

MMFC e-News

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



MMFC WELCOMES THREE NEW RESEARCH FELLOWS

Dr. David C. Hofmann joined the UNB Sociology department in 2016. His recent funded research is related to terrorist risk and threat assessment, charismatic leadership within terrorist groups, the far-right and anti-government movements in Canada, hate crimes in Canada and the Maritimes, and modeling the fragmentation of trafficking networks upon removal of key actors and leaders. 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 IPV/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. Karla O'Regan is an Associate Professor of Criminology at St. Thomas University and a part-time lecturer in the Faculty of Law at UNB. Karla served as a Complaint Officer under St. Thomas University's Harassment & Discrimination Policy for five years and chaired the University's Research Ethics Board from 2014-2018. She acts as a project supervisor for Pro Bono Students Canada and is a (faculty-elected) member of St. Thomas University's Board of Governors. Dr. O'Regan also serves on the NBCC Research Ethics Board. Her research focuses on consent laws and sexual violence. She is currently working with the Fredericton Sexual Assault Centre and the Fredericton Police Force on a case audit of unfounded sexual assault files. Her book, *Law & Consent: Contesting the Common Sense* (Routledge) will be published in Spring 2019.



Dr. Lucia F. O'Sullivan, PhD, is a Professor of Psychology at the University of New Brunswick and Director of the Experimental Psychology Program. She obtained her B.A. and M.A. at the University of New Brunswick, her PhD. from Bowling Green, and was a research scientist and Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychology (in Psychiatry) at the HIV Center for Clinical and Behavioral Studies at Columbia University Medical Center in New York for 11 years. Her research addresses the interface of sexuality and intimate relationships, including sexual health, risk behavior, intimate partner violence, and the impact of new digital technologies, with a primary focus on adolescents and young adults. Lucia and Lauren Cormier, doctoral student, are working together on two projects: 1) an investigation of the strategies of rapists and other sexual predators; and 2) a study of non-consensual sexual experiences of children and the impact of the child's relationship to the perpetrator.



Lunch and Learn Series

email kwade@unb.ca for details

Thursday, February 14, 12-1 pm
MMFC 678 Windsor Street, Fredericton
Sexual Violence on Campus: What do we know about it?

Presenter: Charlene Belu, Doctoral candidate in the Clinical Psychology Program at UNB

The occurrence of sexual violence on campus is not a new concern, but there are increasingly promising ways to help reduce rates. In 2015, led by Dr. Rice Fuller, Director of Student Counselling at UNB, Charlene Belu helped to implement a sexual assault climate survey at UNB. This work informed the development of UNB's sexual assault policy, and also led to implementation of a bystander intervention training program on campus, hiring of a Campus Sexual Assault Support Advocate, and a Campus Sexual Assault Response Team, and a review of the disciplinary process related to sexual assault. The newest sexual violence research coming out of the Department of Psychology by Dr. O'Sullivan will examine serial perpetrators in an attempt to understand better who they are and what their methods are.

Wednesday, February 20, 12-1 pm
MMFC, 678 Windsor Street, Fredericton
Contesting the Common Sense of Consent

Presenter: Karla O'Regan, Associate Professor in Criminology & Criminal Justice, St. Thomas University

Consent is everywhere. It regulates our relationships with social and political institutions, with one another, and even with our own bodies. The wide variety of issues that consent is assigned to adjudicate suggests that it likely means (and does) different things in different contexts. This stands in stark contrast to the 'common sense' of consent – that it is, and has always been, about autonomy. But has it? Has consent ever had other meanings, in other contexts or time periods? What is achieved when the meaning of consent is positioned as a matter of 'common sense'? What does this apparent transparency keep obscure? Moreover, is personal autonomy the outcome of consent laws today?

Thursday, February 28, 12-1 pm
Hazen Hall Room 232, Sir Douglas Hazen Hall, UNB Saint John
Appraising risk of Intimate Partner Violence: The Role of the ODARA as a decision-aid for police and other professionals
Presenter: Dr. Mary Ann Campbell, Director of the Centre for Criminal Justice Studies and Clinical Psychologist

Dr. Campbell will speak about the value of risk appraisal for informing decision-making by professionals about how to best respond to intimate partner violence situations. This lunch and learn will specifically discuss the strengths and limitations of the ODARA, which is the risk tool used by police in New Brunswick and other regions to aid in this decision-making. New Brunswick centric research will be used to illustrate these nuances.

Welcome message from Silke Brabander, the MMFC's New Associate Director:

Greetings to all of our stakeholders! I'm so excited to be here at the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research and to meet with all of our partners. If you would like to get in touch and meet with me one-on-one, please e-mail me at Silke.Brabander@unb.ca. I look forward to hearing from you!

Pour me contacter, veuillez m'envoyer un courriel à Silke.Brabander@unb.ca

Upcoming Event

Outward Bound Canada Bay of Fundy Hiking Course for Women Survivors of Abuse
September 15-21, 2019

Outward Bound Canada's Women of Courage Program offers inspiring journeys of adventure, challenge and healing in the Canadian wilderness for women who have experienced violence and/or abuse. This may include sexual, physical or emotional abuse perpetrated by any individual, and experienced at any time during a woman's life. Led by our expert team of talented and compassionate female instructors, courses focus predominantly on increasing self-esteem and self-reliance, building supportive relationships with other women, enhancing body awareness and encouraging a sense of physical strength -serving as a catalyst for powerful growth and change. Since 1988, over 1000 women have experienced this transformative journey with Outward Bound Canada.

This is the 4th year Outward Bound Canada is offering the 8 day Grand Manan hiking course.

For details on the Grand Manan trip and registration go to:
<http://www.outwardbound.ca/results.asp?CourseRID=324>

New website coming soon!



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