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## MMFC 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<sup>1</sup>.



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<sup>1</sup> 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 & Associate Director



2018-2019 was a year marked by celebration and change at the MMFC. We celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> year of operations with the launch of a promotional video that highlighted the unique partnership between the Fergusson Foundation and UNB which led to the creation of our family violence research centre. Sandi Byers, founding



Director of the MMFC, explained the importance of its model of collaborative, action-oriented research. The celebrations included Lunch & Learns featuring the work of several of our Research Fellows; a trivia night at Grad House jointly hosted by the University Women's Centre and the MMFC; visits with collaborators in Halifax and PEI; and hosting for the first time in Atlantic Canada the annual general meeting of the Vanier Institute for the Family.

We also celebrated the retirement of Rina Arseneault, who served as the Associate Director of the MMFC throughout its history. These celebrations included a retirement dinner for UNB employees, the Fergusson Foundation's annual Food and Wine Extravaganza, and an Open House at the MMFC. At all of these events, Rina's passion and tireless efforts as a researcher, activist, community collaborator and educator were recognized. Throughout the many changes that have taken place over the past 25 years Rina has been a stabilizing force, playing a pivotal role in the MMFC's success.

The search for the next Associate Director marked the end of an era. The hiring committee was delighted that Silke Brabander accepted the offer to come join our work at UNB. Silke is trilingual (French, English and Spanish) and brings a wealth of experience, having worked in community organizations and government. She is familiar with domestic violence public service providers throughout the province as well as D/IPV policies. She also represented the Women's Equality Branch in the early days of the Violence Against Immigrant and Visible Minority Women Research Team. Having begun work at the onset of the budget season, Silke had to quickly become familiar with the complex governance of the MMFC as well as UNB's administrative structure. While no one can ever replace Rina, Silke is shaping the role of the Associate Director to capitalize on her strengths as they align with the MMFC's mandate and our 2016-2021 Strategic Priorities.

We are about midway through our Strategic Plan and are pleased with the implementation of its priorities which are categorized as research; education/training/knowledge transfer; influencing policy and practice; heightening the Centre's profile; and governance. Our eight Research Fellows are making or poised to make significant contributions to advancing knowledge about family violence. For example, Karla O'Regan has just published *Law and Consent: Contesting the Common Sense* (Routledge) in which she problematizes the contemporary legal understanding of consent and its emphasis on autonomy and explores historical alternatives. Cathy has met with Deans of Education and Nursing at UNB to discuss how the MMFC can work with these faculties to incorporate more domestic violence information into the education and training of teachers and nurses. The number of participants in the Family Violence Issues Certificate Program continues to rise steadily thanks to the efforts to Kim Wade and Morgan Richard in promoting it to students on the UNB campus. The Fergusson Foundation, the Office of Human Rights and Positive Environment and the MMFC have agreed to jointly fund the position of a Communications

Officer that will be shared by the three organizations. Researchers associated with the MMFC collaborate with community partners and government personnel in the process of policy change concerning IPV, its impact on children, and in the workplace. The MMFC staff and board members have collaborated on several tasks with staff and members of the Fergusson Foundation board.

Obviously there is so much more that needs to change in the work to eliminate family violence. Yet we believe that celebrating milestones along the way is important in sustaining the MMFC's work.

Catherine Holtmann and Silke Brabander, August 2019

## 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.

Here are just a few highlights from our research activities in the past year. Five new Research Fellows were appointed to the MMFC, bringing the total to nine research fellows from four Atlantic universities. The Abuse and Neglect of Older Adults Research Team (ANOART) held a workshop on the Abuse of Older Women: Strategies for a Community-based Approach in October 2018 with funding from a SSHRC Connection grant, hosting 80 participants. The Cyberviolence Research Team produced and premiered their film, *Social Proof*, about violence against young girls film at the Silverwave Film Festival on November 9, 2018. This was a product of long-term project funded by Status of Women Canada on Preventing and Eliminating Cyberviolence against Young Women and Girls, begun in partnership with the New Brunswick Association of Social Workers and the New Brunswick Office of the Child and Youth Advocate. The film, produced in the third phase of the project, was developed for youth, by youth, under the lead of Dr. Matt Rogers. And the Violence against Immigrant and Visible Minority Women research team hosted workshops in Saint John in May and Moncton in June 2018 bringing together 100 immigrant women, domestic violence service providers, immigrant settlement service providers, and government personnel.

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

We are pleased to report on the research, education and training, knowledge transfer and other activities carried out by the many people that are part of the daily life of the MMFC in this 2018-2019 Annual Report.



## Research Themes

The MMFC website has undergone revisions in order to align with the new web format adopted by UNB. You will notice that it has a sleeker look with a lot less words. In our efforts to make the website more user-friendly we have categorized the MMFC's research by theme rather than by the categories of our research policy. Information about the activities of current teams, projects and fellows can be found via the following themes:

- Disabilities
  - Violence against Women with Disability Research Team
- Gender
  - David Hofmann, Research Fellow
  - Kelly Scott Storey, Research Fellow
  - Safe and Understood Research Project
- Health
  - Kelly Scott Storey, Research Fellow
- Immigrants
  - Violence against Immigrant and Visible Minority Women Research Team
  - Evie Tastsoglou, Research Fellow
- Law
  - Mary Ann Campbell, Research Fellow
  - Linda Neilson, Research Fellow
  - Karla O'Regan, Research Fellow
- Religion
  - Religion and Violence Research Team
- Sexual Violence
  - Sexual Violence Research Team
  - Diane Crocker, Research Fellow
  - Lucia O'Sullivan, Research Fellow
  - Ardath Whynacht, Research Fellow
- Violence across the lifespan

- Preventing and Eliminating Cyberviolence against Young Women and Girls
  - Creating Peaceful Learning Environments Research Team
  - Abuse and Neglect of Older Adults Research Team
- Workplace
  - Workplace Violence and Abuse
  - New Brunswick Family Violence and the Workplace Committee

While the format of this Annual Report highlights the work of our Research Fellows separately, we will incorporate their work into the relevant themes in the coming years to align with the MMFC website.

## Research Themes

### Disabilities

When the **Violence against Women with Disabilities Research Team** was established, we set up goals for our research to influence. These include:

- Gaining a better understanding of the lived experience of women with disabilities and the realities they are faced with when confronting violence from intimate partners, other family members, and paid caregivers.
- Learning about the challenges service providers experience when helping this population of women.
- Discovering the issues, needs, and gaps in violence intervention and prevention for women with disabilities.
- Understanding the societal context that contributes to the risk of violence against women with disabilities.

**Research Team Coordinators:**

Angela Wisniewski, Academic Coordinator, MMFC, STU  
Rina Arseneault, MMFC, UNB (until November 2018)  
Silke Brabander, MMFC, UNB (as of January 2019)

**Research Team Members:**

Charles Gaucher, School of Social Work, Université de Moncton  
Martine Paquet, NB Association of Social Workers  
Emma MacKenzie-Ballard, Premier's Council on Disabilities  
Ken Pike and Sarah Wagner, NB Community Living  
Meranda McLaughlin, NB Department of Public Safety  
Anne Chiasson-Doiron, Vie Autonome Péninsule acadienne  
Jamie Howie, Long Term Care & Disability Support Services, NB Department of Social Development  
Madhu Verma, NB Multicultural Council  
Diedre Smith, Women's Equality Branch, GNB  
Lindsay Manuel, Women's Equality Branch, GNB

**Research Assistants** (St. Thomas University and UNB):

Morgan Richard  
Denise Billing  
Jillian Hawkes  
Pamela Young  
Nicole Joycey  
Julie Lavallée  
Megan Smythe

This year was a year of transition for the research team with the addition of new team members from the Women's Equality Branch and Premier's Council, as well as the retirement of our team's co-coordinator, Rina Arseneault. We are very thankful for Rina's dedication and leadership. We also want to thank Silke Brabander for her openness and flexibility as she has taken on the new task of co-coordinating this research team.

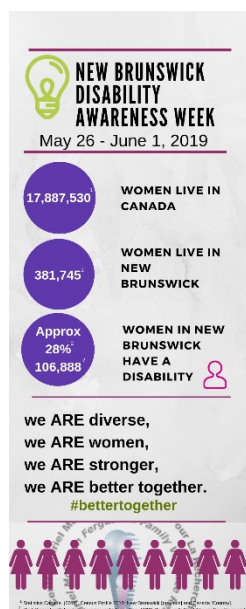
The spring/summer of 2018 was a very productive one for the research team. We received funding from Justice Canada through the Survivors and Victims of Crime Program. That funding allowed us to organize sessions on the theme "Building Stories of Resilience: Working Together to Better Respond to Violence

Against Women with Disabilities" during Disability Awareness Week / Survivors and Victims of Crime Week (May 28 to June 2, 2018). Those sessions, held in Fredericton, Miramichi, and Saint John, involved service providers working with people with a disability and those in the anti-violence field to discuss the findings from our research, encourage better coordination of services and communication between service providers and others in the community, and share a first draft of the toolkit for feedback. We also organized free public information sessions which welcomed individuals who are living with disabilities, their family members, friends and partners, neighbors, teachers, community organizations, and other interested citizens.

The team was also invited to attend and speak at the Annual Legislative Breakfast organized by the Premier's Council on Disabilities on May 30, 2018 in Fredericton. The event was organized in recognition of Disability Awareness Week and addressed the theme *Equal Opportunity for All*.

On May 31, 2018, two webinars were presented – in English in the morning and in French in the afternoon. Both sessions were held at the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre and were opened to the general public. That same day we also organized an afternoon session in Shippagan at the Université de Moncton. On June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, Rina Arseneault presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Dentists Association of New Brunswick in Saint John on the complexity of IPV and on how to respond and refer, including material from our research team.

A video prepared by Pamela Young, Jillian Hawkes, and Denise Billings about the project was shown during the public presentation (it can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/y3O-IQbH7Vw>). A webinar on Building Stories of Resilience: Working Together to Better Respond to Violence Against Women with Disabilities was presented and recorded on May 29. We would like to thank Justice Canada for the funding as well as CNIB New Brunswick and New Brunswick Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Inc. for their support of our activities in the summer of 2018. In addition to those community-focused events, Angela and Rina also presented a paper based on our focus group findings at the Qualitative Analysis Conference held in Fredericton in May of 2018.



Following on our activities of summer 2018, the research team identified two short-term goals: Completing a toolkit for service providers on violence against women living with disabilities and publishing an academic research paper outlining the results of our research to date. Student research assistants greatly contributed to our capacity to pursue those goals. Morgan Richard, who joined us with the assistance of the Youth Employment Fund, has taken a leadership role in helping to oversee the preparation of our data for analysis. We have also worked with several interns in partnership with St. Thomas's Social Work program, including Denise Billings, Jillian Hawkes, Pamela Young, Julie Lavallée, Nicole Joycey, and Megan Smythe. Julie, Nicole, and Megan worked with the team to assist in the coding of our research data and also edited and conducted consultations on the toolkit. Thank you to all of the students contributed to the research team in the past year.

## Gender

### Team Coordinators

Chantal Bourassa, Professor, School of Social Work,  
Université de Moncton (chercheure principale au  
Nouveau-Brunswick)  
Katreena Scott, Professor, Clinical Psychologist,  
University of Toronto  
Angelique Jenney, Wood's Homes Chair in Children's  
Mental Health, University of Calgary  
Valérie Roy, Professor, Université Laval (co-chercheure  
au Québec)  
Geneviève Lessard, Professor, Université Laval (co-  
chercheure au Québec)

### Collaborators

Centre de ressources et de crises familiales Beauséjour,  
Shediac, NB  
Maison pour femmes immigrantes, Québec, QC  
L'Accord Mauricie inc., Trois-Rivières, QC

The project, **Safe and Understood: Intervening with families to promote healthy child outcomes and prevent abuse recurrence for young child victims of domestic violence exposure** is being led in New Brunswick by Chantal Bourassa, Director and professor at the School of Social Work, Université de Moncton. The project is national in scope with projects that include various components in three Canadian provinces: Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick. The principal investigators for this research team are: Angelique Jenney, Wood's Homes Chair in Children's Mental Health, University of Calgary and Katreena Scott, Professor at the

Department of Applied Psychology, University of Toronto, Associate Chair of the Applied Psychology and Human Development, and Program Chair at the School & Clinical Child Psychology Program. There are two co-investigators in Quebec: Valérie Roy, and Geneviève Lessard, both Professors at the School of Social Work and Criminology at Université Laval.

