The Centre also looks forward to welcoming our new Canadian Research Chair, Dr. Jennifer Storey, in October.

The Fergusson Foundation and the MMFC Board of Directors have been an important part of my tenure as Director. They have welcomed me with kindness and generosity. I am deeply grateful for the Foundation's confidence in the Centre and in me, and for how its members have made me feel part of the Fergusson community from the very beginning. The relationship between the Foundation and the MMFC is one of the things that makes this Centre special. The Foundation's support makes much of our work possible. Still, its relationship with the Centre is about more than financial support: it reflects a shared commitment to research, education, and action to prevent and eliminate family violence. I look forward to building on that relationship in the years ahead.

On a more personal level, this year has also brought an unexpected sense of coming full circle. Over the past year at the MMFC, I have come to understand my family violence history in new ways. Being part of this network of scholars, activists, advocates, practitioners, and survivors has been deeply meaningful. What a gift it has been to meet people who do this work because it is their why -- their purpose. Now being part of that community and helping build the kind of knowledge, support, and action I would have needed as a child feels both unexpected and deeply meaningful.

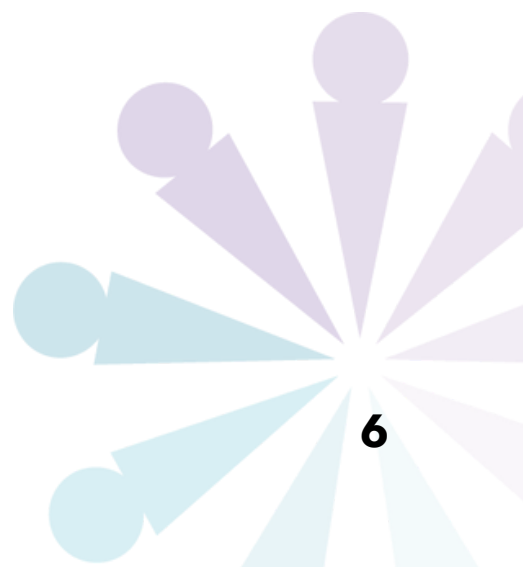
Perhaps the greatest gift of this first year has been the community, and I have been extraordinarily fortunate to join it as Director. The gender-based violence sector in Atlantic Canada is extraordinary. I have been humbled by the knowledge, commitment, generosity, and sheer determination of the people doing this work across New Brunswick and beyond. I have learned a great deal from them, and I am continually reminded that research is at its best when it is connected to the people and communities whose lives it seeks to change.

Looking ahead, I am excited for what's next. My first year as Director has been a year of listening, learning, relationship-building, and finding my feet. The next chapter is about turning our dreamscaping into reality. We aim to continue to expand the Centre's research areas and connections, strengthen the Family Violence Issues Certificate, and revive our professional development training opportunities.

I am immensely grateful to everyone who has welcomed, challenged, taught, and trusted me over the past year. There is still so much work to do, but I also have a wonderful community to do it with.

And that feels like a very good place to begin.

Dr. Stefanie Hunt-Kennedy
Director of the MMFC
Professor of History



MMFC Staff

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Dr. Stefanie Hunt-Kennedy

Associate Director

Danie Gagnon

Administrative Coordinator

Michael Van Tassell

Communication and Knowledge Dissemination Officer

Katie Hamill

Students

Deeniti Ghosh Saha Communications Assistant, UNB Work-Study Program

Brianna Gallagher, Kira MacDonald, Social Action Placement, STU Social Work
and Amy Rossit



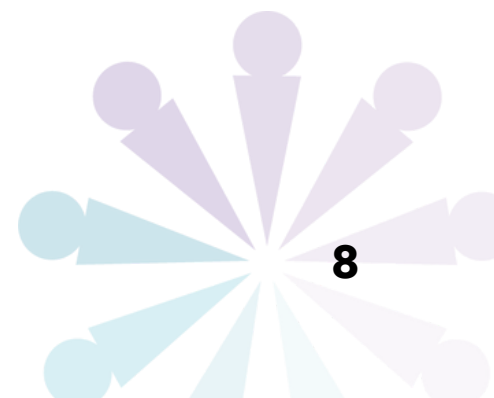
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Danie Gagnon	Associate Director of MMFC (non-voting)
Rebecca Francis	Executive Director of Fergusson Foundation (non-voting)

Elected Members

Angela Wisniewski	MMFC Board Chair, Assistant Professor, STU
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Maureen Levangie	Executive Director, Domestic Violence Association of New Brunswick
Mayme Lefurgey	Adjunct Professor, UNB Department of Sociology, and Research Manager, CBDC Restigouche



Fergusson Foundation Report

A Year of Leadership, Partnership and Impact

In 2025-26, the Fergusson Foundation celebrated 40 years of impact, courage, and unwavering commitment to the prevention and elimination of family violence. For four decades, our Board members, volunteers, staff, partners, advocates, and supporters have stood shoulder-to-shoulder in this work across Atlantic Canada. Their dedication has changed lives, strengthened communities, and built a foundation of hope for the next 40 years and beyond.

The Fergusson Foundation's vision remains unwavering: a society grounded in healthy relationships and free from violence in all its forms. We stand with those who experience fear and harm in their homes and communities, and we believe that by working together, we can break the cycle of violence and abuse.

As we celebrated this milestone, we were also reminded that the work of the Fergusson Foundation and the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Prevention (MMFC) has never been more important. This year, the New Brunswick Legislature passed a unanimous motion recognizing gender-based violence as an epidemic and a systemic crisis. This powerful declaration underscores what survivors, advocates, and frontline organizations have long known: violence in our homes and communities remains a devastating and persistent reality.

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS



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The Fergusson Foundation and the MMFC

The MMFC was originally established within the Faculty of Arts at the University of New Brunswick in 1993. The creation and operation of the Centre is a collaboration of efforts between the University of New Brunswick and the Fergusson Foundation.

Over the past year, the Fergusson Foundation has continued to reaffirm and strengthen this important collaboration. The Foundation successfully completed negotiations with the University of New Brunswick and a new Memorandum of Understanding regarding the operation of the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Prevention was signed.

This continued partnership is vital to the Foundation's ongoing commitment to supporting important community-based family violence research and advancing work toward the prevention and elimination of family violence. We look forward to collaborating with UNB on the operation and continued development of the Centre for many years to come.



Photo: Members of the Fergusson Foundation and University of New Brunswick came together to sign a renewed MOU, reaffirming their longstanding partnership in supporting the ongoing work of the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre

2025-26 Highlights and Initiatives

Fergusson Foundation Food & Wine Adventure

In November, the biennial Fergusson Foundation Food & Wine Adventure will return. Join us on Friday, November 6, 2026, at the Delta Hotel Fredericton for the Foundation's 12th Biennial Food and Wine Adventure. Take a culinary journey around the world as our expert Sommeliers showcase premium wines from across the globe, paired perfectly with a five-course menu crafted by Executive Chef Mindy Trail and the Delta Fredericton's talented culinary team. Guests will enjoy an unforgettable evening of flavour, learning, and community—complete with an exclusive auction of uniquely New Brunswick experiences. To reserve tickets email mmff@unb.ca



Family Violence Prevention Month

Each year, the provincial government, in partnership with the Fergusson Foundation, proclaims November as Family Violence Prevention Month. The month promotes awareness of the impact of family violence on individuals, families, workplaces, and communities across New Brunswick.

Shine a Purple Light on Family Violence

During Family Violence Prevention Month, the Fergusson Foundation invites community partners to “Shine a Purple Light on Family Violence” by illuminating landmarks in purple as a symbol of awareness and solidarity. This year, we extend our sincere thanks to Fredericton City Hall, the University of New Brunswick, St. Thomas University, Government House, and many other business and private supporters for their participation and continued support.

Love Shouldn't Hurt Campaign

As part of New Brunswick's Crime Prevention and Reduction Strategy, the Love Shouldn't Hurt campaign continues to educate and inform New Brunswickers about intimate partner violence and the role we can all play in ending it.

Learn more at: [Love Shouldn't Hurt Campaign](#)

It's Your Business: A Domestic & Intimate Partner Violence Workplace Toolkit

The It's Your Business Workplace Toolkit provides employers, unions, and employees with the knowledge and tools needed to recognize and respond to domestic and intimate partner violence in the workplace. Developed through a collaborative, cross-sector partnership, this resource continues to support safer, more responsive workplaces across the province.

