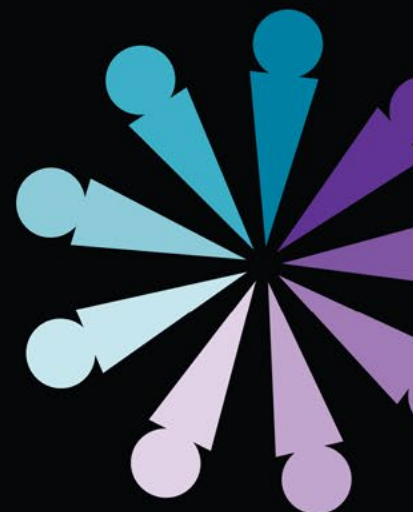




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Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research (MMFC) has a mandate to undertake and to support activities which will contribute to the elimination of family violence and violence against women and children from our society. In carrying 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.



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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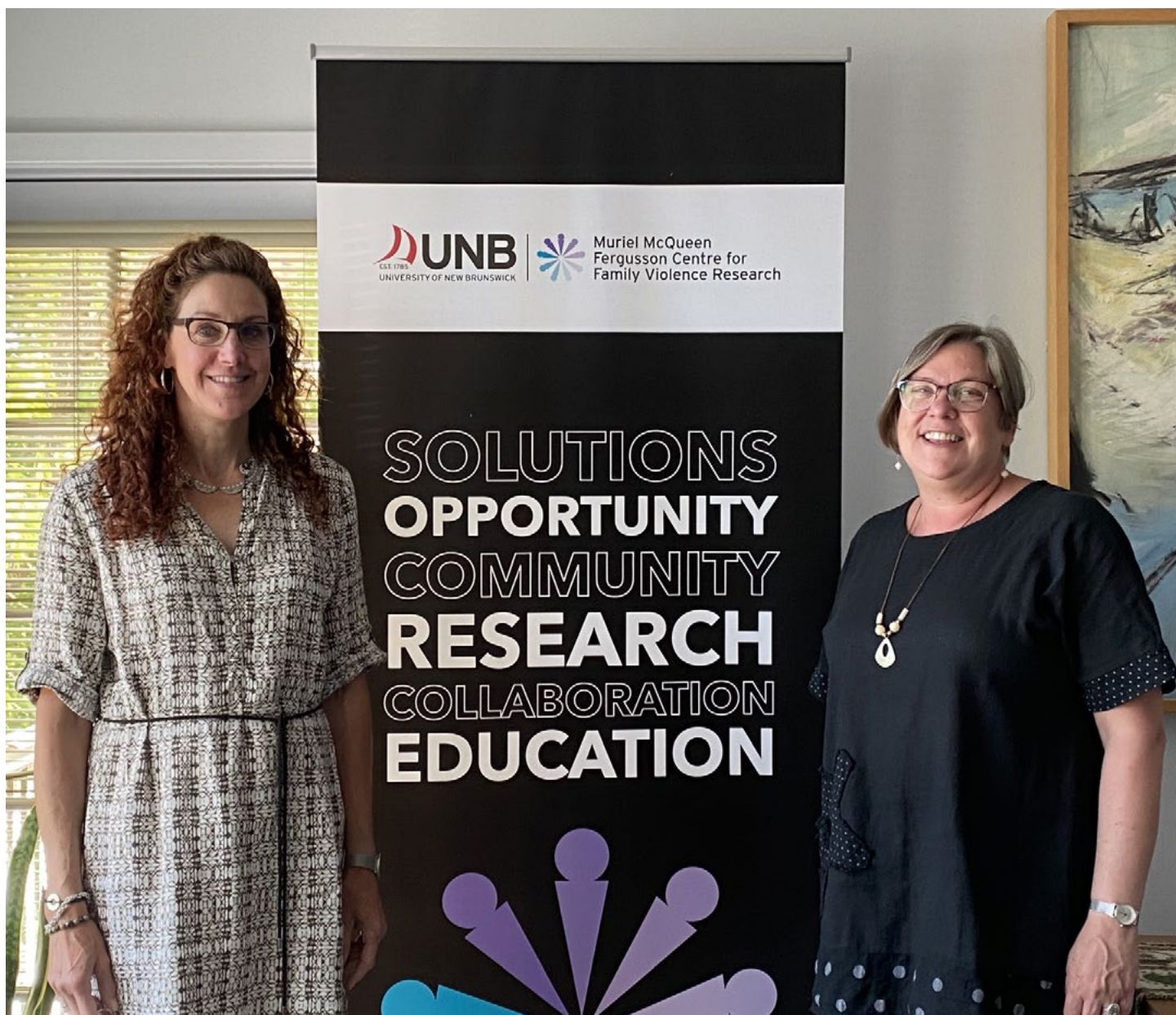


MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR & ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Change and uncertainty – those are two words that aptly capture the past year at the MMFC. Of course, one of the biggest changes was the move for all staff, researchers, and students at UNB and across at universities throughout Atlantic Canada to working completely online and from home beginning in the spring of 2020 in order to abide by Public Health directives to slow the spread of COVID 19. While applications such as Zoom, Teams and D2L enabled us to communicate, meet, teach, apply for funding, conduct interviews, deliver presentations, and carry out our administrative responsibilities, online interaction cannot replace in-person contact. We have missed the spontaneous conversations, shared meals, and hugs when encouragement is needed. Yet this loss of regular physical social interaction is accompanied by uncertainty in social life fed by fears of becoming sick or unknowingly transmitting the virus to vulnerable family and friends. COVID 19 has increased our sensitivity to the fragility of life.

Despite the uncertainty and fatigue that comes with working almost exclusively online, we are well aware that the pandemic restrictions led to enormous job loss and financial hardship for many Canadians, especially women. Changing COVID 19 alert levels and their accompanying restrictions throughout the province also increased the burden on working parents when they had to supervise their children's education at home. Workplaces and schools are important sources of social support for individuals who experience family violence and social isolation increases risk. Dr. Lori Weeks of Dalhousie University, the academic chair of the Abuse and Neglect of Older Adults Research Team, produced a report on initiatives created to meet the needs of women experience domestic violence during COVID 19 which is available on our website's Resources page. We also reached out to essential front line family violence service providers in the province through monthly COVID Conversations on Zoom. They are experiencing an increase in calls for assistance along with a decrease in safe housing and office space due to physical distancing requirements.

We had some changes in staff during the past year. Our search for a new Associate Director was unsuccessful, leaving the position vacant for nine months. In September, through a secondment, Sheila Burt agreed to serve as Acting Associate Director for a one-year term. Before joining the MMFC staff in September, Sheila worked for twenty years with the College of Extended Learning at UNB and has extensive experience in building relationships with scholars and community partners in order to provide education and training opportunities. Although Sheila began working remotely, she and I started returning to work our MMFC offices once a week, adhering the Operational Plan to prevent the spread of COVID. Kim Wade, the Administrative Assistant at the MMFC since 2014, retired in early March after almost 28 years of work at UNB. Kim had a special way of making people feel heard and valued and will be missed by everyone associated with the Centre.



Scientists produced COVID 19 vaccines in record time, yet their distribution was initially slow and uncertain. However, by April 30th, 2021 almost 38% of the population had received at least one dose. UNB has announced that staff will be back to work in early July and the majority of classes during the fall semester will have an in-person component. Operational Plans are in place to ensure everyone's safety but as we know, things could change and all plans are somewhat uncertain. It is our hope that soon the majority of Canadians will be fully vaccinated and that all of our valued stakeholders can fully engage in the work of eliminating family violence.

Dr. Cathy Holtmann
Director

Sheila Burt
Associate Director



STAFF OF MMFC

- Dr. Catherine Holtmann, Director
- Sheila Burt, Acting Associate Director (As of September 14, 2020)
- Caen Squires, Communications Officer
- Kim Wade, Administrative Assistant (Retired March 8, 2021)

STUDENTS / COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF THE MMFC

Every year, students and community members make invaluable contributions to the work of the MMFC while acquiring research skills. For 2020 - 2021 we were pleased to work with:

- Sarah Nearing, Digital Content Designer, Canada Summer Jobs (8 weeks)
- Jeremy Nason, Communications Volunteer, Summer (8 weeks)
- Aatif Baig, Database Project, Work Study Winter Term (8 weeks)
- Zainab Al Muttairi, Research Assistant
- Deevani Navakumar, Research Assistant
- Anna Fuso-Virtue, Research Assistant
- Ava Hicks, Arts Internship, Liberty Lane

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – NOVEMBER 2020 (AGM Nov 8th, 2020)

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Executive Council Office, (Board Chair)

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Catherine Holtmann, Director, MMFC

Sheila Burt, Acting Associate Director, MMFC (as of September)


Rebecca Francis, Executive Director, Fergusson Foundation

“ Over the past year I have had the opportunity to meet and collaborate with many amazing people and community partners. I am inspired by their accomplishments, dedication and drive to eliminate family violence. I am grateful to be working with such an incredible team at the MMFC. ” - Sheila Burt, Associate Director



ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Over the past year, staff have continued to focus their efforts to achieve our strategic goals as set out in the MMFC Strategic Plan 2016-2021. Research activities are on-going and a new Research Fellow joined the MMFC this past year. Education, training and knowledge transfer activities continued with the use of the virtual online technology platforms which enabled us to expand our reach and engage with stakeholders in new ways. Staff actively participated in several community committees and working groups to heighten our profile and influence policy and or practice. Working remotely this past year also provided an opportunity to exam our day-to-day processes and improve our operational efficiency. A new database was implemented and a new Board manual was created.





COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Over the past year Caen Squires, Communications Officer to the MMFC, continued the coordination and implementation of the MMFC communications strategy; the MMFC communications strategy is based on centralizing the people and the work of the MMFC in a collaborative effort towards establishing the MMFC as a centre for family violence research excellence in Atlantic Canada.

Over the past year our communication strategy has included:

- distributing targeted communications to relevant audiences using a variety of engagement platforms such as [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Mailchimp](#) & [Youtube](#);
- engaging more with our audiences in alignment with MMFC key messages;
- implementing a cohesive visual identity with a sharpened, more consistent communications focus;
- targeting audiences via specific platforms based on their user experience and relevancy;
- exploring and implementing (where possible) additional engagement options as they evolved;
- managing the variety of communication based needs of the centre by writing articles, drafting press releases, maintaining the [MMFC website](#), and managing the design and production of the MMFCs annual reports.

In 2020 the MMFC hired two (2) students offering work experiences in graphic design, marketing and communications; Caen, acting as supervisor to the communications-related activities engaged in by students who work with or conduct research for the MMFC, tasked students with coordinating and conducting interviews, fact-checking and the research and development of social media content based on research conducted by research fellows of the MMFC.

The MMFC envisions itself as part of the solution to family violence and a centre for family violence research excellence in Atlantic Canada, and beyond. It fully recognizes the contributions and perspectives of survivors and works to centralize their voices in pursuing change. It recognizes that the landscape of society, and thus family violence, is always shifting and that in doing this work we must remain flexible, and sometimes vulnerable, as we shift with it.

In 2020, at the direction of Communications Officer Caen Squires, the MMFC entered into a process of redesigning its brand identity and endeavoring to bring the MMFC forward in its efforts. The re-branding process heavily focused on the importance of community connection and sought to convey the value of working together around a common goal - being part of the solution to family violence. The final design is one that spoke to our goals of collective organization, alignment and support of one another as we do this work. In January of 2021 the MMFC launched its updated brand identity with the support of the University of New Brunswick and the Fergusson Foundation.

A message from the Communications Officer

The work of the MMFC is a collaborative endeavor that requires networking and a reliance on stakeholders to expand and extend our reach. YOU are our community of champions - our vocal third-party advocates & supporters of the MMFC. Our success is your success and our achievements are your achievements - we can not do this work without you. Please take a few minutes of your day to become informed of new initiatives and projects of the MMFC - like our pages, share what we share, comment and engage with our content, and involve the MMFC, whenever possible, in future programming to help us elevate our presence and our impact on family violence.

Thank you.






FERGUSSON FOUNDATION REPORT

More than 35 years after our founding members demanded more should be done to address the root causes and treatment of family violence, the Fergusson Foundation remains committed to the same mission, the prevention and elimination of Family Violence.

This year, the Foundation continued our efforts to be a catalyst for change; through awareness and capacity building, supporting organizations and education programs providing services to those impacted by family violence and by funding the vital research of the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research.

Family violence does not stop for a pandemic. It exists within and impacts the human experience at rates that are alarmingly high. This year, the Covid-19 Pandemic has created and increased the risk for people experiencing or at-risk of experiencing family violence. Isolation has decreased the ability for survivors to access help when they need it most.

We know our work is far from done and we recognize that we cannot and do not do this work alone. Your support has been crucial in our mission and all of us at the Fergusson Foundation would like to thank you for enabling us to get here.

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Sincerely,

Rebecca Francis

Rebecca Francis
Executive Director, Fergusson Foundation



SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to thank the following individuals for their service and contributions to the MMFC Board during their tenure.

[Michael Dawson](#), Professor of History and Associate Vice-President (Research) at St. Thomas University. (2016-2018) (2018-2020)

[Philip Smith](#), Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychology, UPEI (2016-2018) (2018-2020)

[Luc Thériault](#), Professor, Department of Sociology, (UNBF). (2016-2018) (2018-2020)

[Stephanie Francis](#), Family Information Liaison Unit for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (2017-2019) (2019-2020)

[Anne Crocker](#), Representative, Fergusson Foundation Board (2003-2020)

[Heather Ternoway](#), Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women (2018-2020)

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 the MMFC mandate. All research projects must be consistent with the philosophy of MMFC, and conform to its Research Policy.