To date, each of the two intervention programs (Mom in Mind and The Caring Dads) have been offered twice in Quebec. Data from the interviews conducted with participants, stakeholders and coordinators were analyzed. Results will be reported next year.

## Health

See Research Fellow Kelly Scott-Storey

## Immigrants

### Team Coordinators:

Catherine Holtmann, Director, MMFC & Sociology  
Department, 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  
Jael Duarte, NB Multicultural Council Inc  
Tracey Rickards, Nursing, UNB  
Sarah Doucet, Social Development, GNB  
Luiza Lima, Arts Intern, UNB

The **Violence against Immigrant and Visible Minority Women** research team finished up the work associated with the Department for Women and Gender Equality's funded project, "A Coordinated Community Response to Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence (D/IPV) Experienced by Immigrant and Newcomer Women in New Brunswick."

Workshops were hosted in Saint John in May and Moncton in June 2018 to bring together immigrant women, domestic violence service providers, immigrant settlement service providers, and government personnel. The workshop participants, approximately 100 in total, were provided with an update on the progress of the project and solicited input from participants on practical ways to implement better coordination of services for immigrant women who have experienced

domestic violence. These were great opportunities for networking and planning of collaboration. In Moncton, a group of service providers formed a Steering Committee on Violence against Immigrant Women. They have met several times over the course of the year and organized a symposium at the Université de Moncton in May 2019.

Drafts of provincial reference guides on D/IPV against Immigrant Women in NB (previously referred to as protocols) as well as local resource guides for two of project's pilot locations, Saint John, and Moncton, were finalized. These were presented at the above mentioned Moncton symposium in May. Funding from the Women's Equality Branch Community Action Fund has been procured for a symposium planned for the fall of 2019, during which these resources will be introduced to public service providers along with training for its implementation offered by sector experts.

The New Brunswick Immigrant Women's Association held 12 meetings this year. In April 2018, the Association was opened up for formal membership and a Fredericton chapter was founded. After holding an initial information gathering session during a social for immigrant women in June 2018, to identify priorities that they wanted our association to work on, a series of workshops in the upcoming year were scheduled accordingly and a presentation from the Love Shouldn't Hurt campaign was offered to about 60 women and children on resources available for domestic violence services across New Brunswick. The session was offered in both English and French, and resources were offered in English, French and Arabic. The workshops were held for promoting awareness in immigrant women about opportunities available to them as well as to provide information about policies that affect them and to hear questions and concerns related to these. There were two workshops held in September and November 2018; the first to convey information about various networking and training programs called "Employment Connections" followed by a second on how to function in Canadian workplaces called "Workplace Integration." About 40 women attended these workshops. An info-seminar was held in October 2018 called "Parenting in Canada" and a representative from the Child and Youth Advocate's office was invited to inform immigrant women about the basis for the policies related to parenting and the rights of children in Canada. In January 2019 a discussion group on programs for free healthcare and legal clinics was hosted, with representatives of these programs informing immigrant women about these services. About 15 women attended these events. After registering a drop in attendance for the latter workshops, there was a suggestion to gauge interest in a panel discussion on topics that are relevant specifically for immigrant and visible minority women, but are not commonly the subject of immigration themed events. Accordingly for the one year anniversary of the launch of the Association a half day conference on "Intersectional Experiences of Women of Color" was held on March 30th in honour of Women's History Month. Female professors from UNB and STU were invited to talk on the myriad issues faced by racialized women in Canada, specifically related their visibility in feminist movements, participation in the workforce, and place in the workforce. In addition a former project manager for the Breaking Barriers project explained how this identified the needs of immigrant women and lead to the formation of the Association. About 60 women and men attended this panel and participated in the discussion afterwards. This event was opened up to all men and women who support women from all backgrounds. Feedback received was very positive for this event.

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. Over the course of the year, NBMC also conducted further consultations

and research on the status of interpretation services in New Brunswick: focus groups were held in Moncton, Saint John and Fredericton, and training on interpretation in health and mental health care settings were offered in Saint John and Moncton over the winter of 2019.

Cathy is one of four Canadian co-investigators on an international project 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. A post-doctoral fellow was hired in April 2019 to manage this national research project which will include regional representatives from community partners and government on a national advisory group.

## Law

See Research Fellows:  
Mary Ann Campbell  
Linda Neilson  
Karla O’Regan

## Religion

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. Nancy Nason-Clark retired from the Sociology Department at UNB on December 31, 2018 and Cathy Holtmann has taken on the role of team coordinator.



**Team Coordinator**

Catherine Holtmann, Sociology, UNB

**Team Members**

Nancy Nason-Clark (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, UNB)

Daphne Marsden (Project Esther, Christ Church, New Zealand)

*Making a Difference:*

Team members contributed chapters to the book *Religion, Gender and Family Violence: When Prayers are not Enough* which was published by Brill in July 2018 and is co-edited by Nancy and Cathy. The book was officially launched at the MMFC in November 2018. We are grateful to Fiona Williams and Rabbi Joseph Goldman for their reviews of the book.

Steve McMullin and Cathy worked throughout the year on plans for an International Collaboration on Faith & Violence to be hosted at Acadia Divinity College. Participants will come from the UK, Australia, and New Zealand.

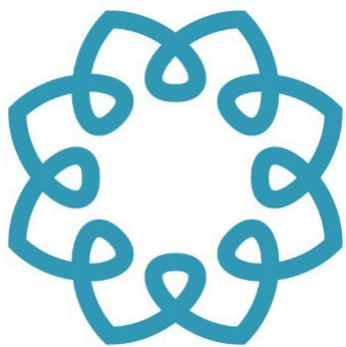
As well, team members continue to speak regularly on the issue of family violence in various locales – both near and far. Our focus continues to be on understanding the interface between religion and abuse and on building bridges between the steeple and the shelter.

*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 (<https://www.facebook.com/religionandviolence/>) and Twitter ([https://twitter.com/RAVE\\_UNB](https://twitter.com/RAVE_UNB)). Zainab Al-Muttairi was hired through UNB's work-study program to work on the website. She updated several modules of the Fast Facts section of the Online Training tab. She created a new module on gender socialization.

## Sexual Violence

The overall objective of the **Sexual Violence Research 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.



In 2016, The Fredericton Sexual Assault Centre (FSAC) received funding for three multi-year projects. As a result, FSAC, the Sexual Violence Research Team, led by Lorraine Whalley and Jennifer Richard, 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 have been developed by Dr. Milliken in collaboration with Project Coordinators.

**The three projects are:**

*Making Connections: An Integrated Care Model for Victims of Sexual Crimes*

Funded by Canada's Victims Fund, Department of Justice Canada, this initiative will establish a service delivery model that recognizes the complex and intersecting needs of individuals who require concurrent and longer-term support for various issues connected to their experience of sexual violence.

The project co-ordinator Tanya Smith has worked with a team of representatives from multiple service organizations over the course of the project. After the working committee identified the need for a more widespread awareness among service-providers of trauma-informed approaches to support clients with complex trauma, the project focus was on developing a training program. FSAC has offered two training sessions, free-of-charge, and hosted a knowledge-sharing event. The training was very well received, and the course has been added to FSAC's extensive catalogue of professional development. Members of the working committee reported that involvement in the project has led to improved networking between service-delivery organizations. Attendees at the knowledge-sharing event acknowledged the value of the course content and appreciated the opportunity to network and learn about a new project that focuses on the trauma-informed workplace.

*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 sexual violence within the criminal justice system. The project was designed to improve the process for victims reporting cases of sexual violence. Observations from another FSAC project to review FPF's 'unfounded' cases of sexual assault were incorporated into this project framework. The project is on track with a revised schedule after facing some significant, external delays in the first year. The project coordinator, Jennifer Richard, through her involvement in provincial and national networks, has exchanged information with other jurisdictions that has been useful to the project. The Needs Assessment was completed in July 2018. It revealed several issues and barriers that provided the basis for a series of recommendations. After consultation with key contacts at FPF, Jennifer designed a series of deliverables, some of which are already complete. One was to design and offer a training program for officers. There were two training sessions, both of which were well received. Other products, such as a wallet card and a checklist for officers to use in sexual assault cases, and a training program for dispatchers, are in progress. At this time, it is unknown if FPF

will implement any of the recommendations to address systemic and procedural issues revealed in the Needs Assessment in part because the Chief retired and the project coordinator has not met with the new Chief.

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

With funds from the Department of Justice and Public Safety, New Brunswick, FSAC has been conducting a feasibility study and developing innovative and enhanced training for criminal justice professionals on the unique dynamics related to sexual violence. Jenn Gorham, the project coordinator, discovered in the first year that it would not be possible to train judges. One of the members of the consultation group had an opportunity to present to the Court of Queen's Bench Justices on the evolution of sexual assault law, with a focus on sexual violence myths and their origins and stereotypes. She used materials prepared by the project to shape her training, so that deliverable is considered complete; the focus for the rest of the project is on training Crown Prosecutors. With the help of a pro-bono law student who is researching the legal references, and guidance from a consultation group made up of, legal researchers, attorneys, and initially, a Crown Prosecutor, the coordinator has developed a two-day training program for Crown Prosecutors and a session is scheduled to happen in early fall 2019.

### Violence across the lifespan

#### **Project team**

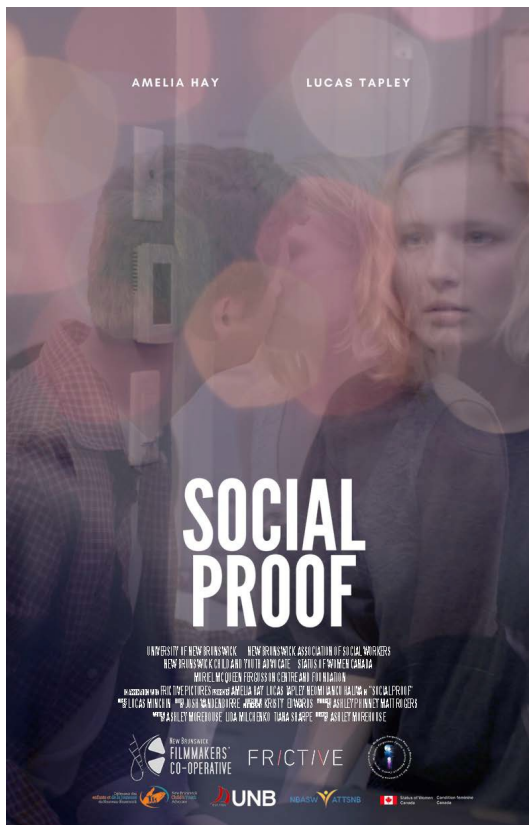
Matt Rogers, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education, UNB  
Rina Arseneault, MMFC  
Miguel LeBlanc, NBASW  
Martine Paquet, NBASW  
Christian Whalley, Office of the Child & Youth Advocate

#### **Assistants:**

Lisa Jodoin, Ashley Phinney, and Josh Vandenborre

The **Preventing and Eliminating Cyberviolence against Young Women and Girls Project** is continuing its work on the third phase of the project – the Dissemination Strategy. Thanks to the Youth Employment Fund, Josh Vandenborre was hired for 30 hours a week for six months. With his help and the help of many students, the development of the short film is now finished. Bailey Jean Bulger, an Arts Internship student, with the help of Josh, worked on a chapter of the toolkit that will accompany the film.

The film produced by the young women through the cyberviolence project, *Social Proof*, premiered at the Silver Wave Film Festival during NB Shorts on Friday evening on November 9, 2018 at *Le Centre Communautaire Sainte-Anne*. The young women involved in the project were in attendance. The young women were very excited for the premiere, as the film was in the main NB Shorts program. Social Proof was nominated for Best Student Short, and the filmmakers were interviewed for a feature in the Daily Gleaner Newspaper. The Hanwell Herald also featured the filmmakers on their front page.



The following day, the film was screened at the Northeast Regional Media Educators' Conference in Providence, Rhode Island, and Ashley Phinney, a Research Assistant and project mentor ran a workshop there for educators about using the film. Matt Rogers and the young women participated in the conference via Skype call.

Over the following months, various minor edits were made to the film. Some Visual Effects were touched-up, and an assistant editor, Ty Giffin, completed a new colour grade. At this point, the film was put on Filmfreeway, to be submitted to film festivals. Ashley submitted the film to various feminist film festivals, including but not limited to the Female Voices Rock Film Fest, Worldwide Women's Film Festival, and Montreal Feminist Film Festival. She submitted to international festivals such as the Sundance Film Festival, Tampa Bay Underground Film Festival, and local festivals like the Sunrise Film Festival, Bluenose Ability Arts & Film Festival, and the Nickel Independent Film Festival. Josh Vandenborre also began work on a

Behind-the-Scenes documentary. Throughout the entire process, the team made social media posts to detail the making of Social Proof, and to promote screenings. Two movie trailers were created for promotion as well, both of which were shared through YouTube.

