



MMFC e-News

Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research
Centre Muriel McQueen Fergusson pour la recherche sur la violence
familiale

New Associate Director for the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research

It is with great pleasure that we announce the hiring of Silke Brabander as the incoming Associate Director of the MMFC.

Ms Brabander is fluently trilingual in French, Spanish and English. She has a BA and an MA (Political Science) from UNB. She brings years of experience in community engagement, project management, and policy analysis to the position. Much of her expertise was developed working in the provincial government on projects concerning violence against women and children. Silke also brings skills in organizing conferences and awareness-raising events, facilitating workshops, and delivering public presentations.



Silke is widely known for her work in coordinating and promoting the provincial Love Shouldn't Hurt campaign, designed to raise awareness about intimate partner violence (IPV) and its gendered nature. She has developed relationships with many stakeholders in family violence prevention around the province including partnerships with transition houses, second stage housing, sexual assault services, and regional family violence networks. Most recently she worked as a senior advisor on the implementation of pay equity for the Women's Equality Branch, Executive Council Office of the Government of New Brunswick.

Having been part of the Violence against Immigrant and Visible Minority research team, Silke is not a stranger to the collaborative research model of the MMFC. She describes herself as a "passionate advocate for the rights of women and children, demonstrating initiative and commitment to gender equality throughout her career and studies."

The MMFC Board of Directors, staff, researchers and students along with the Fergusson Foundation Board of Directors and staff are very pleased to welcome Silke Brabander to the position of Associate Director, MMFC. Silke will assume her new role at UNB on 14 January 2019.

Congratulations Silke!

Retirement Message from Rina Arseneault

My time as Associate Director of the University of New Brunswick, Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research (MMFC) is coming to an end. After spending 25 incredible years working with the MMFC team and our supporters, I will be retiring effective December 31, 2018.



During the past 25 years, I have been truly blessed to be able to work with many wonderful and talented people inside and outside of MMFC. I wish to sincerely thank everyone for their past sharing and support. The experiences we have shared are and will always be a part of me.

I firmly believe that all of our past efforts have helped raise awareness and have promoted the implementation of positive changes surrounding violence against women and family violence on a local, regional, national and international level.

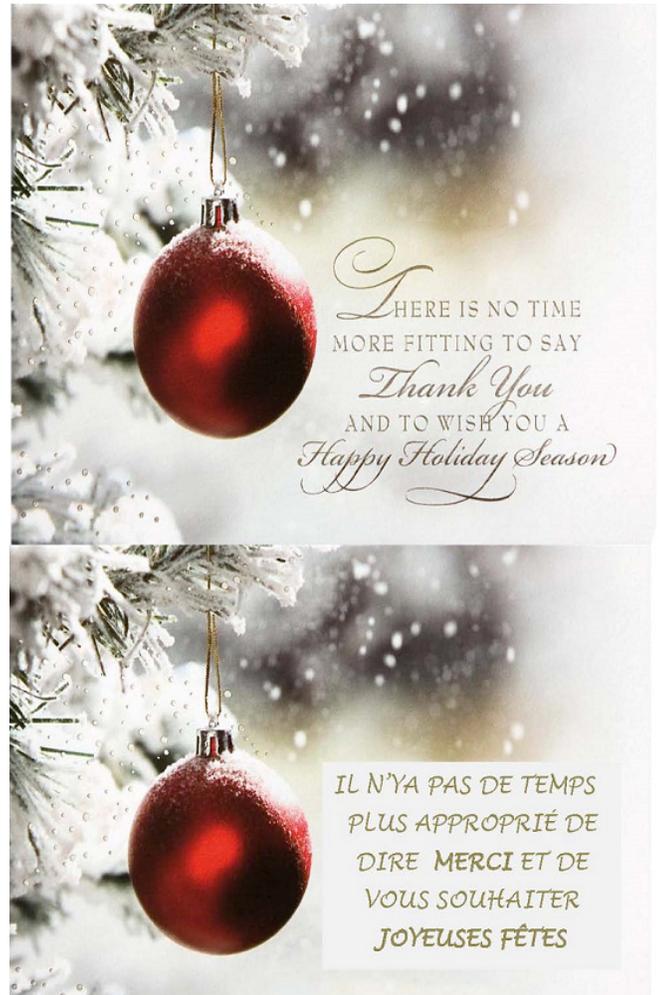
I would like to offer a warm welcome to the new Associate Director, Silke Brabander. Silke is well qualified and motivated to undertake the existing/new challenges at and delivery of the MMFC mandate. Going forward I would ask you to provide your strong support for the MMFC team and Silke as she assume her new position.

Message de Rina pour sa retraite

Mon temps comme directrice adjointe du Centre Muriel McQueen Fergusson pour la recherche sur la violence familiale (CMMF) arrive à sa fin. Après avoir passé 25 années incroyables à travailler avec l'équipe du Centre et ses nombreux alliés, c'est mon intention de prendre ma retraite à compter du 31 décembre 2018.

J'ai vraiment apprécié mon travail comme directrice adjointe au CMMF et j'ai été bénie d'avoir été en mesure de travailler avec bon nombre d'entre vous, des gens merveilleux et talentueux. Les expériences que nous avons partagées sont et seront pour toujours une partie de moi. J'ai la conviction que tous nos efforts passés ont contribué à sensibiliser la population et ont favorisés la mise en œuvre de changements positifs pour la prévention de la violence envers les femmes et la violence familiale sur une base locale, régionale, nationale et internationale.

Je tiens à offrir un accueil chaleureux à la nouvelle directrice adjointe, Silke Brabander. Silke est hautement qualifiée et motivée pour entreprendre de nouvelles initiatives, à relever de nouveaux défis et à continuer de maintenir le mandat du Centre. Dorénavant, je vous demande de continuer de supporter l'équipe du CMMF, ainsi que Silke lorsqu'elle assumera ses nouvelles fonctions.



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