Learn more at: [Tool Kit NB](#)

The New Brunswick Silent Witness Project

The New Brunswick Silent Witness Project is a powerful exhibit of life-sized red silhouettes representing women who have lost their lives to intimate partner violence. Each silhouette tells a story—of a daughter, sister, mother, friend, or colleague whose voice was taken too soon. By honouring their lives and sharing their stories, the Silent Witnesses create a collective voice that calls us to action.

To learn more, visit: www.silentwitness.ca

Indigenous & Ally Women Leaders Empowerment Circle

The Indigenous & Ally Women Leaders Empowerment Circle continues to create space for connection, mentorship, and leadership among Indigenous women and allies. By recognizing and supporting Indigenous women leaders, this initiative strengthens relationships and builds bridges across communities. During the year, the Foundation was deeply grateful to work alongside this outstanding group to host a moving and beautiful two-day gathering of more than 120 Indigenous and ally women, who came together for networking, empowerment, healing, and allyship.



Looking Ahead

The Fergusson Foundation remains committed to advancing research, education, prevention, advocacy, and community-based solutions to family violence. The work of the Foundation and the MMFC is grounded in collaboration with survivors, researchers, community organizations, educators, government, Indigenous leaders, volunteers, donors, and other partners.

As we move beyond our 40th anniversary, we remain focused on building on the strong foundation created by those who began this work in 1985. We are grateful to everyone who continues to contribute their time, expertise, advocacy, and financial support. Together, we can continue to support survivors, empower communities, strengthen research and knowledge, and build a future free from family violence.

Support the Work

Your support—whether through advocacy, education, volunteerism, partnership, or financial contribution—helps make the Foundation’s and the MMFC’s work possible. We invite readers to support the continued work to prevent and eliminate family violence in Atlantic Canada.



<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/muriel-mcqueen-fergusson-foundation-inc/>

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Francis

Rebecca Francis,
Executive Director,
Fergusson Foundation

2025 - 2026 at a glance

May 2025

May 21

Members of the MMFC staff and ANOART hosted the **AIM Study Symposium** at the Wingate Hotel in Dieppe. The Symposium brought together researchers, study participants, and program facilitators to discuss research findings and next steps.

May 27

Matt Rogers provided a letter on behalf of the MMFC to support the project **"Child Victim Witness Program: Addressing System-Induced Trauma for Child Victims of Sexual Abuse in New Brunswick"** led by Kristal LeBlanc (Courage Centre: Beausejour Family Crisis Resource Centre) and Dr. Catherine Holtmann.

June 2025

June 11

The MMFC in collaboration with the A2A team organized a webinar presented by Katherine Cake, Lisa Marie Hunter, and Kristina Fifield titled Responding to the Crisis of Intimate Partner Violence amongst Older Adults. The webinar addressed a rise in rates of IPV and homicide among older adults in Atlantic Canada and highlighted risk factors such as rural isolation, health and financial challenges, intersections with elder abuse, and implications for screening, legal responses, and service provision. A recording of the webinar is now available on our YouTube channel. **Scan here to watch:**



June 20

The MMFC hosted a **going-away BBQ at the Grad House** for outgoing Director Dr. Matt Rogers. MMFC staff, members of the Fergusson Foundation and community partners attended to celebrate Matt's time at the Centre and to pass along well wishes for his future endeavors.

June 24

The Fergusson Foundation and the University of New Brunswick reaffirmed and strengthened their ongoing partnership by **signing an updated Memorandum of Understanding.**



July 2025

July 1

Dr. Stefanie Hunt-Kennedy began her term as Director of the MMFC.

July 25

New Brunswick's General Measures Child Rights Data & Impact Assessment Program led by Christian Whalen (Faculty of Law) was officially launched. The initiative revived a previously discontinued child rights indicators report. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development approved a \$60,000 grant to initiate work with Dr. Christopher Whelan, with a Provincial Report on the Rights of the Child as the first deliverable.

August 2025

August 8

Morgan Richard was announced as this years **Rina Arsenault, C.M., Scholarship** recipient.

August
21-22

Dr. Stefanie Hunt-Kennedy attended the **Indigenous and Ally Women's Empowerment Circle Conference, Uplifting the Leader in You** at the Crowne Plaza in downtown Fredericton.

August 23

Katie Hamill, representing the MMFC, partnered with Sexuality NB, ElderPride, Sexual Violence New Brunswick, AIDS NB, and a nurse from Public Health to co-host a community-based, bilingual **Sexual Health Education Symposium** at the Fredericton Public Library. The symposium offered resources, interactive activities (including art-making and menstrual pad sewing), and opportunities for attendees to engage directly with service providers through informal discussion.

September 2025

September
17

Michael attended the **Invisible Victims: A Participatory Action Research Project Investigating Trans+ Experiences of Intimate Partner Violence** Webinar.

September
29

Deeniti Ghosh Saha joined the MMFC as a Communications Assistant through **UNB's Work Study program**. Deeniti is a Psychology student specializing in Neuroscience with strong interest in women's representation in STEM. During her time at the MMFC, Deeniti supported the MMFC's communications and knowledge mobilization efforts.



September 30 - October 2

Members of the AIM Team (Dr. Lori Weeks, Kathleen Allen, Katie Hamill and Alisson Haché-Chiasson) attended the **Knowledge Exchange and Knowledge Hub Presents!** conference in Toronto. On September 30, the Knowledge Exchange invited community of practice members to deliver brief presentations discussing project successes, lessons learned, and next steps. On October 1 and 2 the conference featured 185 registered attendees, more than 80 mini-presentations, and 25 poster submissions, showcasing the work of community of practice projects.

October 8

The MMFC hosted a **Research Spotlight** event in conjunction with our Annual General Meeting as part of **UNB's Research Celebration Week**. The Research Spotlight event was a full-day and bilingual program featuring presentations on family and gender-based violence from research fellows and community partners. Presentation topics covered child rights data, family violence in family law, 360° video training for trauma-informed courtrooms, far-right extremism and gender-based violence, and survivor resilience in rural Canada. Sessions were offered with simultaneous French interpretation for in-person and online attendees.

Find the presentations in full here:



October 13

Katie Hamill joined MMFC as **Knowledge Dissemination and Communications Officer**. Katie is a Doctoral Candidate at UNB and a multidisciplinary artist. She contributes creativity and research expertise to strengthen MMFC's communications across digital and community platforms.





October

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Stefanie attended the signing of **Family Violence Prevention Month Declaration** at Government House alongside representatives from the office of Women and Gender Equity and the Fergusson Foundation.



November 2025

November 14

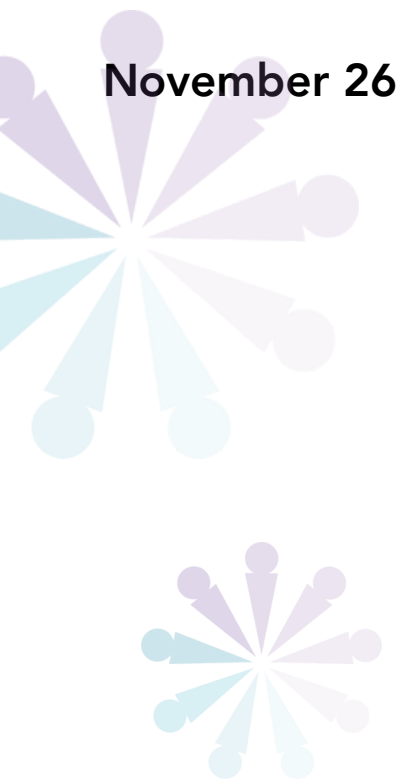
Dr. Yvonne Simpson joined MMFC as the **Purdy Crawford Postdoctoral Fellow in Accessibility**. Dr. Simpson earned her PhD in Critical Disability Studies from York University, where she focused on enhancing accessibility and anti-racism in education and examining structural barriers affecting disability outcomes among racialized immigrant workers. Dr. Simpson's project through the MMFC is titled **Undue Hardship in Disability Health Care Access: A historical perspective for intersectional change**.



November 25

The MMFC marked the first day of the **16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence** with a public screening of Polytechnique in Tilley Hall. The screening was attended by community members and UNB students, and began with opening remarks from Dr. Sophie Lavoie.