The following months saw numerous screenings at various venues. Dr. Rogers, Lida Milchenko, Ashley Morehouse, and Ty Giffin presented the film at the Education Research Symposium, where they also screened the short documentary 'Take this Research and Blow it Up' to demonstrate the research process. Dr. Rogers presented at the 36th Qualitative Analysis Conference on "Addressing cyberviolence with youth through participatory verbatim cinema" in relation to this project. Lida, Ty and Dr. Rogers were invited to present the film and lead a discussion with Dr. Cathy Holtmann's 'Violence Against Women' Sociology course at UNB. They showed both the film and the research documentary, and discussed the social issues and filmmaking practices present in the film. The filmmakers then presented to the New Brunswick Social Work Association for their National Social Work Month. Ashley and Lida were invited to screen Social Proof at Amy Bourgaize's Grade 11/12 Sociology Class at Fredericton High School. After screening the film to the students, they gave a short presentation about the social issues tackled by the film. Finally, the Cinema Politica film series presented a screening Social Proof with a selection of What's Up Doc film in April.

Moving forward, the team will continue with the dissemination stage. There are plans to return to the Community Centre in Tobique to screen the film for the attendees of the previous presentation. In August, Ashley Morehouse will be presenting the film to Dr. Casey Burkeholder's Sexual Education class. Dr. Rogers, Ashley, Lida, and Tiana Sharpe will be presenting the film at the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research Conference in October. In the coming months, the Behind-the-Scenes will receive final edits to

be shared with the film. Ashley, Lida and Tiana will be working further on the toolkit; adding chapters, writing articles, and finalizing the document for publication and dissemination. Press kit materials, such as a poster, will be developed and an expanded distribution plan for the film will be enacted. When the submissions open again, Ashley plans on submitting to the Charlottetown Film Festival, Parrsboro Film Festival, and the FIN: Atlantic International Film Festival.



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**The Creating Peaceful Learning Environments research team (CPLE)**

continues to write research papers describing its support of initiatives designed to reduce violence across the lifespan and enhance resiliency. Our team is undertaking several quasi-ecological projects around the globe, focusing on resilience of toddlers, youth and kindergarten students in the transition to school, most recently in Brazil and Italy as well as eastern and western Canada, and independent elderly adults in Switzerland, Lithuania and eastern and western Canada. We

are also bringing to light findings acquired in recent years regarding gender factors in youth perceptions of intimate relationships. Ann Cameron coordinates the research in collaboration with CPLE team members including current and past UNB and UBC graduate and undergraduate students. Recent new initiatives involve a former UNB doctoral student, Kang Lee and is a SSHRC grant-supported cross-cultural study of truth and trust; we are developing a new collaborative study in both British Columbia and New Brunswick of the reciprocal learning and teaching of older and younger non-Aboriginal elementary school students and their teachers of Aboriginal knowledge and cultural practices.

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 research of 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 work. We continue to distribute our video and handbook, *"Worlds apart, coming together"* as requested that encourages community based, gender sensitive, violence-prevention initiatives.

**Team Coordinators**

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The activities of the **Abuse and Neglect of Older Adults Research Team (ANOART)** for the 2018-2019 year were concentrated on narrowing the scope of its activities through its subsidiary research project RESPOND, and engaging community members in setting our future research objectives. The ANOART was active in regular monthly meetings until November 2018 when the members of RESPOND took over (the project funded by Justice Canada called *Identifying and Responding to the Needs of Diverse Older Women Who Experience Intimate Partner Violence*), meeting on a monthly basis throughout the year. The

team experienced some turnover in leadership and administration due to the retirement of the MMFC's Associate Director and the funding of the RESPOND project. New members Silke Brabander and Erin Jackson were added to the team.



This past year's main activity was a conference held on October 23-24, 2018 to address violence against older women. The event invited older survivors, community organizations, service providers, policy makers, students and other interest groups

to attend a series of presentations to increase awareness on the subject, all the while encouraging opportunity for networking and interdisciplinary connections to take place. This event also offered educational benefits to four students (Danie Gagnon, Christie Silversides, Kalkidan Gebre, Biki Homagain) who were involved in the planning and coordination of the two-day event. Results from a participative component of the conference to define the future direction of the research team outlined the group's view of the issue from an ecological perspective and the need to address the issue of late-life violence from a person-centered and interdisciplinary perspective. This type of participative activity helps foster stakeholders' buy-in and ownership of our activities, all the while creating a stronger network to support our future activities.

Following its launch in July 2017, the RESPOND team's activities were focused on collecting and analyzing data from women survivors of later-life IPV and those who support them, in addition to doing a national scan of programs and resources available to older women who experience intimate partner violence. Preliminary findings show that while service providers don't actively exclude older women from its services, very few programs across Canada focus on specific needs of older women. Exploring diverse older women's experience with late-life IPV highlighted the commonalities in established groups such as Francophones and black older women's groups, whereas older Muslim women had the compounding immigration experience to account for in addressing issues with late-life IPV. This information offers a deeper understanding of the intersectionality present in the Maritime provinces and is key to informing our future research agenda.

As we move forward to the next year, our focus is set on expanding our activities outside of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and increasing survivor participation in our activities. Future research direction of the team will be set by findings from the RESPOND study and the conference group exercise, and the availability of funding for research and community-based activities.

**The Wellbeing, Social Development, and Family Functioning of Adolescents in Military Families** project is finished. We are grateful to all those who participated in this important research. *Growing Up in Armyville: Canada's Military Families during the Afghanistan Mission* (2016) by Deborah Harrison and Patrizia Albanese was published by Wilfrid Laurier University Press.

## Workplace

### Team Coordinators

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**The Workplace Violence and Abuse Research Team (WVAT)** regularly engages in disseminating research evidence 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 public presentation series aimed at highlighting Respectful Workplace Week. This no-charge event has facilitated public discussion of current evidence and practice related to workplace bullying and abuse. We

have seen our event grow from 10 to 12 attendees at each session in 2014 to over 50 attendees in 2017. Because of growing interest, in 2018, this event was expanded to a one-day Conference and Workshop which brought together more than 120 individuals (including high ranking senior public officials) from a range of sectors to promote knowledge exchange surrounding ways to promote and ensure safe and respectful workplaces. We sought and secured \$8800.00 to host this no-charge public event.

### Respectful Workplace Week Declarations and Public Presentation Series:

As a team, we lobbied to have the week of September 3 to 9, 2018 declared Respectful Workplace Week at the City of Fredericton and the University of New Brunswick. The Dean of UNB Fredericton's Faculty of Nursing also signed and read the declaration at Faculty Council.



### *Consulting Activities*

Delano-Parker, D., O'Donnell, S., Claybourn, M., City of Saint John

Contract to examine nature and prevalence of harmful workplace conduct within organization (via online survey), pilot and provide training all 600+ City of Saint John employees surrounding Workplace Conduct Policy and Standard Operating Procedures and evaluate effectiveness of training.

- August 2018: Develop and refine survey, begin developing training content and related evaluation
- November 2018: Pilot training session with City of Saint John Senior Leadership Team and departmental management

## Research Fellows

### Dr. Mary-Ann Campbell



Mary-Ann Campbell is the Director of the Centre for Criminal Justice Studies and Professor of Psychology at UNB Saint John. She is currently conducting a research program on the validity and field use of the Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment (ODARA) instrument for risk appraisal by police officers.

**Principal Investigators**

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New Brunswick Department of Public Safety

Saint John Police Force

Fredericton Police Force

Kennebecasis Regional Police Force

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Adam Cooper, Psychology Department and Centre for Criminal Justice Studies, UNB Saint John

One major research project within this program of research was concluded in the 2018-2019 period. This specific study examined the use of the ODARA by police officers in New Brunswick in terms of a) the accuracy of their scoring of the instrument (i.e., quality assurance); b) the ability of ODARA scores to accurately identify perpetrators at low, moderate, and high risk of engaging in subsequent intimate partner violence; and c) the influence of using the ODARA on police officers' legal (e.g., arrest) and non-legal (e.g., referral to services) responses to calls for service involving intimate partner violence. Highlights of our findings

thus far, indicate general support for police officers using the ODARA to structure their appraisal of risk of intimate partner violence with male adult suspects. Specifically, ODARA risk scores were predictive of decisions to arrest suspects and to recommend charges to Crown above and beyond the influence of the severity of victim injury. This is an important finding, as a low injury call does not necessarily mean the officer is dealing with a low risk suspect. In addition, higher risk cases (as identified by the ODARA) tended to receive a higher volume of both legal and non-legal responses from police relative to lower risk cases, which is in accordance to best practices for criminal behaviour risk reduction. Thus, the ODARA appears to be positively influencing police action. However, the ODARA's validity with female adult suspects was questionable; therefore, we are not recommending its use with this smaller sub-group of intimate partner violence perpetrators at this time. Research with female suspects of intimate partner violence is ongoing to identify relevant risk factors that then can be used to inform gendered risk appraisal practices with female suspects as relevant. Finally, our emerging findings point to the value of continuing education with police officers with regard to how to score the ODARA and how to best integrate risk appraisal information into their decision-making and response options when responding to intimate partner violence calls. Thus, this research program will inform practice

and policy with regard to how police can best appraise risk of intimate partner violence and engage in impactful and appropriate risk mitigation practices within the Canadian context that protect victims of domestic violence.

Emerging findings from this program of research are shared with the New Brunswick Government's Roundtable of Crime Prevention and Public Safety, most recently in June 2019. This Roundtable reports directly to the New Brunswick Minister and Deputy Minister of the Department of Public Safety to inform policy, planning, and initiatives in priority areas, including domestic and intimate partner violence. Research findings to date from this program of research will be presented at the upcoming annual meeting of the New Brunswick Association of Chiefs of Police in September 2019.

### **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 the 2018-2019 year, Dr. Neilson analyzed 357 Canadian family law cases involving “parental alienation” claims, inclusive of 141 cross-claim cases alleging family violence. The analysis assesses empirically the validity of concerns about alienation theory. She is also the creator and coordinator of an international discussion list of leading family law, child rights, child welfare and mental health

academics/professionals concerned about the spread of “alienation” concepts, documenting problems with scientific validity, gender bias, child harm, denial of child rights, the silencing of women and children and the dismissal of evidence of family violence when alienation claims are made in family law cases. Countries represented include Australia, Canada, Israel, Italy, Brazil, New Zealand, United Kingdom and the USA.

Dr. Linda C. Neilson is the author (with support from Joan Meier, USA; Elizabeth Sheehy, Margaret Jackson, Susan Boyd, Peter Jaffe, and Simon Lapierre, Canada; and Ruth Halperin-Kaddari, Israel) of the international Collective Memo of Concern to the World Health Organization relating to a reference to “parental alienation” in the ICD-11. The Memo has now been endorsed by over 339 leading experts and organizations and by 764 individuals from more than 36 countries.

She was invited as an expert witness by the House of Commons, Justice and Human Rights Committee (November 28, 2018), Canadian Senate (March 29, 2019), and Senate Law and Constitutional Affairs Committee (June 5, 2019) to comment on Bill C-78 (proposed changes to the Divorce Act). She reviewed and contributed to the LEAF Brief on Bill C-78, proposed changes to the Divorce Act, prepared for the House of Commons, Justice and Human Rights Committee; she also reviewed a joint Luke’s Place and NAWL Brief on Bill C-78 for the House of Commons, Justice and Human Rights Committee. She is a continuing academic adviser, sits on the Province of New Brunswick’s cross-sector CCR (Coordinated Community Response to high-risk intimate partner violence) Policy Steering Committee, and reviewed 6 articles for academic family violence and law journals in the United States and Canada.

Finally, Dr. Neilson, as Principal Investigator of the project, **Collaborative Design of a Research-Informed, Coordinated Provincial / Queen’s Bench Family Violence Court Model**, submitted an application for a three-year contribution grant for Family Violence Court Model project to the Department of Justice Canada with Joanne Boucher, Co-Investigator and Court Coordinator.

This is a collaborative-action-oriented research project to design and pilot in Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada’s first coordinated family violence court model spanning the criminal, family, civil protection and child protection legal systems as well as the Provincial and Queen’s Bench Court jurisdictions. The goals are to improve information exchange and to reduce legal system fragmentation. The project has the potential to contribute to the development of similar models across the country, thus improving responses to vulnerable women, children and families in New Brunswick and beyond.

## Dr. Karla O'Regan



Karla O'Regan is associate professor in Criminology at St. Thomas University and part-time lecturer at UNB's Faculty of Law. Her research focuses on consent laws and the socio-legal contexts of sexual violence. She works on two projects associated with the MMFC: Improving Women's Access to Justice through Institutional Change, and Enhancing Criminal Justice Response (ECJR) to Sexual Violence in New Brunswick, both in collaboration with the Fredericton Sexual Assault Centre (FSAC).

### **Improving Women's Access to Justice through Institutional Change**

Funded by the Status of Women Canada, this project aims to "implement changes in policies, protocols, and procedures that lead to inconsistent and discriminatory practices related to sexual violence within the criminal justice system" (MMFC Annual Report 2017-2018, p. 13).

Karla participated in two research activities of this project:

- Preparation of trauma-informed sexual assault police response training materials, with the Fredericton Sexual Assault Centre (FSAC)
- Advocate Review of Fredericton Police Force's unfounded sexual assault files (2010-2014)

The purpose of the Advocate Review was "to complement the work of the province in improving police response to sexual assault by reviewing files with a trauma and equality informed perspective in order to identify potential instances of systemic bias and to recommend approaches to overcome these barriers to sexual assault victims' equal access to justice" (Unfounded File Review, p. 2).

### **Enhancing Criminal Justice Response (ECJR) to Sexual Violence in New Brunswick**

This FSAC project is funded by the New Brunswick Department of Justice and Public Safety with the goal of developing trauma-informed training for criminal justice professionals working with cases of sexual violence. Karla was invited to be a member of the Consultation Committee for this project and provided research and training materials about sexual assault law for Crown prosecutors. Karla will also participate in the training delivery (tentatively scheduled for September 2019). She also acted as the supervising lawyer for an ECJR-focused law student internship with FSAC through Pro Bono Students Canada.

## Dr. Lucia O'Sullivan



Dr. O'Sullivan and Lauren Cormier, doctoral student, are working on a project that investigates the strategies of rapists and other sexual assault predators. There have been multiple studies about victim behaviour, rape-prevention strategies, or coping strategies post-assault. This has left a considerable gap in the literature regarding perpetrators themselves. The study involves a brief, anonymous survey in which men are asked to explain how they go about "getting sex" when a woman is unwilling. The data from this exploratory study will form the basis of future studies on sexual assault strategies. O'Sullivan and Cormier also conducted a study of non-consensual sexual experiences of children, and the impact of the child's relationship to the perpetrator.

Lucia has been working with the Association of New Brunswick Massage Therapists to collect data about their members' experiences of sexual assault at work. The data was analyzed and a report produced along with three infographics. The findings will form the basis for an article to be submitted to a Canadian massage journal.

Lucia was a member of the Academic Advisory Board for the Provincial Strategy for the Prevention of Harm for Children and Youth for the Government of New Brunswick in 2015. She also was consulted for the curriculum development for Grades 3-5 by the New Brunswick Department of Education & Early Childhood Development in 2015.

Lucia worked with Dr. Rice Fuller and Charlene Belu, doctoral student, on the 2015 UNB Sexual Climate Survey that assessed in depth attitudes supportive of sexual assault and experiences of sexual assault among students at UNB. Available:

<https://www.unb.ca/initiatives/sexualassault/resources/assault-climate.pdf>

Lucia is a co-investigator of the CIHR-funded project, "The role of victimization in adolescents' sexual health: A longitudinal study" led by Dr. Sophie Bergeron at Université de Montréal. Childhood victimization is associated with a host of negative short- and long-term mental and physical health consequences, such as internalizing and externalizing problems, post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, chronic pain and sexual revictimization. Although several studies have examined the consequences of childhood and adolescent victimization, progress in this area is hampered by important methodological limitations, such as the use of clinical samples, cross-sectional designs, and adult retrospective reports of victimization. Further, very little work has focused on sexuality, beyond sexual risk-taking. The longitudinal study will overcome prior methodological limitations by examining the effect of different types of victimization assessed at age 14 on the sexual health of adolescents aged 14-17 over a three-year period. In their high school classrooms, 4,000 community participants will complete standardized measures at baseline as well as one and two years later. Findings will generate novel longitudinal data concerning the relationship between childhood and adolescent victimization and sexual health, and will contribute to the identification of factors to be targeted in prevention and intervention programs aimed at improving adolescents' sexual health.

### **Dr. Kelly Scott-Storey**



Kelly Scott-Storey is associate professor in the Faculty of Nursing at UNB. Her research addresses:

- the mechanisms by which lifetime violence can affect cardiovascular health among women and men
- the relationship between health and violence from a gendered cumulative lifetime perspective for both women and men
- men's experiences of violence, both as a target and perpetrator - and how this intersects with gender and health.

She has been part of an international team who have developed a short measurement instrument of intimate partner violence appropriate for use in national and population surveys. This instrument is currently being used by Statistics Canada in the new Gender-Based Violence Survey.

She is a co-principal investigator on *iCAN Plan 4 Safety* (<https://icanplan4safety.ca/>), a study that explores the effectiveness of an internet-based decision aid in enhancing safety behaviours, reducing exposure to violence and improving mental health among women; and *iHeal*, a study that aims to test the effectiveness of a complex, evidence-based health promotion intervention in enhancing mental and physical health, quality of life, capacities and resources of women who are in the process of separating from an abusive partner.



*iHEAL* in Context:

## **Testing the Effectiveness of a Health Promotion Intervention for Women who have Experienced Intimate Partner Violence**

*Funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada, 2016-2021*

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].

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*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.

Currently we are testing 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 are being 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).

To assess whether iHEAL is effective in improving quality of life, health, confidence and control, women complete an online survey at 4 times: before the intervention starts, and 6, 12 and 18 months later. We will test whether women who work with nurses have different outcomes than those who are provided with information about community services, and whether some women benefit from iHEAL more than others. We will also examine whether iHEAL is cost effective, and, at the end of the study, talk to women, nurses and community partners about how to further strengthen iHEAL. In a separate phase, iHEAL will be adapted for Francophone women in New Brunswick and tested for acceptability.

During the past year we finalized the development of the iHEAL and launched the study. We have: educated registered nurses and clinical supervisors in all 3 provinces to deliver the intervention; connected with community agencies, partners and stakeholders to help recruit participants; and have had 214 women join the study (52 of these in NB). We are on target to have our total sample by September of this year; the intervention will continue until February 2020.



## Lifetime Violence, Masculinities, and Health

### Principal Investigators:

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Dr. Judith Wuest, RN MN PhD, Professor Emeritus Nursing, UNB

### Co-Investigators:

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### Post-Doctoral Student:

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### Research Coordinator:

Jeannie Malcolm, BA MA, Nursing, UNB

This project is a 5 year study funded by an Operating Grant through the Canadian Institutes of Health Research 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.

Since recruiting ~700 men who completed an online survey about health, health behaviors, lifetime experiences of violence and gender, and conducting health checks with approximately 250 of these men, in the past year we have continued work on this project. In summary, we have: begun the analysis of the survey and health check data; conducted in-depth qualitative interviews with ~38 of the survey participants to better understand their experiences; produced two papers on the findings, with a third in progress; presented findings at an international violence conference. Work continues with further data analysis and dissemination of findings.

### **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.

Evie is also the principal investigator on the SSHRC-funded project, “Gendering Violence and Precarity in Forced Migration: Asylum Seeking Women in the Eastern Mediterranean.” She is currently working with the Halifax Refugee Clinic on the project “Counting and Analyzing Claims of Sexual and Gender Based Violence in the Forced Migration Journey.”

Evie’s organizational skills are in high demand. She was a member of the Program Committee Member and chair of the plenary on Gender and Intersectional Violence for the XIX International Sociological Association World Congress held in Toronto, July 15-21, 2018. She was also panel organized and co-chair of “The Experience of Sexual and Gender Based Violence for Migrants and Refugees” at the 21st National Metropolis Conference, Halifax, March 21-23, 2019.

### **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.

## Research Projects in Partnership with the MMFC

Cathy 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 (CDHPIVP)** 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 CDHPIVP 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 CDHPIVP under Cathy's supervision. Briefs based on research are available via the website: <http://cdhpi.ca/>.

## 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.

Stephanie Sanford and Rina Arseneault's proposal to the UNB College of Extended Learning to have the first course of the FVI Certificate Program, Introduction to Family Violence (FVI 3001) taught online was accepted. They developed a twelve-module course in the Fall 2018 and began teaching the online course at the end of January 2019. There are 27 students enrolled in the program.

**SOCI 3605: International Human Rights** is a new online course developed by Dr. Ahmad Rahmanian and is included in the list of supplementary courses in the FVI Certificate Program. The course explores the theory, politics, and practice of international human rights. We examine power structures and the policies and practices of state and non-state actors in the international arena. Some of the issues discussed include the effects of globalization on human rights, feminist critiques of human rights theory and practice, human trafficking, indigenous peoples' and environmental human rights, and genocide.

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.

## Professional Development Programs



The Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research (MMFC) has developed professional development on intimate partner violence (IPV). The professional development training is tailored to various occupations and provides professionals with an understanding of the dynamics of IPV, what it is, why it occurs, how to respond to situations of IPV and the impact it has on the lives of individuals, including victims, children and violent partners. The professional development program also takes many forms, it can be a one- or two-day training workshop, a tailored presentation to the organization, or a webinar. Whatever the venue, the aim is always to address the many challenges encountered by professionals dealing with IPV and to look at ways to respond in a safe, effective and compassionate way.

Rina met with Geneviève Boucher, Executive Director of the **Cosmetology Association of New Brunswick** to discuss the process of training instructors at various cosmetologist colleges on how to deliver the training to students. It was decided to pilot the training to one College in a two-hour webinar, followed by a face-to-face session at a later date. A two-hour webinar training session took place on August 28, 2018. The follow-up face-to-face training took place in Moncton at the Medes College on October 1, 2018.

Rina delivered a one day and a half training to the family violence intervenors on « *Intelligence émotionnelle des intervenantes en violence faite aux femmes face à la diversité* », which was organized by the « **Centre Victoria pour femmes** » of Sudbury, Ontario on October 17-18, 2018.

### Webinar Series

The MMFC continues its effort to ensure that provincial and national associations endorse and support the expansion of the MMFC professional development program. As such, we have organized webinars in partnership with the Canadian Association of Social Workers. The following was presented:

- What should women know about technology (phone, accounts, social media, etc.) after leaving an abusive relationship by Erik Denis, University of New Brunswick's Senior Cybersecurity Officer. It was facilitated by Rina Arseneault. November 9, 2018.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B4bm2nAHw44>

The webinars had both a live audience and an online audience. Recordings were posted on the CASW and the MMFC websites. It was well received.

In addition, our regular Lunch and Learn Series (featured below) was offered via webinar technology as of January 2019, increasing attendance for sessions on important topics delivered by our research fellows and affiliates.

## MMFC Lunch Learn Series

In February 2018, the MMFC hosted a Lunch and Learn Series for three consecutive weeks. With the added option of joining via Zoom videoconference, there was a higher attendance online this year. The themes and speakers were:

- Sexual Violence on Campus: What do we know about it? Presented by Charlene Belu, doctoral candidate in the Clinical Psychology Program at UNB on February 14.
- Contesting the Common Sense of Consent – presented by Dr. Karla O'Regan, Associate Professor in Criminology & Criminal Justice, St. Thomas University on February 20.
- Appraising risk of Intimate Partner Violence: The role of the ODARA as a decision-aid for police and other professionals. Presented by Dr. Mary Ann Campbell, Director, Centre for Criminal Justice Studies, Professor of Psychology, UNB Saint John on February 28.

## Students at MMFC



Shanthi Bell, a student majoring in Psychology and Media, Arts and Culture at UNB, worked with the MMFC during the summer of 2018 with funding through the Canada Summer Jobs and UNB Work-Study programs. She worked on editing video footage for social media, creating a social media strategy for the videos, and compiling information about the MMFC for a publication.

Alison Meng, a student majoring in Psychology at UNB, worked on the Violence in the Workplace Toolkit with funding from the provincial SEED (Student Employment Experience Development) program.

Dieu Ngoc (Sue) Tran was hired through the Winter UNB Work-Study Program to help with the White Ribbon Committee of Fredericton, of which the MMFC is a member. She helped develop ideas for a potential toolkit and website for the group.