November 26

Stefanie and Danie attended a conference at Université de Moncton hosted by **Madeline Lamboley, Canada Research Chair in Sexual Violence, Prevention and Intervention.**



November 27

The MMFC Staff attended the **2025 MMFF Award Ceremony** which honoured the work of Dr. Kelly Scott-Storey at the Government House.

December 3

The MMFC co-hosted a **UNB Polytechnique Massacre Commemoration** event with Diversity Within Engineering and the University Women's Centre in Head Hall. The ceremony included speakers, poem readings, and a candlelight vigil to honour the lives lost in the 1989 École Polytechnique tragedy.

December 2025



December 4

Danie attended an event hosted by the **White Ribbon Campaign** and the **University Women's Centre** as part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. The event provided attendees with information about the White Ribbon Campaign and opportunities to engage in advocacy efforts.

December 5

The MMFC staff attended a **Polytechnique Commemorative Ceremony** at Government House hosted by the Government of New Brunswick. Stefanie lit a candle to commemorate the lives lost at Polytechnique alongside a number of community members and collaborators.



December 6

The MMFC released a feature conversation with Hon. Dr. Lyne Chantal Boudreau titled **36 Years After Montréal: How New Brunswick Confronted Its Own Crisis**

Scan to find the full conversation:



December 19

The MMFC facilitated a translation of the **A2A Brief #42 – Intimate Partner Violence and Homicide Among Older Adults** from English to French

January 2026

January 7

STU Social Action Placement students Brianna Gallagher, Kira MacDonald, and Amy Rossit joined the MMFC and worked with Stefanie from January to April to support and further develop the Centre's research portfolio on abuse of people with disabilities. The placement provides hands-on experience engaging with community-based issues and advancing applied research.



February 2026

February 11

Dr. Yvonne Simpson participated in the **UNB Black Researcher Showcase** hosted by the The Office of the Vice President Research in the HIL Research Commons.



February 26

Stefanie delivered a presentation to the **Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW)** alongside members of the Fergusson Foundation.

March 2026

March 13

The MMFC staff attended the **Law Needs Feminism Because Conference** hosted by the UNB Feminist Legal Association. The conference featured MMFC Research Fellow Karla O'Regan and former Director of the MMFC Dr. Carmen Gill.



March 18

The final **A2A Community of Practice Event** took place

March 21

Katie attended the **Morning Comic Club: An Introduction to Pay Transparency**, an event hosted by the Coalition for Pay Equity and New Brunswick Multicultural Council at Nomad Coffee.

April 8

Katie and Michael attended **The Gendered Arena: Masculinity, Competition, and Violence Across Sports**, a panel discussion hosted by **White Ribbon Fredericton** and the **St. Thomas University Sociology Department**. The event featured panellist Dr. Kristi Allain, Curtis Lauzon, Beth Lyons, and Kendra Patrick, and was moderated by Dr. Kristi Allain.



April 2026

April 14

The MMFC signed a sponsorship agreement with the **UNB Institute of Population Health**, contributing \$500 towards their May 2026 IPV symposium, carrying on a collaboration initiated under the leadership of Matt and Danie.

April 18

The MMFC Staff along with members of the Fergusson Foundation attended **Stepping Up, Stepping Out!**, an annual fundraising event in support of **Liberty Lane**, held at the Delta Marriott Fredericton.



April 29

The MMFC staff, alongside members of the Fergusson Foundation, attended **Partners in Prevention: Gender-Based Violence Symposium**, presented by We're Here For You Canada and Gignoo Transition House, at the Hanwell Rural Community Centre.

May 2026

May 1

Michael, Katie, and Rebecca Francis decorated **Smile Cookies** at the Woodstock Road Tim Hortons. All proceeds from Smile Cookie sales at this location go to support the work of **Liberty Lane**.



In Conversation

a podcast from the MMFC



This year, the MMFC was pleased to continue our commitment to knowledge dissemination with a second season of In Conversation. Hosted by Dr. Stefanie Hunt-Kennedy (Director of the MMFC), In Conversation brings insightful discussions with researchers, advocates, community members, and front-line workers who are working to address the complex issues surrounding family and gender-based violence. This season, episodes of In Conversation were recording in the Audio Studio at the Harriet Irving Library and were produced by the MMFC's Communications and Knowledge Dissemination Officer, Katie Hamill.

Dr. Lori Weeks

Our first episode of season 2 is with Dr. Lori Weeks. Dr. Weeks is a Gerontologist and the Director of the School of Health Administration at Dalhousie University. Her research often focuses on the needs of vulnerable older adults both in the community and in residential care homes. In this episode, Dr. Weeks discusses growing up on PEI with her grandparents. She describes how her background in Family Studies and her work experience in long-term care homes lead to her current research interests.

Liberty Lane

Liberty Lane is a charitable organization that offers second stage housing and domestic violence outreach services in Fredericton, NB. In this episode, Melissa Giles (Marketing, Fundraising and Donations Coordinator) and Alyson Pizzey (Executive Director of Liberty Lane) tell Dr. Stephanie Hunt-Kennedy about the services and programs offered through Liberty Lane. They discuss barriers to leaving an abusive relationship, how the community can best support their important work and collective care in the workplace.

Sarah Sherman of We're Here for You Canada

Sarah Sherman is the founder of We're Here for You Canada. We're Here for You Canada provides immediate emotional support for survivors of sexual violence with trauma-informed comfort kits. Sarah tells Stefanie about her own experiences of intimate partner and family violence, how this experience led to the creation of We're Here for You Canada, and how the organization is expanding with country-wide hospital partnerships.

Dr. Brandon Sparks

Dr. Sparks is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of New Brunswick and a leading expert on incels (involuntary celibates). In this episode, Dr. Sparks tells Dr. Stefanie Hunt-Kennedy (Director of MMFC) about the pathways to iceldom. He provides a compassionate approach to understanding the experiences of incels while considering their mental & social health.

Dr. Celeste Orr

Dr. Orr is an associate professor in the Department of Sociology, the Coordinator of the Gender and Women's Studies program, and the Wendy J. Robbins Professor in Gender and Women's Studies at the University of New Brunswick. Dr. Orr also sits on the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre's Board of Directors. In this episode, Dr. Orr and Dr. Stefanie Hunt-Kennedy (Director of the MMFC) discuss Dr. Orr's award-winning book, *Crippling Intersex*, and how intersex and interphobia intersect with disability and ableism.

Scan here to find
all episodes on YouTube



Certificate in Family Violence Issues (C-FVI)

The Certificate in Family Violence Issues (C-FVI) continued to experience strong growth during the 2025-2026 reporting period, reflecting increased student interest in structured learning about family violence.

Enrollment in FVI 2001: Introduction to Family Violence Issues has grown over the past three academic years. From 20 students in Fall 2023 and 39 in Winter 2024, enrollment rose to 48 in Fall 2024 and 96 in Winter 2025. This upward trend continued into the current reporting period, with 72 students enrolled in Fall 2025 and 147 in Winter 2026.

This growth has been supported by ongoing outreach through campus posters, in-class presentations, the MMFC quarterly E-NEWS, social media, and advising from centre staff. Collaboration with colleagues in Arts Advising, particularly Lindsey Budovitch, and instructors such as Maria Conroy has also helped connect students with the certificate. Increasing word-of-mouth promotion among students suggests that positive experiences in the program are further contributing to its growth.

Student feedback highlights the value of the certificate. One recent graduate described the experience as helping them develop "a deeper understanding of the complex realities surrounding family violence" while connecting theory to real-life situations. Graduates have also continued into further training in related fields, including social work, with interests in structural and anti-oppressive approaches to violence prevention.

The rapid growth of the C-FVI has also created an opportunity to consider how the program can best respond to student and sector needs. During the reporting period, the MMFC established an Education Working Group to examine the future direction of the certificate and other potential educational initiatives. The Working Group is considering course sequencing, student progression, instructional capacity, and alignment with workforce and sector needs. This work is informed by both increased student demand and feedback from the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC) review process.

As the C-FVI continues to grow, this work will help ensure that the certificate remains coherent, accessible, and responsive to the needs of students and the broader family violence sector.

-Michael Van Tassell

**Scan here for more
information on the C-FVI:**



Research Reports 2025- 2026

The Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research (MMFC) supports and undertakes collaborative research on family violence and related forms of gender-based violence. Through partnerships with academic, government, and community organizations, the Centre contributes to research that raises awareness, informs policy and practice, strengthens service delivery, and supports education, training, and knowledge mobilization.