We were also fortunate to have Morgan Richard work with us for six months (January-June 2019) through the Youth Employment Fund. Morgan took the lead in data analysis for the Violence against Women with Disabilities research team, helping to supervise the three social work students working with us in the spring of 2019. She also worked diligently on the rebranding of the MMFC's website under UNB's new guidelines, which should be launched in the fall of 2019.

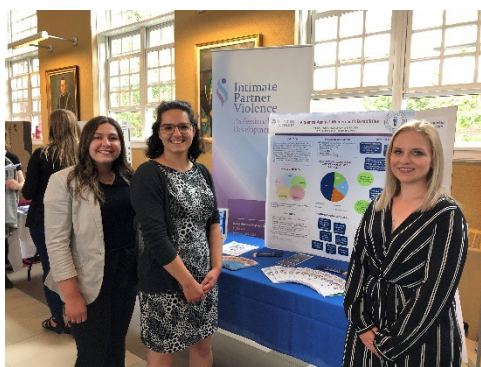
## Arts Orientation 2018

Cathy Holtmann attended the orientation welcome BBQ on September 3 which provided students with an opportunity to get to know faculty members. Kim Wade and Morgan Richard visited various departments in the Arts Faculty for Arts Orientation from September 4-7, 2018. They were there to meet new students and answer questions on the FVI Certificate program and gave out USB sticks with information about MMFC programs and activities.

## Arts 3000 and 3001 Interns

The MMFC staff supervised two students from the Faculty of Arts under the ARTS 3000 internships which began in September 2018: Bailey Jean Bulger and Luiza Lima Do Nascimento. Bailey worked with the Cyberviolence Project and Luiza worked with the Violence against Immigrant and Visible Minority Women in New Brunswick Research Team.

## Social Action Placement (SCWK 5083), St. Thomas University



In 2018-2019, we had six social work students from the Social Action Placement (SCWK 5083) from St. Thomas. The students spent 20 hours a week at the MMFC over a period of three months each year. Denise Billings, Jillian Hawkes, and Pamela Young joined us from April-June 2018, and Nicole Joycey, Julie Lavallée and Megan Smythe helped with the research team on violence against women with disabilities from April-June 2019. The Research Team had applied and received funding through the Victims and Survivors of Crime Week 2018 project from Justice Canada. The 2018

students prepared and delivered presentations during the Victims and Survivors of Crime Week 2018 in Fredericton and Miramichi. Rina presented in Tracadie and in St. John on the same week. Angela Wisniewski and the students delivered an English Webinar on May 30, and Rina produced a French webinar that could be viewed on the same day. The students also developed a draft toolkit that could help to better respond persons with disability who have experienced interpersonal violence. The 2019 batch of students worked on editing and revising that toolkit to get it ready for completion. They also created smaller fact sheets out of the toolkit, some infographics for social media posts during Disability Awareness Week, and a poster presentation which they delivered at a Responding to Domestic Violence conference hosted by Capital Family Services. There, they were able to be trained by Dr. Jacquelyn Campbell in the Danger Assessment tool as well.

## Special Events

The MMFC celebrated 25 years of existence in 2018. Cathy and Rina made a presentation about the MMFC to Fredericton City Council on May 7, 2018.

With the help of board member Philip Smith, Cathy and Rina went to Prince Edward Island on September 24 to present to the Premier's Action Committee on Family Violence about 25 years of research and education at MMFC. They also gave a presentation to faculty and community members at the University of Prince Edward Island.



**Celebrating 25 Years of Making a Difference**  
(1993 - 2018)

### **Rina's Retirement** (Citation from the UNB Retirement Dinner, 7 June 2018)



Rina Arseneault has been the Associate Director of the Muriel McQueen Ferguson Centre for Family Violence Research (MMFC) in the Faculty of Arts at UNB since 1993. Rina is recognized nationally and internationally for her expertise in conducting collaborative, action-oriented research on family violence as well as promoting programs and policies of intervention and prevention of violence against women.

As Associate Director of the MMFC, Rina's role has focused on community engagement. Completely bilingual, she is well-known throughout the Atlantic region and across Canada as an advocate for gender equality as it relates to the issue of violence against women. In recent years, her research has highlighted the difficulties that rural women encounter when accessing the justice system after experiencing domestic violence, the vulnerability of girls and teens to cyberviolence, and the challenges that survivors with disabilities face when accessing domestic violence services, just to name a few of the many projects she has been part of. Rina has also been responsible for delivering the MMFC's Professional Development Training programs. She conducts training with police, social workers and cosmetologists both in-person and through webinars. Rina is a member of the Fredericton White Ribbon Committee, the NB Silent Witness Committee, the Youth Healthy Relationship Network, the Love Shouldn't Hurt advisory group, the chair of the NB Family Violence in the Workplace

Committee, a member of the board of directors of the Atlantic Summer Institute as well as a board member of the Vanier Institute for the Family.

Rina's passion and tireless efforts as a researcher, activist and educator were recognized when she was awarded the Order of Canada in 2014 and more recently, she was a member of the Canadian delegation to the 62nd Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

Throughout the many changes that have taken place at the MMFC Rina has been a stabilizing force. She is a team player committed to diversity, inclusion and equity at UNB, advancing research and educational opportunities for older women, women with disabilities, indigenous women and girls, and for persons from gender minorities. Rina Arseneault has played an absolutely pivotal role in ensuring the MMFC's 25 years of success in partnering for social change. She has had an outstanding career at UNB and it is hard to imagine what the Centre will be like without her when she retires at the end of this year.

Rina's service to the MMFC was recognized at the Fergusson Foundation's Food and Wine Gourmet Adventure on 23 November 2018. A Retirement Open House was held at the MMFC on 5 December 2018.

### Annual General Meeting



On September 21, 2018, the MMFC held its AGM, at the Université de Moncton. The meeting was followed by a presentation by Nora Spinks, CEO, Vanier Institute for the Family. Her presentation was entitled *Families: What, So What, Now What?*



### Book Launches

*Religion, Gender and Family Violence: When Prayers are not Enough*, edited by Catherine Holtmann and Nancy Nason-Clark, with chapters from members of the Religion and Violence Research Team was officially launched on Tuesday 13 November at the MMFC.

**Women with Histories of Childhood Sexual Abuse: Mothering, Resilience, and Protecting the Next Generation** by Dr. Theresa Gill, psychology professor, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, New York was launched on November 19. It was followed by a workshop by Dr. Gill. The workshop examined the long-term impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACE'S) and the risk and protective factors that mothers who have experienced child sexual abuse had to overcome in order and protect their children from the abuse they experienced.

### Meet and Greet MMFC and FF Board

On May 17<sup>th</sup> both the Board of the Fergusson Foundation and the MMFC Board met at the UNB Grad House to network. Cathy Holtmann presented information session on the Family Violence Issues Certificate Program.

## November Family Violence Prevention Month

**Gender and Violence in Migration: International Perspectives.** Dr. Evie Tastsoglou, Sociology and International Development Studies, Saint Mary's University and Research Fellow at MMFC, organized a panel discussion on November 2, 2018 at St. Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia. The panelists were:

1. Rina Arseneault, Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research, University of New Brunswick
2. Tatjana Takseva, Professor, English and Women and Gender Studies Program, Saint Mary's University
3. Evie Tastsoglou, Professor, Sociology and International Development Studies, Saint Mary's University; Fellow, Muriel McQueen Fergusson Family Violence Research Centre
4. Shiva Nourpanah, Transition House Association and Saint Mary's University
5. Alexander Davis, Honours Criminology, Saint Mary's University
6. Kathryn Bates Khan, YMCA, Halifax

The session was well attended.

## Congratulations

### Staff Recognition Award

Rina received the Staff Recognition Award from the Faculty of Arts at UNB in September 2018.



### Governor General's Awards in Commemoration of the Persons Case

Governor General of Canada and Minister Monsef recognize great contribution of six Canadian women to gender equality. Rina was the recipient of the [Governor General's Awards in Commemoration of the Persons Case](#) for 2018. She received this award on December 14, 2018.

### Royal Society of Canada

Sandra Byers was the founding Director of the MMFC and was inducted as Fellow into the Royal Society of Canada in November at a ceremony in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She is acknowledged as "one of the most important, influential, and esteemed human sexuality researchers world-wide. Her extensive scholarly contributions have transformed understanding of sexual well-being, including of members of vulnerable groups. S[andi] is widely acknowledged as the word expert on sexual satisfaction. Her work has not only transformed her field of research, it has enhanced the lives of thousands of people."



## Committees & Community Involvement

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

Name of Committee	MMFC represented by:
Atlantic Summer Institute (ASI)	Rina Arseneault
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, doctoral candidate in Clinical Psychology at UNB
UNB/STU/NBCC University Women's Centre Board	Cathy Holtmann, Silke Brabander
UNB's Campus Sexual Assault Prevention Team	Charlene Belu, doctoral candidate in Clinical Psychology at UNB
Vanier Institute for the Family	Rina Arseneault, board member
White Ribbon Campaign - Fredericton	Silke Brabander

Of note this year is the work achieved with the Silent Witness Committee, the New Brunswick Family Violence and the Workplace Committee and the Vanier Institute for the Family.

### Silent Witness Committee



MMFC is a member of the organizing committee of the *Silent Witness Project*. As a member of the Silent Witness Committee, Rina attended presented at various venues on the project and Silke has chaired several of their meetings. The Silent Witness Project, with support from Fergusson Foundation, Public Safety New Brunswick, the Women's Equality Branch and the Family Liaison Unit of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Inquiry, produced a film called *The Silent Witness Journey: Two Women's Stories* to honour the lives of Rowena

Sharpe and Geraldine Paul. These two women, both of St. Mary's First Nation, were killed by their intimate partners. Their families shared their stories with us, created silhouettes in honour of them, and attended the launch of the film on March 25, 2019.

For more information, visit [www.silentwitness.ca](http://www.silentwitness.ca).

## The New Brunswick Family Violence and the Workplace Committee



The New Brunswick Family Violence and the Workplace committee, currently led by the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre, works to help businesses take action to address family violence and its impact on the workplace, promote healthier and safer workplaces, develop policies, practices and tools to help employers deal with family violence in the workplace, and help businesses identify their social responsibility in preventing family violence from entering the workplace. The committee, chaired by Silke, has been meeting every month in 2019 to meet the objectives set out in a Community Action Fund Agreement with the Women's Equality Branch, including:

- Developing new fact sheets on diversity, trauma-informed employers, confidentiality and privacy of employees, and others
- Develop and deliver new training to employers
- Redesign the logo, website and fact sheets
- Develop other new promotional items

The work is ongoing, with an aim to complete the rebranding exercise and the new toolkit by the end of 2019.

## Vanier Institute for the Family

Rina Arseneault is a Board Member of the Vanier Institute for the Family. She participated via conference call to Board meetings. She organized The Vanier Institute's AGM that was held at the Governor House on November 28, 2018. That evening, MMFC and the Fergusson Foundation held a reception for the members of the Board of Vanier Institute for the Family at the Currie Centre. This was followed by a dinner. Dr. Cathy Holtmann delivered Nancy Nason-Clark's keynote address at the dinner.

## Knowledge Transfer

### Presentations at Conferences

Arseneault, R., 2018. MMFC 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. *Gender and Violence in Migration: International Perspectives*. Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, November 2.

Arseneault, R., 2018. *Importance and Complexity of Collaboration in Action-Oriented Research on Family Violence*. Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development, Dublin, Ireland, July 7.

Arseneault, R., 2018. *Building Stories of Resilience: Working Together to Better Respond to Violence Against Women with Disabilities*, 29 Annual Atlantic Crime Prevention Conference: Common Ground: Crime Prevention Research that Works, Saint John, New Brunswick, June 1.

Arseneault, R. & Wisniewski, A., 2018. *Understanding, Intervening and Preventing Interpersonal Violence against Women with Disabilities in the Province of New Brunswick*. Qualitative Research Conference, Fredericton, New Brunswick, May 17.

Belu, C., & O'Sullivan, L., 2018. *Attractions from afar or up (too?) close? Predictors of crushes in adulthood and desire to connect with them*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Sex Research Forum, Toronto, ON, November.

Cameron, C.A., 2019. *A Day in the Life: Developing innovative methodologies to study literacy, multimodality and resilience in diverse locations*. Paper presented at Reconceptualising Early Childhood Literacies: An International conference. Manchester UK, March.

Cameron, C.A., Mascarenas, A., Gerhardt, E., Richard, M., Knutson, J., Chen, F. & Ribeiro, A., 2018. *Urban adolescent boys' challenges navigating romantic relationships*. Poster presented at 30th Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention. San Francisco, CA, May.

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.

Cormier, L. A., Belu, C. L., Fuller, R. B., & O'Sullivan, L. F., 2018. *Varsity vulnerable? Experiences and perceptions of sexual assault among varsity athletes*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Sex Research Forum, Toronto, ON, November.

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.

Foshay, J., & O'Sullivan, L., 2018. *The role of coping in unwanted pursuit behaviours following romantic relationship breakups*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Sex Research Forum, Toronto, ON, October.

Gagnon, D., Weeks, L., Read, E., 2018. *Identifying and responding to the needs of older official language minority women who experience intimate partner violence in later life: the experience of service providers and supporters in New Brunswick, Canada*. Poster presentation at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Qualitative Health Research Conference of the International Institute for Qualitative Methodology, Halifax, October.

Gagnon, D., Weeks, L., E., 2018. *Identifying and responding to the needs of older francophone women of New Brunswick who experienced intimate partner violence in later life*. Presented at the Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research Conference. Montreal, May.

Gerhardt, E., Richard, M., Hunt, A.K., Didkowsky, N., Cameron, E. L., Mascarena, A., & Cameron, C.A., 2018. *When you laugh, the world is again beautiful: The humour of thriving older adults*. Poster presented at R3—Innovations in Ageing Conference. Fredericton, NB. April.

Gerhardt, E., Richard, M., Fouladirad, S. & Cameron, C.A., 2018. *Supporting honesty and friendship: How do Canadian adolescents view moral decision-making when values collide?* Poster presented at International Congress of Psychology (ICAP)/Annual Canadian Psychological Association conference. Montreal PQ. June.

Gillen, J. & Cameron, C.A., 2019. *Transcription as a dynamic craft in the A day in the Life methodology: Insights into the development of understandings of citizenship in a five-year-old's transition to school*. Paper presented at Reconceptualising Early Childhood Literacies: An international conference. Manchester UK. March.

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.

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.

Hofmann, D.C., 2018. *Questioning the "Loneliness" of Lone-Wolf Terrorists: A Social Network Analysis of the Ideological, Signaling, and Support Networks of Lone-Wolf Terrorists*, SERENE-RISC: The Atlantic Security Conference, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. (Video available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7EQiS7Lz3V4>).

Holtmann, C. and Gautreau, G., 2019. *Collaborative Community Response to Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence Against Immigrant Women in New Brunswick*, paper presented at the Canadian Metropolis Conference, Halifax, NS, March 22.

Holtmann, C., 2018. Organizer of the panel: "Teaching about Religion and Diversity: Examples from Canada." Presented the paper, *Immigrant Women and Religious Social Networks*, as part of the

panel at the annual meeting for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Las Vegas, NV, October 27.

Holtmann, C., 2018. Organizer of the session “Religion, Gender and Family Violence” and distributed the chapter *Who Cares? Religious Immigrant Women, Social Networks, and Family Violence* for the Religion and Society Research Cluster at the International Sociological Association Congress, Toronto, ON, July 18.

Holtmann, C., 2018. Author-Meets-Critics Session re *Religion and Intimate Partner Violence* at the annual meeting for the Canadian Society for Studies in Religion at the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Regina, Regina, SK, May 27.

Holtmann, C., 2018. *Towards Cultural Sensitivity: Intimate Partner Violence and Religion*, presented at the Qualitative Analysis Conference, hosted by St. Thomas University in Fredericton, NB, May 18.

McMullin, S., 2019. *The Seminary’s Role in Preparing Students to Respond to Domestic Violence*, Workshop at the annual meeting of the Chief Academic Officers Society of the Association of Theological Schools in Canada and the United States, Newport Beach, CA, April.

Scott-Storey, K., Ford-Gilboe, M. & Varcoe, C., 2018. *The applicability and fit of the Composite Abuse Scale Revised-Short Form (CAS<sub>R</sub>-SF) for Men*. 22nd Nursing Network on Violence Against Women International Conference, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. O’Donnell, S., September 28.

Robinson, E., 2018. *Constructing Religious Identity in Canada: Exploring the Intersections of Youth and Sexuality*, paper presented at “Teaching about Religion and Diversity: Examples from Canada” panel at the annual meeting for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Las Vegas, NY, October 27.

Robinson, E., 2018. *Evangelical Protestant Dating Books, Consent, and the Law: Contested Boundaries*, paper presented at the Qualitative Analysis Conference, hosted by St. Thomas University in Fredericton, NB, May 18.

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*. Qualitatives Research Conference, Fredericton, NB.

Rogers, M., Phinney, A., Moorehouse, A., Milchenko, L. & Sharpe, T., 2018. *Addressing issues of cyberviolence with youth through participatory verbatim cinema: Opportunities for critical media literacy, youth agency, and institutional change*. Northeast Regional Media Literacy Conference, Providence, Rhode Island.

Scott-Storey, K., O’Donnell, S., & Wuest, J., 2018. Progress in the development of a measure of a lifetime violence exposure. 22nd Nursing Network on Violence Against Women International Conference, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, September 28.

Scott-Storey, K., O'Donnell, S. & Wuest, J., 2018. An exploration of lifetime violence exposure and men's health. *22nd Nursing Network on Violence Against Women International Conference*, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. September 27.

Silversides, C., Burns, R., Weeks, L. E., 2018. *Services for diverse older women who experience intimate partner violence in Canada*. Poster presentation at the Annual Canadian Association on Gerontology Annual Conference, Vancouver, October.

*Social Proof*. (Motion picture for festival release) 2018

- Selection Festival, Fredericton, New Brunswick
- Selection Parrsboro Film Festival, Parrsboro, Nova Scotia

Stilwell, C., Gagnon, D., & Weeks, L., 2019. *Responding to the needs of older women who experience intimate partner violence: A national survey of service providers*. Poster presented at the Crossroads Interdisciplinary Health Research Conference, Halifax, March.

Tastsoglou, E. and Nourpanah, S., 2019. *Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in Refugee Narratives at the Halifax Refugee Clinic*, 21<sup>st</sup> National Metropolis Conference, Halifax, March 21-23.

Tastsoglou, E., and Nourpanah, S., 2019. *Understanding How Law, Policy and Practice aggravate Vulnerability and perpetuate Sexual and Gender Based Violence against Asylum Seeking Women*, invited panelists at "Gendered Violence towards Im(migrant) and Refugee Women" event of the Halifax Refugee Clinic February 7.

Tastsoglou, E., 2018. *Gender and the Precarity / Violence Nexus in Forced Migration: Mediterranean Border Crossings*, co-hosted by the MMFC and the SMU International Development Studies Program, at International Education Week at SMU, Halifax, November 2.

Tastsoglou, E., 2018. *Gender and the Precarity / Violence Nexus in Forced Migration*. *Canadian Ethnic Studies Association*, Biennial Conference, Banff, October 11-13.

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

Weeks L., Silversides C., Gagnon D., 2018. *Older women's experience with IPV: what our research tells us*. Introductory presentation at the 2018 MMFC Conference – The Abuse of Older Women: A Community-Based Research Event, October.

## **Invited Presentations**

ANOART Team, 2019. *Challenges Faced by Senior Women with a Focus on the Factors Contributing to their Poverty and Vulnerability*. Presentation to the House of Commons Standing Committee on the Status of Women (FEWO). Presented by video conference, February 26.

Arseneault, R., 2018. *Le projet les témoins silencieuses*. Presented to unveiling ceremony in Sheila, NB, November 13.

Arseneault, R., 2018. Professional Development on *Emotional Intelligence and Diversity Training*. Sudbury, Ontario, October 17 & 18.

Arseneault, R., 2018. Professional Development on *Intimate Partner Violence for Cosmetologists*. Presentation. Moncton, NB, October 2.

Arseneault, R. & Holtmann, C., 2018. *MMFC: Celebrating Twenty-Five Years of Making a Difference*. Presented at UPEI, September 24.

Arseneault, R. & Holtmann, C., 2018. *MMFC: Celebrating Twenty-Five Years of Making a Difference*. Presented to the PEI Premier Action Committee on Family Violence, Charlottetown, PEI, September 24.

Arseneault, R., 2018. Professional Development on *Intimate Partner Violence for Cosmetologists*. Webinar presentation. Fredericton, NB, August 28.

Arseneault, R., 2018. *Training for Community of Practice on Intimate Partner Violence for Dentist*. New Brunswick Dental Society Annual General Meeting, Saint John, NB, June 1.

Arseneault, R., 2018. *Livrer des récits de résilience : améliorer conjointement la lutte contre la violence faite aux femmes handicapées*, Tracadie, NB, 31 mai.

Arseneault, R., 2018. Webinaire en ligne : *Livrer des récits de résilience : améliorer conjointement la lutte contre la violence faite aux femmes handicapées*, Fredericton, 30 mai.

Arseneault, R., Wisniewski, A., Billing, D., Hawkes, J., & Young, P., 2018. Webinar: *Building Stories of Resilience: Working Together to Better Respond to Violence Against Women with Disabilities*, Fredericton, May 30.

Arseneault, R., Wisniewski, A., Billing, D., Hawkes, J., & Young, P., 2018. Public event: *Building Stories of Resilience: Working Together to Better Respond to Violence Against Women with Disabilities*, Fredericton, May 29.

Arseneault, R., Wisniewski, A., Billing, D., Hawkes, J., & Young, P., 2018. Community Agency Discussion - *Building Stories of Resilience: Working Together to Better Respond to Violence Against Women with Disabilities*, Fredericton, May 29.

Arseneault, R., & Wisniewski, A., 2018. *Women with Disabilities and Intimate Partner Violence*, Annual Legislative Breakfast organize by the Premier's Council on Disabilities, Fredericton, May 29.

Arseneault, R., Wisniewski, A., Billing, D., Hawkes, J., & Young, P., 2018. *Building Stories of Resilience: Working Together to Better Respond to Violence Against Women with Disabilities*, NBCC, Miramichi, May 28.

Campbell, M.A., 2019. *Appraising risk of intimate partner violence: The role of the ODARA as a decision-aid for police and other professionals*. Invited talk organized by the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre

for Family Violence Research. Remote viewer capacity and physically held on the UNB Saint John campus, Saint John, New Brunswick, February 25.

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.

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.

Hofmann, David, 2019. *Right-wing and Anti-government Extremism in Rural New Brunswick and Nova Scotia*, Rural Issues Workshop, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, April 11

Hofmann, David, 2018. *Broadening our Understanding of Anti-Authority Movements in Canada*. Symposium: The Freeman-on-the-Land Movement (OPCA litigants) in Canada, held by Centre d’expertise et de formation sur les intégrismes religieux et la radicalization (CEFIR), CEGEP Edouard Montpetit, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, [Presented by Dr. Barbara Perry]. May 3.

Holtmann, C., 2018. *Religion and Intimate Partner Violence: Understanding the Challenges and Proposing Solutions*, public presentation for “Gender Justice in the Church” at the Living Spirit Centre in Regina, SK.

Holtmann, C., 2018. *Towards Cultural Competency: Whither Religion?* Presentation for the Unitarian Fellowship of Fredericton, Fredericton, NB.

Holtmann, C., 2018. *Overcoming Structural and Systemic Barriers: a Coordinated Community Response to Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence Experienced by Immigrant Women in New Brunswick*, three minute presentation at the team meeting for the Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative with Vulnerable Populations, London, ON, November.

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Moorehouse, A., Milchenko, L. & Sharpe, T., 2018. Amy Bourgaize’s Grade 11/12 Sociology Class (Fredericton High School). Fredericton, NB.

Nason-Clark, N., 2019. *Religion as Part of the Solution to Domestic Violence*. Day seminar for D.Min students, Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, Charlotte, NC, February 18.

Neilson, Linda C., 2019. Invited Expert Witness. Canadian Senate and Senate Law and Constitutional Affairs Committee, March 29.

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.

Neilson, Linda C., 2018. Invited expert witness by House of Commons, Justice and Human Rights Committee.

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'Donnell, S., 2018. *Workplace Bullying and Mental Health*. Pine Grove Nursing Home. Fredericton, New Brunswick, November 28.

O'Donnell, S., 2018. *Workplace Harm: Understanding Rights and Responsibilities*. Multicultural Association of Fredericton Inc., Professional Development Day. Fredericton, New Brunswick, November 9.

O'Donnell, S., 2018. Funding Documentaries in Canada; Panel Discussion. DOCTalks Festival & Symposium. Fredericton, NB. Invited moderator, June 13.

O'Donnell, S., 2018. Bullying/Abuse in the Workplace. Safety Services NB, 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Health and Safety Conference. Saint John, NB, June 7.