The 2025-2026 fiscal year was marked by continued activity across a diverse range of research initiatives affiliated with the MMFC. Research Fellows and Research Teams contributed to projects addressing family violence across a range of contexts, populations, and disciplines. Several projects reached important milestones during the year, while others continued to develop new partnerships, generate findings, and build capacity for future research and action.

The research highlighted in this section has been compiled from reports submitted to the MMFC by Research Fellows and Research Teams affiliated with the Centre. Together, these reports provide a snapshot of the breadth and scope of research activity connected to the MMFC during the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

The projects featured in this report include both ongoing and completed initiatives. Collectively, they reflect the MMFC's commitment to research that is rigorous, collaborative, community-engaged, and responsive to emerging issues in family and gender-based violence. The work of our Research Fellows and Teams continues to expand the evidence base while supporting meaningful connections between research, policy, practice, and community action.

The MMFC welcomes opportunities to support new research initiatives and partnerships. If you are a scholar or community organization working around family or gender-based violence and would like to explore opportunities to connect with the Centre, please reach out to us.

Alliance Against Violence and Adversity (AVA): National Health Hub for Knowledge Mobilization and Exchange

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MMFC Representative:

Dr. Stefanie Hunt-Kennedy

Communications Officer:

Katie Hamill

Training and Resources

[AVA Programs](#)

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The Alliance Against Violence and Adversity (AVA) is a national initiative focused on improving the health and well-being of girls, women, and gender-diverse people affected by violence and adversity across the life course. Funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), AVA brings together researchers, service providers, and community partners to strengthen trauma-informed, equitable, and evidence-based responses across health and social service systems.

AVA operates through a national training platform and a network of Women's and Girls' Health Hubs, including Indigenous-led hubs. Together, these components support capacity building, knowledge mobilization, and the implementation of integrated models of care. Training initiatives include open-access courses, mentorship programs, and experiential learning opportunities for practitioners, trainees, researchers, and early career scholars working in the fields of gender-based violence and adversity.

The MMFC supports the AVA initiative through its connections with AVA partners and by promoting AVA training, resources, and knowledge mobilization opportunities through the Centre's communication channels. This reflects the MMFC's broader role in connecting researchers, practitioners, students, and community organizations with national initiatives and resources that advance knowledge and practice in the field of family and gender-based violence.

ANOART - Abuse and Neglect of Older Adults Research Team

Research Projects

The AIM Study: The implementation of an advocacy intervention for diverse women in midlife and older experiencing intimate partner violence: Effectiveness and experiences of participants and community-based researchers

Researchers (Principal Investigators & Co-investigators)

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Shiva Nourpanah, Director, Programs and Outreach, Nova Scotia Status of Women Office, Government of Nova Scotia, Halifax, NS

Achievements

Project achievements for the AIM Study (May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2026):

Community engagement: The ANOART team held a full-day in-person research symposium on May 21, 2025, in Dieppe, NB. 20 individuals attended including research team members, IPV survivors, service providers, and government stakeholders. Preliminary research findings were shared, and study implications and directions for future research were discussed.

Program implementation: All intervention group participants completing programming in the previous reporting period. During this reporting period we modified our study protocol so that control group participants could opt to participate in the AIM Program after completing the randomized controlled trial. Eight control group participants chose to participate in programming.

Data collection & analysis: 9-month follow-up data was collected with 20 participants in this reporting period. Quantitative survey data and qualitative interview data were analysed, summarized and were prepared for publication in this reporting period.

Knowledge Mobilization:

- Our team participated in one national webinar and delivered six conference presentations at local and national conferences in Moncton, Halifax, Toronto and Montreal, in this reporting period.
- Lori, Kathleen and Katie attended the in-person community of practice knowledge exchange held by the Knowledge Hub on September 30, 2025, in Toronto, ON.
- Our team participated in two of the MMFCs In conversation podcast episodes.
- A manuscript on the qualitative findings titled, "A qualitative exploration of women's experiences participating in a facilitator-led health promotion program for aging survivors of intimate partner violence," was submitted to the journal Violence Against Women in March 2026.
- A manuscript on group differences between rural and urban participants who participated in the AIM Study titled, "Exploring ageing women's strategic responses to intimate partner violence focusing on the rural-urban divide," was submitted to a special issue on Violence Against Women in Canada in the International Journal of Rural Criminology in April 2026.
- A manuscript on the quantitative findings was drafted and is being prepared for submission to the Canadian Journal on Aging in June 2026.

The CAN-CARE Project: The development of a Canadian program to support caregivers who experience intimate partner violence while providing care

Researchers (Principal Investigators & Co-investigators)

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Katie Hamill, Research Assistant, Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB

Collaborators

Kim Henry, Office Administrator, Caregivers Nova Scotia Association, Halifax, NS

Hilary Wills, Evidence Synthesis Coordinator, Maritime SPOR SUPPORT Unit, Halifax, NS

Students

Kasuni De Silva, Master of Health Administration Student, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS

Achievements

Project achievements for the CAN-CARE Study (January 1 – April 30, 2026): We were at initial stages of the project in this reporting period and began project start-up activities, including drafting the REB application, hiring a summer student, and drafting a protocol for the scoping review and grey literature search.

Creating Peaceful Learning Environments Research Team

Researchers (Principal Investigators & Co-investigators)

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Tara Callaghan
Mahsa Yaghoubirad
Vanessa Figueiredo

Members

Morgan Richard
Stacey McKay

Collaborators

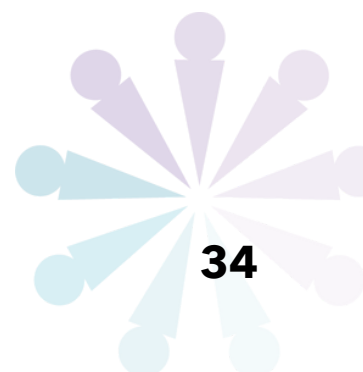
Vancouver School Board (VSB)
Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research

Students

Triveni
Emily Lane

Achievements

We continue our childhood and youth violence prevention and healthy relationships work in the Maritimes, on the Pacific coast, and abroad, publishing studies of early childhood and school-aged children's moral development, to development of Iranian trans women and men, prosociality of Rohingya refugee children, the quasi-ecological study of Brazilian children's resilience, social factors in thriving of students in transition to university and adolescent boy's and girl's healthy relationships. We have been awarded a grant for knowledge dissemination activities by facilitating a programme of community discussions of our work for parents and teens in public libraries in Fredericton and Vancouver.



Awareness to Action: Moving from Screening and Assessment to Developing Appropriate Parenting Plans After Family Violence in the Family Justice System (A2A)

Research Team

Researchers (Principal Investigators & Co-investigators)

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Coordinators (Academic/Community)

Dr. Mary Aspinall, Project Coordinator (Atlantic region), St. Thomas University

Students

Carly Ashe, Research Assistant, University of New Brunswick

Achievements

The A2A project continued to advance capacity within the family law sector to respond effectively to family violence. During this reporting period, the project supported ongoing collaboration through the Atlantic Canada Community of Practice (CoP), engaging multidisciplinary stakeholders including legal professionals and service providers. CoP meetings were held on September 17, 2025, January 21, 2026, and March 18, 2026.

The team also organized the “Responding to the Crisis of Intimate Partner Violence amongst Older Adults” webinar, presented by Katherine Cake, Lisa Marie Hunter and Kristina Fifield, on June 11, 2025. Their presentation spoke to the unique challenges faced by this demographic, including rural complexities, health effects, financial challenges, and forms of isolation. This webinar caught the attention of the RCMP Vulnerable Persons Unit, and the speakers were invited to present in a subsequent online speaker series for front-line officers about IPV and populations living in contexts of high vulnerability or marginalization. This speaker series took place in March 2026, and the Deputy Commissioner of the RCMP was in attendance.

The A2A project generated several legal bulletins and research briefs (noted below) addressing topics such as access to legal supports for immigrant and

refugee women, and intimate partner violence and homicide among older adults. These outputs contribute to improving professional practice and informing policy and service responses.

A presentation on the A2A project was presented by Dr. Mary Aspinall during the MMFC's Research Spotlight series on October 8 2025. A recording of this presentation, along with the June 11 2025 webinar, can be found on the MMFC YouTube channel.

The A2A project concluded on March 30 2026

Achievements

In July 2025, I (Mary Aspinall) received a Conference Travel Grant (\$1406) from St. Thomas University to attend to Gatineau QC to present content on coercive control to frontline police officers and Crown Prosecutors across Canada. The two-day workshop was hosted by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police and was their inaugural workshop on improving knowledge about coercive control in intimate partner relationships.

In November 2025, I (Mary Aspinall) received a research grant in the amount of \$16,740 from Government of New Brunswick's Department of Justice and Public Safety, to conduct research on IPV intervention programs in New Brunswick. The study contains surveys and interviews conducted with program facilitators, social workers with Social Development, and Probation Officers throughout New Brunswick, to learn more about their programs, availability, and perceived effectiveness of treating those who use abuse in relationships.

During the 2025-2026 academic year, I (Mary Aspinall) was the Principal Supervisor for 4th year Criminology student Florence Legault (St. Thomas University). Her honours thesis research concentrated on the impact of informal social networks on their influence of perceptions of abuse in intimate relationships

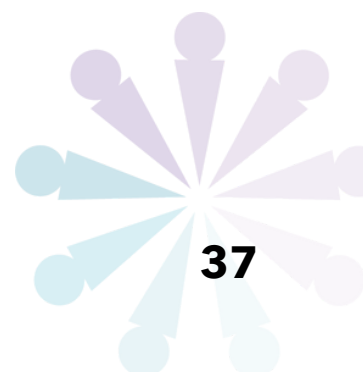
The Canadian Observatory on the Rights of the Child

Researchers (Principal Investigators & Co-investigators):

Christian Whalen
Katrina Crossman
Matt Rogers

Achievements

From May to June 2025, the service agreement between EECD and the MMFC was finalized. In July 2025, the project formally began, including research assistant onboarding, development of the indicator framework, and early engagement with relevant Government of New Brunswick departments. In August 2025, the project was presented to the ISD Directors Committee. From August to September 2025, data collection took place across GNB departments and public sources. In October 2025, the team conducted data analysis and presented preliminary work during the MMFC Research Spotlight. In November 2025, consultations were held with GNB departments to discuss early findings and support contextual interpretation. From November to December 2025, the initial report drafting process began, including the development of chapter content. In February 2026, a preliminary draft report was prepared and circulated. By April 2026, substantive revisions were made to the report content, including the development of the conclusion and recommendations, and the provincial report was prepared for full departmental review.



Nepilugig gjijaqamijinaq: A Multi-Community Approach to Improving Gender-Based Violence Services for Mi'gmaw Women, Two Spirit and Gender-Diverse People

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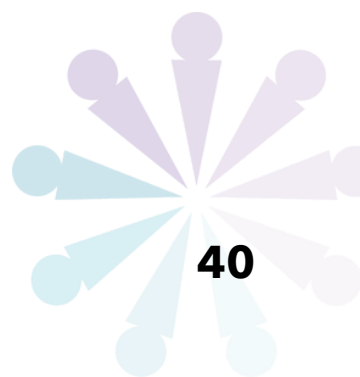
Ugpi'Ganjig First Nation, New Brunswick

Achievements

Secured additional funding to have the research reviewed by a table of Elders (March 2026, May 2026). Secured additional funding to develop a training to build capacities of settler organizations, to host an Atlantic Canadian conference and to form a bi-annual roundtable for the GBV sector in Restigouche, N.B

Knowledge Dissemination

- Community Closing Ceremony (March 2026)
- Promoted the project at community MMIWG events (2025)
- Promoted the project on a podcast in Listuguj (2025)



Gender, Violence and Health Research Team

Variation in Men's Health by Cumulative Lifetime Violence Severity and Social Determinants of Health: A Longitudinal Exploratory Study

Funding:

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), 2021–2026

Researchers (Principal Investigators & Co-investigators)

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Dr. Sue O'Donnell, University of New Brunswick

Dr. Enrico DiTomasso, Co-investigator, University of New Brunswick

Dr. Petrea Taylor, Co-investigator, University of New Brunswick

Dr. Judith Wuest, Co-investigator, University of New Brunswick

Coordinators (Academic/Community)

Jeannie Malcolm, Research Manager, University of New Brunswick

Charlene Vincent, Nurse Research Assistant, University of New Brunswick

Students

Lily Glazier, Nursing Work Study Student, Academic Year 2025–2026

Students

Dr. Kelly Scott-Storey (Nov. 2025). Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation Award. Recognizing Canadian individuals or organizations whose achievements have advanced the prevention and elimination of family violence are eligible for nomination.

<https://www.fergussonfoundation.ca/awards/>

Dr. Kelly Scott-Storey (May 16, 2025). King Charles III Coronation Medal. Awarded by the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) in recognition for outstanding contributions to nursing, community and Canada.

<https://www.cna-aiic.ca/en/about-us/awards-recognition/historical-awards-and-recognition/king-charles-iii-coronation-medal>

Religion and Violence Research Team and Muslim Family Safety Project

Research Team

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Coordinators (Academic/Community)

Cathy Holtmann, Academic Coordinator

Mahmoud Alhallack, Arabic Cultural Community of Fredericton

Members

Khaldoun Arwaneh

Zeina Dabbagh

Hamdi Fannoush

Iman Helmy

Collaborators

Abir Al Jamal and Eugene Tremblay

Muslim Resource Centre for Social Support and Integration (MRCSSI), London, Ontario

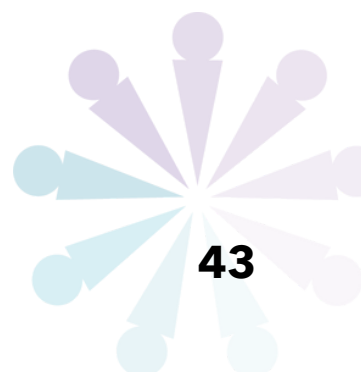
Achievements

The Muslim Family Safety Project is a collaborative partnership between the Religion and Violence Research Team of the MMFC, the Arabic Cultural Community (ACC), and the Muslim Resource Centre for Social Support and Integration (MRCSSI) in London, Ontario. The project aim is to build bridges of understanding between Muslim and Arab families and providers of public family violence services in the Fredericton area.

The ACC went through a reorganization, changing its name to the Arabic Cultural Community, electing a new board of directors, adopting new bylaws and incorporating in the province of New Brunswick. The ACC created a pamphlet to provide information about the organization and its work.

Members attended a Souk Bazar to promote their work to the public. The ACC hired Brandon Pike to create a new website for the organization.

The ACC signed a Letter of Agreement with the Department of Social Development that formalizes their partnership in providing culturally integrative support to Muslim and Arab families in Fredericton. Members of the ACC and Cathy work closely with Eugene Tremblay and Abir Al Jamal of the MRCSSI to support Muslim and Arab families experiencing violence and whose children are in the care of child protection services. Eugene and Abir are training members of the ACC in keeping case notes and expense reports. The ACC developed a confidential file sharing system.



Research Fellows

Dr. Mary Aspinall

Assistant Professor, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, St. Thomas University

Dr. Mary Aspinall's research interests focus on intimate partner violence (IPV), specialized domestic violence courts, intervention programs for IPV, and coercive control. In addition to the Awareness to Action project, Mary has worked with national research teams like the Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative. Mary continues to engage in research examining the efficacy of community-based IPV intervention programs, domestic homicide, and criminal justice system responses, with recent focus also concentrating on the police response and assessment of IPV and coercive control.



Research Areas: Intimate partner violence; coercive control; domestic homicide; specialized courts; policing and justice responses; community-based interventions

Themes: Law; Sexual Violence; Gender

Dr. Katie Aubrecht

Canada Research Chair in Health Equity and Social Justice; Associate Professor of Sociology, St. Francis Xavier University

Dr. Katie Aubrecht leads an action-oriented research program uses sociological theory, qualitative research methods and an intersectional approach to analyze marginalization and mental health, rurality and resilience across the life span as health equity and social justice issues. She directs the Spatializing Care: Intersectional Disability Studies Lab, a transdisciplinary health and disability policy research and training infrastructure.