O'Regan, Karla, 2019. *Research Ethics & Social Work Practice* for SCWK 5223: Organizing for Action with Diverse Groups, May 23.

O'Regan, Karla, 2019. The Common Sense of Consent for HMRT 3633: Gender Expression, Sexual Orientation, and Human Rights", March 28.

O'Regan, Karla, 2019. Consent Conversations" for Rothesay Netherwood School (Grade 11), March 20.

O'Regan, Karla Invited panelist, 2019. "Consent: More than the Buzz." STUSU Sexual Violence Prevention Committee, St. Thomas University, February 11.

O'Regan, Karla, 2018. *Criminal Law & Procedure in Canada* for CRIM 1023D, November 15.

O'Regan, Karla, *The Charter and LGBTQIA2+ Human Rights*" for HMRT 3633A: Gender Expression, Sexual Orientation, and Human Rights", September 25.

O'Regan, Karla, 2018. *Sexual Consent* for St. Thomas University Welcome Week Leader Training, August 28, 2018 and Welcome Week Orientation (first year students), September 8.

O'Sullivan, L. F., 2018. (Chair). *Cultivating productive relationships between journalists and researchers*. Symposium presented at the Biennial Meeting of the International Association for Relationship Research, Fort Collins, July.

Robinson, E., 2019. *Attitudes Toward Sexual Assault in Evangelical Protestant Communities*, Guest lecture for SOCI3543: Gender Relations, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB, April 8.

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.

Rogers, M., 2018. "*Visual Methodologies*." (Invited Lecturer). Ed. 6901 – Introduction to Research. Faculty of Education, University of New Brunswick. Fredericton, NB.

Scott-Storey, K., O'Donnell, S., & Wuest, J., 2018. *Understanding the health of New Brunswick Men in the context of lifetime violence experiences*. University of New Brunswick Faculty of Nursing Research Day. Fredericton, NB, May 11.

Shao, S., Fouladirad, S., & Cameron, C.A., 2018. *Children's moral development in Canada and China: A cross-cultural study*. Poster presented at Canadian Developmental Psychology Conference 2018. St. Catharines, ON, May.

Tastsoglou, E., 2018, *Gender, Violence and Precarity in Forced Migration*. Invited Talk at Hofstra University, New York, Nov. 24.

Tastsoglou, E. 2018. *(En)Gendering Violence and Precarity in Displacement and Forced Migration* Key Note Address, International Sociological Association, in plenary at the XIX World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, July 15-21.

Tastsoglou, E., 2018. Invited speaker at *Cross-Generational and International Networking Workshop for Junior / Early Career Scholars*, at the XIX World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, July 15-21.

Tastsoglou, E., *(En)Gendering Violence and Precarity in the Forced Migration Journey*" Key-note address at the International Conference on *Immigration, the Dynamics of Identity and Policies for Managing Diversity*, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, June 14-16.

Weeks, L. E. & Silversides, C., 2018. *What supports are available for diverse older women who experience intimate partner violence?* Webinar presented to the Canadian Association of Social Workers, February 27.

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Cameron, C.A., 2018. Prólogo: *Cronologia do desenvolvimento da metodologia “um Dia Na Vida”*. In: C. Stella & C.A. Cameron, (Eds.), *Psicologia do Desenvolvimento - “Um Dia na Vida” de Pessoas Bem-Sucedidas - Metodologia da Pesquisa Audiovisual em Psicologia Transcultural, Educação e Comunicação* (1st Ed.). (pp. 13-18). Curitiba: Juruá. (English translation: Prologue: Chronology of the Development of the *Day in the Life* Methodology.)

Cameron, C.A., 2018. Capítulo 1: Desenvolvimento da metodologia *Um dia na vida* para o estudo de indivíduos de todas as faixas etárias e do mundo todo. In: C. Stella & C.A. Cameron, (Eds.), *Psicologia do Desenvolvimento - “Um Dia na Vida” de Pessoas Bem-Sucedidas - Metodologia da Pesquisa Audiovisual em Psicologia Transcultural, Educação e Comunicação* (1st Ed.). (pp. 19-24). Curitiba: Juruá. (English translation: Development of the *Day in the Life* Methodology for Studying Participants Across the Lifespan and Around the Globe.)

Campbell, M. A., Gill, C., & Ballucci, D., 2018. *Informing police response to intimate partner violence: Predictors of perceived usefulness of risk assessment screening*. *Journal of Policing and Criminal Psychology*, 33, 175-187. doi: [10.1007/s11896-017-9244-y](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11896-017-9244-y)

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*.

Didkowsky, N., Cameron, E.L. & Cameron, C.A., 2018. Capítulo 5. “Quando você ri, o mundo é novamente lindo”: o uso do humor por idosos prósperos para navegar transições psicossociais desafiadoras. In: C. Stella & C.A. Cameron, (Eds.), *Psicologia do Desenvolvimento - “Um Dia na Vida” de Pessoas Bem-Sucedidas - Metodologia da Pesquisa Audiovisual em Psicologia Transcultural, Educação e Comunicação* (1st Ed.). (pp. 53-64). Curitiba: Juruá. (English translation: "When you laugh, the world is again beautiful": The use of humor by thriving older adults to navigate challenging psychosocial transitions.

Gillen, J. & Cameron, C.A., 2018. Capítulo 3: A importância do vídeo etnográfico no projeto *Um Dia na Vida*: um caso de castores e cidadania. In: C. Stella & C.A. Cameron, (Eds.), *Psicologia do Desenvolvimento - “Um Dia na Vida” de Pessoas Bem-Sucedidas - Metodologia da Pesquisa Audiovisual em Psicologia Transcultural, Educação e Comunicação* (1st Ed.). (pp. 35-43). Curitiba: Juruá. (English translation: The importance of video-centred ethnography in a *Day in the Life* project: a case of beavers and citizenship.)

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Hofmann, D.C., 2018. *How “Alone” are Lone-Actors?: Exploring the Ideological, Signaling, and Support Networks of Lone-Actor Terrorists*, *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*. Advance online publication. Available at: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/1057610X.2018.1493833>

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Hofmann, David, 2018. *Broadening our Understanding of Anti-Authority Movements in Canada*. Symposium: The Freeman-on-the-Land Movement (OPCA litigants) in Canada, held by Centre d’expertise et de formation sur les intégrismes religieux et la radicalization (CEFIR), CEGEP Edouard Montpetit, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, [Presented by Dr. Barbara Perry]. May 3.

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Holtmann, C., ed. 2018. *Exploring Religion and Diversity in Canada: People, Practice and Possibility*. New York: Springer.

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Holtmann, C., 2018. *Who Cares? Religious Immigrant Women, Social Networks, and Family Violence*. In *Religion, Gender and Family Violence: When Prayers are Not Enough*, C. Holtmann and N. Nason-Clark, eds. Pp. 38-59. Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill.

Holtmann, C., 2018. Introduction. In *Exploring Religion and Diversity in Canada: People, Practice and Possibility*, C. Holtmann, ed. Pp. 1-9. New York: Springer.

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McMullin, S., 2018. *Clergy, Congregations, and the Response to Domestic Violence in Families, in Religion, Gender, and Family Violence: When Prayers Are Not Enough*, C. Holtmann and N. Nason-Clark, eds. Leiden: Brill, 21-37.

Nason-Clark, N., 2018. *Religion, Domestic Violence, and Congregational Life*. In C. Holtmann (ed.) *Exploring Religion and Diversity in Canada: People, Practice and Possibility*, pp. 35-56. Springer.

Nason-Clark, N., 2018. *Portraying the Violence of Men Through the Beauty of Stained Glass*. In C. Holtmann and N. Nason-Clark (eds.) *Religion, Gender and Family Violence: When Prayers are Not Enough*, pp. 109-124. Leiden: Brill.

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Neilson, Linda C., 2018. [\*Parental Alienation Empirical Analysis: Child Best Interests or Parental Rights?\*](#) (Fredericton: Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence; Vancouver: FREDA Centre for Research on Violence Against Women and Children)

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., 2018. [\*Brief on Bill C-78: An Act to amend the Divorce Act, The Family Orders and Agreements Enforcement Act and the Garnishment, Attachment and Pension Diversion Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts\*](#) (Ottawa: House of Commons, Committee on Justice and Human Rights).

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.

Nunn, S., & Robinson, E., 2018. *The kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these: Corporal punishment and the move towards non-violent discipline in Christian parenting*. In Religion, Gender, and Family Violence: When Prayers are not Enough, C. Holtmann & N. Nason-Clark, eds. Pp. 60-83. Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill.

Perry, B., Hofmann, D.C., and Scrivens, R., 2019. *Anti-Authority and Militia Movements in Canada*, The Journal of Intelligence, Conflict, and Warfare, 1, 1-30. [Second author] Available at: <https://jicw.org/index.php/jicw/article/view/822/511>

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## **Seminars/Workshops**

Hofmann, D.C., 2019. “A Social Network Analysis of the Toronto 18,” The Toronto 18 Terrorism Trials Workshop, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Williams, R., Holtmann, C., van Stee, E., Sachs, W., Bos, M., and Amonette, A., 2018. *Interfaith Photovoice: Amateur Photography, Critical Conversations, and Social Engagement*, paper presented at the annual meeting for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Las Vegas, NV, October 28.

Hunt, A.K., & Cameron C.A., 2019. *Shared book reading at home and in school: Supporting successful transitions*. Paper presented at Reconceptualising Early Childhood Literacies: An international conference. Manchester, UK, March.

Pinto, G., & Cameron, C.A., 2019. *Becoming literate across contexts: Drawing practices through the lens of a quasi-ecological methodology*. Paper presented at Reconceptualising Early Childhood Literacies: An international conference. Manchester UK, March.

Richard, M., Gill, H. & Cameron, C.A. 2019. *How short-term gain and gender norms influence adolescent boys navigation of romantic relationships*. "Getting experienced in dating." Poster presented at National Collegiate Research Conference, Boston MA, USA, January.

Scott-Storey, K., O'Donnell, S., Wuest, J., MacIntosh, J., & Merritt-Gray, M., 2018. *Progress in the development of cumulative lifetime violence severity*. Nursing Network on Violence Against Women International (NNVAWI) Conference, Niagara-on-the-lake, September 26-28.

Shao, S., Fouladirad, S. & Cameron, C.A., 2018. *Children's moral development in Canada and China: A cross-cultural study*. Poster presented at Canadian Developmental Psychology Conference, St. Catharines, ON, May.

Shao, S., Fouladirad, S., & Cameron, C.A., 2018. *Moral judgments of youth: Applying a mixed-method design*. Poster presented at Congress of Qualitative Inquiry. Urbana/Chicago, IL, May.

Shao, S., Fouladirad, S., Gill, H., & Cameron, C.A., 2018. *Situational factors in youths' moral judgments*. Poster presented at 30th Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention. San Francisco, CA. May.

Williams, R., Holtmann, C., van Stee, E., Sachs, W., Bos, M., and Amonette, A., 2018. *Interfaith Photovoice: Amateur Photography, Critical Conversations, and Social Engagement*, paper presented at the annual meeting for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Las Vegas, NV, October 28.

## **Media & Social Media**

Each year members of research projects, research teams, and research projects affiliated with MMFC do numerous interviews in the media. The Associate Director and Director have been interviewed by journalists on current events, professional development, intimate partner violence, and roles citizen can play. For example, this year's highlighted features included:

- *Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre holds a conference on the Abuse of Older Women*, featured in The Canadian Press and Broadcast News twice on October 11, twice on October 23 and three times on October 24, 2018.
- *How New Brunswick's Rina Arseneault has changed lives shaken by domestic violence*, featured in The Globe and Mail on December 25, 2018 and reaching an audience of 118,800 readers

- *Reflecting on a lifetime of fighting against gender inequality, violence* written by Rina Arseneault, featured in the Times & Transcript, The Daily Gleaner and the Telegraph Journal in late December/early January and reaching a total audience of 82,470
- *Gender inequality, violence continue*, featured in Campbellton's The Tribune on January 11, 2019 and reaching 3109 readers
- *Ending violence against women will save money*, written by Silke Brabander, featured in the Times & Transcript, The Daily Gleaner and the Telegraph Journal on International Women's Day (March 8, 2019) and reaching around 82,000 readers.

Rina Arseneault was also interviewed live on CBC's Information Morning in Fredericton and Saint John, as well as on Radio-Canada. She was also interviewed live by Harry Forestell, Host of CBC New Brunswick News as well as by Global News.