Research Areas: Mental health; health equity; disability and culture; rurality and resilience; care systems; participatory research; social justice

Themes: Health; Disabilities; Violence Across the Lifespan

Dr. Mary Ann Campbell

Professor, Department of Psychology (Saint John Campus), University of New Brunswick; Director, Centre for Criminal Justice Studies



Dr. Mary Ann Campbell's research focuses on the development and application of evidence-based strategies for crime prevention and reduction, with expertise in forensic psychology and police psychology. Her work includes risk assessment, program evaluation, and the enhancement of policing practices. In collaboration with the New Brunswick Department of Public Safety, she is leading research to extend the predictive validity of the Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment (ODARA) to more diverse populations, including women, Indigenous peoples, and newcomers.

Her research is highly collaborative and applied, involving partnerships with police, government, and community organizations, including the John Howard Society of New Brunswick. She has contributed to training for probation officers and victim services professionals on IPV risk, intervention, and safety planning, and supports knowledge mobilization through the Research Advisory Committee with the New Brunswick Association of Chiefs of Police. Findings from her ongoing work, including the CELIA project, are informing improvements to police responses to intimate partner violence and family violence.

Research Areas: Forensic psychology; risk assessment; crime prevention; policing; program evaluation; domestic violence risk tools (ODARA)

Themes: Law; Health

Dr. Diane Crocker

Professor, Department of Criminology, Saint Mary's University

Dr. Diane Crocker's research addresses gender-based violence, including domestic and sexual violence, with a focus on prevention, policy, and justice system responses. Her work engages restorative justice, rape culture, criminal harassment, and campus sexual violence, often in collaboration with community and government partners. Some of the collaborative initiatives she has been involved in include iMPACTS: Collaborations to Address Sexual Violence on Campus, the Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative, and the Policy and Research Advisory Board for the Mass Casualty



Commission. She is also co-editor of Violence Interrupted, a collection examining research related to campus sexual violence in Canada.

Research Areas: Gender-based violence; domestic violence; campus sexual violence; restorative justice; violence prevention policy

Themes: Sexual Violence; Law; Violence Across the Lifespan

Dr. Kim Dubé

Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminology,
Université de Moncton

Dr. Kim Dubé's research examines sexual and gender-based violence through an intersectional feminist lens. Her work includes studies on sexual violence in sport, media representations of sexual violence, and the experiences of older women facing intimate partner violence. She is also engaged in advocacy related to reproductive justice, gender equality, and 2SLGBTQIA+ and BIPOC folks' rights.



Research Areas: Sexual violence; gender-based violence; violence in sport; aging and IPV; media representations; intersectional feminism

Themes: Sexual Violence; Gender; Violence Across the Lifespan

Dr. David C. Hofmann

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University
of New Brunswick

Dr. David C. Hofmann's research examines terrorism, political violence, and extremist movements, with a focus on right-wing extremism, charismatic leadership, and illicit networks. Using mixed methods, including social network analysis, his work analyzes how extremist ideologies and organizational structures develop and operate. Given the culture of toxic masculinity that often goes together with groups and individuals involved in right-winged extremist groups, the latter is an environment where IPV/gendered-violence is likely to thrive.

Research Areas: Terrorism; political violence; right-wing extremism; extremist networks; charismatic leadership; illicit networks; gendered dynamics of extremism



Mayme Lefurgey

Research Manager, Restigouche Family Services, Adjunct Professor in the Department of Sociology, University of New Brunswick

Mayme Lefurgey's research is grounded in intersectional feminist and postcolonial approaches, with a focus on community-based and policy-oriented responses to addressing violence on systemic, structural, community and relational levels. Her current research examines rural barriers to accessing D/IPV shelters in a national study with the Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative with Vulnerable Populations (CDHPVP). She is also the Co-Investigator of a community-led research project, Nepilugig gjijaqamijinaq in Gespe'gewa'gi, Mi'gma'gi.

This research project centers lived experience and Indigenous knowledge to strengthen regional GBV services that support Mi'gma clients and aims to contribute to broader scholarship on decolonization efforts in the GBV sector and settler commitments to reconciliation and truth telling. Mayme also collaborates on projects that examine the impacts of violence community health and wellbeing in post-conflict settings and the instrumentalization of sexual and gender-based violence discourses in war.

Mayme currently teaches the Intersecting Violences: Critical Perspectives on Gender, Power and Violence course, which is part of the Certificate in Family Violence Issues and is a member of the Board of Directors of the MMFC.

Research Areas: GBV in rural communities; trauma-informed approaches; structural/systemic violence; postcolonial and intersectional feminist research; GBSV in war/post-conflict, community-based methods

Themes: Gender; Health



Dr. Linda C. Neilson

Professor Emerita, University of New Brunswick

Dr. Linda C. Neilson is a leading scholar specializing in domestic and family violence and legal system responses. Her work focuses on family law, court processes, and the impacts of violence on children. She has advised governments and contributed extensively to policy reform. Her scholarship includes widely used legal resources and leadership in international advocacy, including a memo submitted to the World Health Organization (WHO) calling for the removal of all references to "parental alienation" from the ICD-11.

Other work includes the 3rd 2025 edition professional law practice e-book published by Canadian Legal Information Institute (CanLII) Responding to Domestic Violence in Family Law, Civil Protection and Child Protection Cases, (originally written for judges on behalf of the National Judicial Institute); Analysis of Social and Institutional Factors that Prevent Access to Justice. Family Violence & Family Law Brief #25 (Eng|Fr); Empirical analysis of parental alienation claim cases across Canada (2018, FREDA Centre for Research on Violence Against Women and Children|En). She co-authored Interpreting the New Divorce Act, Rules of Statutory Interpretation and Senate Observations (Eng and Fr, LEAF/FAEJ). She regularly reviews articles for academic journals in Canada and the United States; and was the principal investigator of a coordinated court file research project in the Moncton Judicial District tracing information about risk and danger in family violence cases with court responses in Provincial and Queens's Bench (criminal, child protection, civil protection, family) court files when families were involved in multiple legal systems. Final Report (2022): EN | FR. Her work has now been referenced extensively by the Supreme Court of Canada in Ahluwalia v Ahluwalia and, earlier, in Barendregt v. Grebliunas.

Research Areas: Domestic and family violence; family law; court systems; child impacts of violence; legal reform; parental alienation

Themes: Family Law; Professional Practice; Domestic and Family Violence



Dr. Karla O'Regan

Associate Professor, Criminology, St. Thomas University;
Part-time Lecturer, UNB Faculty of Law

Dr. Karla O'Regan's research focuses on sexual violence, consent, and the relationship between law and social norms. Her work critically examines how legal frameworks shape understandings of sexual harm, with particular attention to feminist legal theory and the regulation of consent across contexts. She has collaborated with community and justice partners, including the Fredericton Sexual Assault Centre (now SVNB), the Fredericton Police Force, and the New Brunswick Department of Justice, contributing to applied research and the development of trauma-informed educational resources. Most recently she was the project lead of the Atlantic region for the Awareness to Action (A2A) Project. Her book, Law & Consent: Contesting the Common Sense, is available through Routledge Publishing.

Research Areas: Sexual assault law; consent; feminist legal theory; socio-legal studies; legal discourse

Themes: Law; Sexual Violence; Gender

Dr. Lucia F. O’Sullivan

Professor, Department of Psychology, University of New Brunswick

Dr. Lucia O’Sullivan studies the intersection of sexuality and intimate relationships, with a focus on adolescents and young adults. Her research addresses sexual health, risk behaviours, intimate partner violence, and the impact of digital technologies on sexual and relational decision-making.

Her work includes Identifying Scripts and Norms Guiding Young Men’s Use of Sexual Aggression Against Women, a large-scale Canada–U.S. study involving over 3,100 participants. This project uses anonymous, in-depth reporting methods to examine patterns of undetected sexual aggression, generating insights grounded in young men’s own accounts. The findings aim to inform prevention strategies, public education, and training initiatives to reduce rates of sexual violence among young people.

Research Areas: Sexuality; intimate relationships; adolescent and young adult development; sexual health; IPV; digital technologies

Themes: Sexual Violence; Health; Violence Across the Lifespan



Dr. Kelly Scott-Storey

Associate Vice President, Research, Innovation and Partnerships, University of New Brunswick

Dr. Kelly Scott-Storey’s research examines the interconnections between gender, violence, and health across the lifespan, with a particular emphasis on how cumulative lifetime exposure to violence shapes physical and mental health outcomes for both women and men. One component of her work focuses on men’s experiences of violence as both targets and perpetrators, and how these experiences intersect with health, gender, and social determinants of wellbeing.



Dr. Scott-Storey has contributed to the development and validation of measurement tools for assessing intimate partner violence in population-based surveys, including instruments currently used by Statistics Canada in the Gender-Based Violence Survey. She is a co-lead and co-investigator on multiple major intervention studies, including iCAN Plan 4 Safety, and her work has led to the development of the iHEAL app, a free, secure, and bilingual digital tool designed to help Canadian women who have experienced abuse from a current or past partner find personalized ways to stay safe and improve their well-being.

Research Areas: Gender and violence; cumulative lifetime violence; men's experiences of violence; IPV interventions; health outcomes; measurement and survey development; health equity

Themes: Health; Gender; Violence Across the Lifespan

Dr. Brandon Sparks

Postdoctoral Fellow, University of New Brunswick

Dr. Brandon Sparks' research focuses on the intersection of deviant behaviour and interpersonal relationships. His current post-doctoral research encapsulates two major projects involving police and intimate partner violence. The first project utilizes frontline police officers' body-worn camera footage to explore the use of trauma-informed practices and how these relate to IPV victims' quality of disclosure and service engagement. The second project is an evaluation of high-risk IPV protocols in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.



Dr. Sparks also studies technology-facilitated sexual violence (TFSV), which includes behaviours such as cyberflashing, non-consensual dissemination of intimate images, and deepfake pornography. This has included work identifying risk factors for perpetration as well as the development of a model of victimization. More recently, he has explored the emerging issue of AI-generated image-based sexual abuse, is developing a cyberflashing motives scale, and is conducting a qualitative project exploring sexting etiquette and how intimate material is managed after a break-up.

Lastly, Dr. Sparks is one of the leading experts on incels (involuntary celibates), having published multiple papers exploring their mental and social health, body image, and pathways to incelism. Recently, he published the first ever study conducted with femcels (female involuntary celibates) and their sexual well-being. This work has been featured on numerous podcasts and Dr. Sparks has also appeared in the incel documentary Ross Kemp: Lost Boys, Deadly Men.

Research Areas: Sexual offending; intimate partner sexual violence; image-based sexual abuse; offender perceptions; incel communities; child sexual abuse prevention

Themes: Sexual Violence; Technology-Facilitated Sexual Violence; Sexual and Dating Behaviours; Law; Involuntary Celibacy



Dr. Evangelia Tastsoglou

Professor, Department of Sociology and International Development Studies, Saint Mary's University

Dr. Evangelia Tastsoglou's research explores migration, gender, and violence, with a focus on migrant and refugee women. Her work addresses citizenship, transnationalism and diasporas, and the structural conditions shaping vulnerability and resilience. She leads national and international research collaborations on violence against migrant women and is currently the PI of the Canadian team of researchers in the multi-year CIHR-funded project Violence against Women Migrants and Refugees: Analyzing Causes and Effective Policy Response, part of an international project funded by the Gender-Net Plus Cofund.

Research Areas: Gender and migration; migrant and refugee women; transnationalism; citizenship; violence against migrant women; intersectional analysis

Themes: Newcomers; Gender; Violence Across the Lifespan

Dr. Petrea Taylor

Associate Professor, Faculty of Nursing and Health Sciences, University of New Brunswick

Dr. Petrea Taylor's research examines the intersections of gender, violence, and mental health, with a particular focus on suicidality, help-seeking, and health responses to interpersonal violence. Her research program includes both independent and collaborative studies addressing cumulative lifetime violence, men's health, and the health impacts of gender-based violence. She has contributed as a co-investigator on major projects examining men's experiences of violence and is involved in ongoing interdisciplinary work advancing this area of study.



Dr. Taylor also leads research on suicide as a complex health and social issue, including studies on recovery and help-seeking behaviours. In addition, she served as a clinical supervisor on the iHEAL project, a Public Health Agency of Canada-funded randomized controlled trial evaluating a nurse-led health promotion intervention for women who have left abusive partners. This work has contributed to applied knowledge on barriers to care, intervention delivery, and community engagement in the context of domestic violence.

Research Areas: Mental health; suicidality; gender and violence; cumulative lifetime violence; men's health; help-seeking; stigma; health outcomes

Themes: Health; Gender

Dr. Laura Winters

Lead Executive Officer, Stella's Circle; Adjunct Professor, Memorial University



Dr. Laura Winters is a sociologist whose work focuses on stigma, marginalization, social justice, and community-based research. Prior to joining Stella's Circle in 2022, she oversaw the DV@WorkNL research project, a provincial initiative examining the impacts of domestic violence on workers and workplaces and building the capacity of employers and unions to develop responsive policies and resources. As Lead Executive Officer of Stella's Circle, and LEO of the Stella's Circle Foundation, Laura provides executive

leadership for the organization's operations, strategic planning, programs, and services. Her work is grounded in a deep-seated belief in the power of harm reduction, the pursuit of social justice, and the collective responsibility of social systems to uphold the human rights and dignity of all community members.

Research Areas: Sex work; stigma; marginalization; feminist and queer theory; community-based research; workplace impacts of violence

Themes: Gender; Workplace

Dr. Alexa Yakubovich

Associate Professor, Community Health and Epidemiology, Dalhousie University

Dr. Alexa Yakubovich's research program aims to uncover what causes and can prevent violence and its negative health outcomes, with a particular focus on violence against women and gender-based violence more broadly. Dr. Yakubovich's research is equity- and action-oriented, often conducted with policy, organizational, and community partners, including people with lived experience of violence. She currently holds the inaugural Eastern Canada Award in CIHR's Health System Impact Embedded Early Career Research program (2024-2028).

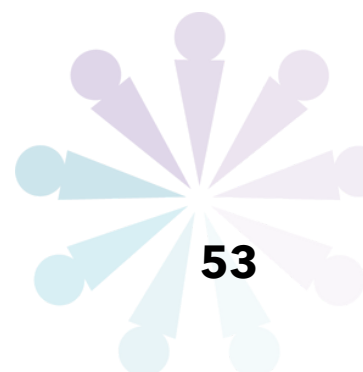


Dr. Yakubovich leads two streams of research. The first is focused on the design, implementation, and evaluation of interventions that can prevent violence and its health

inequities. Major aims in this area include strengthening both health systems and housing responses to domestic and sexualized violence. In her second research stream, Dr. Yakubovich focuses on understanding burdens of violence, including measurement, risk factors, and outcomes, with the goal of informing which preventive interventions and policies are most likely to be effective. Dr. Yakubovich uses a variety of research methods in her work, including epidemiologic methods, mixed methods, systematic reviews, meta-analysis, psychometrics, community-based participatory research, and implementation science.

Research Areas: intimate partner violence; gender-based violence; social epidemiology; mixed-methods; intervention and policy evaluation; implementation science

Themes: Health; Gender; Violence Across the Lifespan



Publications and Scholarly Engagements

2025-2026

Invited presentations

Aspinall, M. (2025, June 4). Intimate partner violence and child well-being [Presentation]. Family Court Crown Prosecutors, Saint John, NB.

Burns, D., Weeks, L. E., Allen, K., & Couture, M. (2025, June 19). Strengthening community responses to elder mistreatment: Innovations, interventions, and lessons learned [Webinar]. Learning Network, Knowledge Hub, & Alliance Against Violence and Adversity (AVA). <https://www.gbvllearningnetwork.ca/webinars/recorded-webinars/2025/webinar-2025-06-19.html>

Holtmann, C., & Lefurgey, M. (2025, October 8). Results from the CDHPVP: Exploring resilience among survivors of intimate partner violence in rural Canada [Presentation]. MMFC Research Spotlight Presentation Series, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB.

Lefurgey, Mayme and Holly Miller. 2026. "Nepilugig gjijaqamijinaq: Preliminary research findings from the lived experience data." Community Closing Ceremony, Uqpi'Ganjig Heritage Garden. Uqpi'Ganjig, Mi'gma'gi.

Yakubovich, A. R. (2025, September 15). Engaging with communities facing structural barriers: Successes and pitfalls from a research program in the field of gender-based violence [Invited talk]. Society for the Advancement of Violence and Injury Research (SAVIR) Fall Forum [Virtual].