The MMFC's Facebook page ([facebook.com/mmfcfvrc](https://facebook.com/mmfcfvrc)) had over 100 new likes in 2018-2019, with heightened reach around June and October of 2018 and March 2019, all of which centered around workshops and events taking place with the Centre.

The MMFC also created a new Twitter page in 2019 (<https://twitter.com/CentreMuriel>), which has been gaining momentum and reach, and a new YouTube account, to which we have uploaded all videos created by our research teams, as well as our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary video: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuFVbNEE62IMHMKBq8bQ7eg>.

MMFC Research Teams were also featured in various media. For example, the Religion and Violence Research Team had an exhibition of 39 student photos at the UNB Art Gallery from November 16 through December 14 called PHOTOVOICE: Seeing Religion- Muslim and Christian Interfaith Dialogue. The team also published several blog posts, namely:

- Al-Muttairi, Z. April 2019. The Benefits of My Work-Study Experience.
- Holtmann, C. September 2018. The Impact of Violence in the Church.
- Holtmann, C. October 2018. Thanksgiving in the Midst of Intimate Partner Violence.
- Holtmann, C. February 2019. World Interfaith Harmony Week.
- Holtmann, C. March 2019. Islamophobia.
- Marsden, D. December 2018. Pastoral Care and Domestic Violence in New Zealand.
- Nason-Clark, N. August 2018. Summer as a Time of Retreat.
- Rayner, M. May 2018. My Time with the RAVE Project.

The Preventing and Eliminating Cyberviolence against Young Women and Girls project team was featured in the media as well. The official trailer for their film, *Social Proof*, was published on youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=owJnKtmisw8> and promoted on their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/socialproofmovie/>). It was also promoted at the Silverwave Film Festival ([http://swfilmfest.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/2018-SWFF-Programme-for-web\\_Final.pdf](http://swfilmfest.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/2018-SWFF-Programme-for-web_Final.pdf)), in a UNB media blog (<https://blogs.unb.ca/frederictonarts/2018/11/unb-silverwave.php>), in the NB Media Coop (<http://nbmediacoop.org/event/cinema-politica-whats-up-doc-shorts-and-social-proof/>), and in the Daily Gleaner.

Research Fellows have had some of their work reported in the media as well. The following is a sample of media coverage of some of their research:

**Lucia O’Sullivan:**

“Teenage Heartbreak Doesn’t Just Hurt, it Can Kill” National Post, August 21, 2017.

References 2017 research. [originally published on The Conversation]. Available at:

<https://app.infomart.com/newsletter/story/sn%7C927225%7Cnpwo%7C20170821%7C284823785>

“We need to learn from the men who rape” Canadian Press, November 21, 2018. References 2018 research. [originally published on The Conversation]. Available at:

<https://app.infomart.com/newsletter/story/tn%7C112077%7Cwcpa%7C20181121%7C380014745>

“Why one researcher says it's time to hear from perpetrators of sexual violence” By CBC News, CBC News, November 28, 2018. References 2018 research. Available at:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/lucia-o-sullivan-unb-sexual-assault-research-perpetrators-survey-1.4923970>

**David Hofmann:**

Neil, S. (2019, March 20). “Global Terrorism and Society: The Rise of Right-Wing Extremism.” Context: Beyond the Headlines [National: YesTV/CTV/Global]. (10 minute pre-recorded interview).

NPR - The Show. (2018, October 25th). “Is the idea of ‘Lone Wolf’ terrorism true?” KJZZ Phoenix, Arizona. (10 minute pre-recorded interview). Available at:

<http://kjzz.org/content/717746/idea-lone-wolf-terrorism-true>

## Administrative Update

### Staff of MMFC

- Catherine Holtmann, Director
- Rina Arseneault, Associate Director (until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018)
- Silke Brabander, Associate Director (as of January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019)
- Kim Wade, Administrative Assistant

### MMFC Board of Directors

#### Board of Directors – September 2018

**Anne Crocker**, representative of the Fergusson Foundation (FF) Board

**Michael Dawson**, Professor of History and Associate Vice-President (Research) at St. Thomas University

**Martine Stewart**, Director, Violence Prevention and Community Partnerships (Unit), Executive Council Office, Secretary of the Board and Acting Chair (January 2019-present)

**Suzanne Dupuis-Blanchard**, PhD, RN, Associate Professor at the School of Nursing, Research Chair in Population Aging CNFS-Université de Moncton

**Tracey Rickards**, Faculty of Nursing, UNB

**Stephanie Francis**, Liaison Officer, Family Information Liaison Unit for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

**Diane Crocker**, Professor in Sociology and Criminology at St. Mary's University

**Stephanie Sanford**, Senior Consultant, Crime Prevention and Policing Standards Branch, NB Department of Public Safety, Chair of the MMFC Board (September 2018-January 2019)

**Philip Smith**, Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychology, UPEI

**Luc Thériault**, Professor, Department of Sociology, (UNBF)

#### Ex-officio:

**David MaGee**, UNB Vice-President (Research)

**Joanne Wright**, Dean of Arts (UNBF)

**Tim McCluskey**, President of MMFF Board

**Elaine Stairs**, Treasurer of MMFF Board

#### Staff:

**Catherine Holtmann**, Director of MMFC (non-voting)

**Rina Arseneault**, Associate Director of MMFC (non-voting) (until December 2018)

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

The Board of Directors met four times between the months of May 2018 and April 2019. One of these meetings was the Annual General Meeting on September 21, 2018.

### Board Committees

#### Executive Committee

The role of the Executive Committee is to oversee the implementation of the policies and priorities recommended by the Board. The committee met 4 times between the months of May 2018 and April 2019.

Members:

- Stephanie Sanford/Martine Stewart, Chair

- Joanne Wright
- David MaGee
- Tim McCluskey/Norma Dubé
- Elaine Stairs
- Cathy Holtmann (ex-officio)
- Silke Brabander (ex-officio)

### **Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee, made up of the same members as the Executive Committee, was very active in 2018-2019, exploring options for sustainability and growth of the MMFC while examining the lack of increase in funds over the last ten years. Options are being considered and more efforts will be made in the coming year to ensure the important work of the Centre will be supported on a long-term basis.

### **Nomination Committee**

The Nomination Committee made recommendations to the Board of Directors at their AGM on September 21, 2018, to accept the following persons to serve on the Board: Martine Stewart, Tracey Rickards, and Diane Crocker.

An orientation session was held on 21 November 2018 for new board members. A board manual was developed by MMFC staff and shared with new members.

Members:

- Joanne Wright, Chair
- Martine Stewart
- Tracey Rickards
- Luc Thériault
- Silke Brabander

### **Strategic Planning Working Committee**

The purpose of this committee is to provide oversight on the strategic priorities adopted by the Board of Directors, and support the Board in establishing clear governance guidelines. It also oversees the execution of the implementation plan, and will initiate the next strategic planning process in 2020.

Members:

- Philip Smith, Chair
- Stephanie Francis
- Norma Dubé
- Rebecca Francis, Executive Director of the FF
- Cathy Holtmann

### **Communications and Key Stakeholder Engagement Strategy Committee**

This Committee's main purpose is to provide direction on the strategic communications and stakeholder engagement planning processes as part of the Centre's larger strategic plan. The

Committee's objective is to heighten the profile of the MMFC at UNB, provincially, regionally and nationally.

Members:

- Sonya Gilks, Chair
- Martine Stewart
- Stephanie Francis
- Cathy Holtmann
- Silke Brabander

### **Research Priorities Committee**

The Research Priorities Committee's main purpose is to lead the Board in an ongoing discussion about creative and strategic methods to conduct research on the identified priorities.

Members:

- Stephanie Sanford, Chair (until January 2019)
- Michael Dawson, Chair (as of February 2019)
- Diane Crocker
- Cathy Holtmann

## Financial Overview

### Operations Funding of MMFC

The budget for MMFC's core operations for the fiscal year 2018-2019 was \$396,468. The core funding was provided from the interest on the endowment fund of the Fergusson Foundation (\$160,000), and from the University of New Brunswick (\$165,077), and various miscellaneous revenues. The MMFC would like to thank the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation for their financial support for 2018-2019. 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 2018-2019 are listed in the table below.

- Fergusson Foundation
- 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:

- Youth Employment Fund (YEF)
- Student Employment Experience Development (SEED)
- Work Study
- Canada Summer Jobs

Below is an estimate of the grants received for research and education in 2018-2019, followed by the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for MMFC Operations.

## Grants Awarded\*


MMFC	GRANTING AGENCY	AMOUNT
STUDENT/ STAFF EMPLOYEE PROGRAMS	Work Study Grant	\$365
	Youth Employment Fund	\$15,861
	Student Employment Experience Development	\$5,546
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$21,772</b>
<b>MMFC CONSULTANT/EVALUATION PROJECTS</b>	<b>GRANTING AGENCY</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Improving Women's Access to Justice through Institutional Change	Fredericton Sexual Assault Centre	5,000.00
Enhancing Criminal Justice Response to Sexual Violence in New Brunswick	Fredericton Sexual Assault Centre	5,000.00
Making Connections: An Integrated Care Model for Victims of Sexual Crimes	Fredericton Sexual Assault Centre	3,500.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$13,500</b>
<b>RESEARCH TEAMS/ PROJECTS OF MMFC</b>	<b>GRANTING AGENCY</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Creating Peaceful Learning Environments Team	SSHRC (\$240,000 for 2014 – 2019)	32,000
	UNB Work (two terms)	1800
	Canada Summer Jobs grant	2,000
Religion and Violence Research Team	Louisville Institute for Interfaith Photovoice project	29,940
	UNB Arts Faculty Academic Development Funding	600
	Sociology Department	750
	Work-study	400
Workplace Violence and Abuse Team (Workplace Bullying)	Fredericton Community Foundation	1,500
	Public Health Agency of Canada Contract (\$46,893 for 2018-2019)	23,447
	City of Saint John for Consulting Contract to examine nature and prevalence of harmful workplace conduct (\$28,000 for 2018-2019)	14,000
Safe and Understood Project	Public Health Agency of Canada New Brunswick section of this project: \$111,900 (2016-2020).	27,975
Preventing and Eliminating Cyberviolence against Young Women and Girls	Fergusson Foundation (\$12,000 for 2018-2019)	6,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$140,412</b>
<b>RESEARCH FELLOWS</b>	<b>GRANTING AGENCY</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Dr. Diane Crocker	SMU Community and Student Engagement	7,500
	Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, for Domestic Violence Court Evaluation Project	3,000
	Government of Nova Scotia (NS Advisory Council on the Status of Women)	25,000
	Nova Scotia Bystander Training Program	3,000
	Department of Justice Canada	75,000
Dr. David Hofmann	Community Resilience Fund / Public Safety Canada	124,647

Dr. Karla O'Regan	St. Thomas University Senate Research Grant	500
Dr. Lucia O'Sullivan	Canadian Institutes of Health Research for Role of Victimization in Adolescents' Sexual Health Study (\$588,284 for 2017-2021)	147,071
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 #HEAL 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)	73,637
	Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Insight Development Grant	58,522
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>\$1,212,247</b>
<b>Total of All Grants Awarded to MMFC (2018-2019)</b>		<b>\$1,387,931</b>

*\*The above amounts are estimated based on multi-year grant information provided to us about work related to MMFC Research, some of which were converted from US dollars.*

**Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research**  
**Revenues and Expenditures**  
**Fiscal Year 2018-2019**

Carry Forward	\$	17,531
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Fergusson Foundation (FF) Grant	\$	160,000
Recovery of FF Expenses	\$	78
University of New Brunswick (UNB)	\$	165,077
Summer student Grant (Fed)	\$	-
Youth Employment Fund (YEF)	\$	15,861
Work Study Grant	\$	365
Summer Employment Experience Development (SEED)	\$	5,546
Subsidized administration	\$	-
Special Project funding	\$	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>346,927</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Salaries-FF/MMFC (50% Director, Associate Director)	\$	164,005
Salaries-UNB (50% Director, Admin)	\$	128,783
Salaries-Communication Officer	\$	-
Maintenance-UNB	\$	34,901
Youth Employment Fund	\$	15,861
Work Study Grant	\$	365
Summer Employment Experience Development (SEED)	\$	5,773
Professional Fees	\$	-
Office (phone lines, photocopier, supplies, etc.)	\$	6,067
Computers	\$	852
Office Equipment	\$	1,393
Transportation	\$	1,136
Conferences/Seminars/Professional Development	\$	712
Research Support	\$	-
Special Projects	\$	341
Communications	\$	-
Other expenses	\$	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>360,189</b>
<b>Balance of Revenues - Expenditures</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,269</b>

  
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 Date: August 26, 2019