Yakubovich, A. R. (2025, October 20). Finding meaning on the tenure-track: The development of an action-oriented research program on gender-based violence [Invited talk]. Partnership for Women's Health Research Virtual Mentoring Session [Virtual].

Yakubovich, A. R. (2026, February 9). Preventing and responding to domestic violence: Findings and ongoing studies [Invited talk]. Nova Scotia Domestic Violence Death Review Committee [Virtual].

Yakubovich, A. R., & Villacis, E. (2026, March 6). Organizational and systems-level barriers and facilitators to health professionals' readiness to address domestic and sexualized violence: A qualitative study from Nova Scotia, Canada [Invited talk]. Boston University Webinar: Engaging Health Systems to Address Intimate Partner Violence [Virtual].

Conference & Workshop presentations

Allen, K., Weeks, L. E., Hamill, K., Gagnon, D., Holtmann, C., Dupuis-Blanchard, S., Helpard, H., MacQuarrie, C., Macdonald, M., Moody, E., & Stilwell, C. (2025, June). The advocacy intervention for women in midlife and older who experience intimate partner violence: Quantitative and qualitative findings from a multidisciplinary research team in the Maritime Provinces [Oral presentation]. Our Future is Aging: Multidisciplinary Research Informing People, Policy & Practice, Nova Scotia Centre on Aging, Halifax, NS.

Aspinall, M. (2025, September 21-23). Addressing coercive control: Strategies for law enforcement and justice [Workshop presentation]. Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police National Workshop, Gatineau, QC.

Aspinall, M. (2025, October 8). The Awareness to Action Research and Community of Practice on Family Violence in Family Law [Presentation]. MMFC Research Spotlight Series, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB.

Beaulieu, D. A., Drudge, E. J., Byers, E. S., O'Sullivan, L. F., & Burkholder, C. (2025, June). Exploring New Brunswick teacher perspectives on comprehensive sex education: Topic-specific facilitators and barriers across K-12 levels [Poster presentation]. Annual Meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association, St. John's, NL.

Bell, L., Olthuis, J., Byers, E. S., O'Sullivan, L. F., & Connell, E. (2025, June). Investigating the relation between sexual anxiety sensitivity and sexual well-being [Poster presentation]. Annual Meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association, St. John's, NL.

Hamill, K., Allen, K., Weeks, L., Gagnon, D., Holtmann, C., Dupuis-Blanchard, S., Helpard, H., MacQuarrie, C., Macdonald, M., Moody, E., & Stilwell, C. (2025, June). Exploring outcomes from the AIM program for older women experiencing IPV in the Maritimes: Preliminary qualitative findings [Poster presentation]. Our Future is Aging: Multidisciplinary Research Informing People, Policy & Practice, Nova Scotia Centre on Aging, Halifax, NS.

Hofmann, D. C. (2025, October 8). Far-right extremism and gender-based violence: The case of involuntary celibates [Presentation]. MMFC Research Spotlight Series, Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB.

Holtmann, C. (2026, February 9). A culturally integrated response to Muslim family safety [Presentation]. Sociology Seminar Series, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB.

Lefurgey, M., & Holtmann, C. (2025). Exploring resilience among survivors of intimate partner violence in rural Canada [Conference presentation]. European Conference on Domestic Violence, Barcelona, Spain.

Lefurgey, M., & Holtmann, C. (2025, October 8). Exploring resilience among survivors of intimate partner violence in rural Canada [Presentation]. MMFC Research Spotlight Presentation Series, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB.

O'Donnell, S., Taylor, P., Busolo, D., Vincent, C., & Scott-Storey, K. (2025). Identifying and addressing contradictions associated with the interconnectedness of violence and gender for boys and men [Presentation]. Faculty of Nursing 30th Annual Nursing Research Day, Fredericton, NB.

O'Sullivan, L., Ronis, S. T., & Benoit, A. (2025, October). Isolate, inebriate, intimidate, repeat: Men's strategies describing how to force sex on nonconsenting women [Paper presentation]. Annual Meeting of the Canadian Sex Research Forum, Vancouver, BC.

Pattison, A. M., Petruzzello, G. R., & O'Sullivan, L. F. (2025, June). Predictors of sex positivity and disgust [Poster presentation]. Annual Meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association, St. John's, NL.

Petruzzello, G., & O'Sullivan, L. F. (2025, July). I'm not biased, you are! Self-presentation bias and stigmatized perceptions of sexual men [Poster presentation]. Annual Meeting of the International Academy of Sex Research, Portland, ME.

Petruzzello, G., & O'Sullivan, L. F. (2025, July). "Oh man, I just can't repeat it": General and experience-based sexual disgust elicitors [Poster presentation]. Annual Meeting of the International Academy of Sex Research, Portland, ME.

Rohn, E., Dawson, M., Tastsoglou, E., Holtmann, C., & Wilkinson, L. (2025, June 10). Examining femicide risk among migrant and refugee women and girls in Canada [Presentation]. Annual Meeting of the Canadian Sociological Association, George Brown College, Toronto, ON.

Scott-Storey, K., O'Donnell, S., Taylor, P., & Vincent, C. (2025, October 6-8). What about the men? Consideration of men's experiences of cumulative lifetime violence [Symposium presentation]. 26th Conference of the Nursing Network on Violence Against Women International (NNVAWI), Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON, Canada.

Simpson, Y. (2026, February 11). Undue hardship in disability healthcare access: A historical perspective for intersectional change [Presentation]. UNB Black Researcher Showcase, University of New Brunswick.

Trauma-and violence-informed research [Panel presentation]. (2025, October 1). Innovations in Addressing Gender-Based Violence and Trauma and Violence-Informed Health Promotion: A National Conference, Toronto, ON. Panelists: Lori Weeks, Jacinthe Dion, Francine Darroch, Lorraine Greaves, & Nichole Jeffrey.

Weeks, L. E., Allen, K., Gagnon, D., Hamill, K., Holtmann, C., Dupuis-Blanchard, S., Helpard, H., MacQuarrie, C., Macdonald, M., Moody, E., & Stilwell, C. (2025, June). A discussion of the challenges and successes of delivering a health promotion program to women in midlife and older who have experienced intimate partner violence: Findings from the AIM Study [Virtual oral presentation]. SAS-Femmes Université d'été sur les violences faites aux filles et aux femmes, Université de Moncton, Moncton, NB.

Weeks, L. E., Allen, K., Gagnon, D., Hamill, K., Holtmann, C., Dupuis-Blanchard, S., Helpard, H., MacQuarrie, C., Macdonald, M., Moody, E., & Stilwell, C. (2025, October 1). "The support that is out there is not adequate": Key findings from the AIM Study and implications for future research and practice [Oral presentation]. Innovations in Addressing Gender-Based Violence and Trauma and Violence-Informed Health Promotion: A National Conference, Toronto, ON. https://www.kh-cdc.ca/en/resources/kh_national_conference/recordings/day_one/AIM.html

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Whalen, C., & Crossman, K. (2025, October 8). Child rights data monitoring: Insights and gaps on violence against children in NB [Presentation]. MMFC Research Spotlight Series, Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB.

Williams, M. E., Petruzzello, G., & O'Sullivan, L. F. (2025, August). Gross double standard! Men using sextech elicit more disgust than women [Paper presentation]. International Congress for Love and Sex with Robots, Montreal, QC.

Williams, M. E., Petruzzello, G., & O'Sullivan, L. F. (2025, June). Bias in the bedroom: Evidence of a gendered double standard in disgust ratings of sextech users [Brief communication]. Annual Meeting of the International Academy of Sex Research, Portland, ME.

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2025-2026 Operating Income Statement

24/25 CARRY FORWARD	\$14,991.06
REVENUE	
Fergusson Foundation Annual Operating Funds	216,300.00
University of New Brunswick	204,976.55
UNB Work Study Grant	2,384.51
Donation	600.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$424,261.06
EXPENSES	
Salaries: Director, Associate Director, Admin	354,612.44
Salary: Work Study Student	3,668.48
Other Staffing	6,695.53
Maintenance	30,248.77
Professional Fees	5,369.18
Office Equipment, Software, Hardware	1,249.49
Office General (Phone, Copier, Supplies, etc.)	5,391.93
Conferences/Seminars/Travel	2,710.83
Special Projects and Communications	1,200.84
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$411,147.49
NET REVENUE INCL. CARRY FORWARD	\$28,104.63



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