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

THEMES

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

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

GENDER

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

PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATORS

- Chantal Bourassa
Professeure, École de travail social, Université de Moncton
- Angelique Jenney
Wood's Homes Chair in Children's Mental Health at the University of Calgary
- Katreena Scott
Professor at the Department of Applied Psychology at the University of Toronto,
Associate Chair of the Applied Psychology and Human Development,
Program chair at the School & Clinical Child Psychology Program
- Valérie Roy et Geneviève Lessard
Professeures, École de travail social et de criminologie, Université Laval

COLLABORATORS

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

STUDENTS

- Elisabeth Godbout (Stagiaire postdoctorale École de travail social et de criminologie)
- Anaïs Bertrand Robitaille (Université Laval)

ACHIEVEMENTS

The project is national in scope with projects that include various components in three Canadian provinces: Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick. For the Quebec and New Brunswick components, two intervention programs (Mother in mind and Caring Dads) have been implemented and evaluated in Quebec for a period of three years. Data from interviews conducted with participants, stakeholders and coordinators have been analyzed and will be published shortly. Two presentations were made at the last Canadian Domestic Violence Conference in Halifax.

IMMIGRANTS

Violence Against Women Migrants and Refugees: Analysing causes and effective policy response
CIHR (Gender-Net Plus Joint Call on Gender and UN Sustainable Development Goals)

PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATORS

- Dr. Evangelia Tastsoglou, Saint Mary's University

CO-INVESTIGATORS

- Dr. Lori Wilkinson, University of Manitoba
- Dr. Myrna Dawson, University of Guelph
- Dr. Catherine Holtmann, University of New Brunswick

PROJECT MANAGER(S)

- Dr. Chantelle Falconer, Post Doctoral Fellow
- Dr. Mia Sisic, Post Doctoral Fellow

PROJECT INFORMATION

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.

Violence Against Women Migrants and Refugees aims at a systematic and comparative analysis of the ways in which (a) various policy frameworks, social, and cultural attitudes to migration, as well as the migration process itself, combine to increase vulnerabilities to GBV and (b) government, NGOs, or regional and international policy-making institutions could help to mitigate risks, protect women, and provide better services to survivors.

This project will take an intersectional approach to understand GBV in migration, analysing the ways in which discrimination and inequalities based on gender, race, nationality, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, and other identities interact to make certain women more vulnerable to GBV and less able to access supports and services for survivors compared to other groups. We will consider all categories of migrants, including documented and undocumented migrants, those who have claimed asylum and are awaiting a decision, and those who have been recognized as refugees and granted international protection.

This research program aims to bring new knowledge and analysis to NGOs and policy makers involved in migration and refugee issues and those working in GBV support and prevention. The comparative nature of this research, looking at different national contexts and political cultures, will help point out ways in which migrant and refugee women become vulnerable to GBV as well as positive examples of policies, practices, and programs that reduce women's vulnerabilities and programs that offer support to survivors of GBV. By paying attention to the practices of migrant women themselves, this project will also highlight the sometimes, invisible work of these women and recommend ways in which their activities could be better supported.

IMMIGRANTS

Violence Against Immigrant and Visible Minority Women in New Brunswick Research Team

TEAM COORDINATORS

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

TEAM MEMBERS

- Diedre Smith, Women's Equality Branch, NB
- Ginette Gautreau, NB Multicultural Council Inc
- Tracey Rickards, Nursing, UNB
- Michelle Hodder, Social Development, GNB
- Nigam Khanal, NB Immigrant Women's Association
- Jessica Doucette, Arts Intern

ACHIEVEMENTS

Jessica Doucette worked as an intern with the research team under Cathy's supervision. This Arts Internship was an experiential learning opportunity funded by Future Ready New Brunswick. Jessica researched, created and made two presentations to the research team of a literature review that covered two topics: the social interactions between immigrant and non-immigrant students in education settings and relationships between immigrant parents and children.

Cathy is a co-investigator and Mary Aspinall is a graduate research assistant with the Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative with Vulnerable Populations (www.cdhip.org). One of the vulnerable populations included in this national study is immigrants. Cathy screened and Mary interviewed survivors of domestic homicide or close friends/family of a victim of domestic homicide in the Atlantic region, some of whom were immigrants or had immigrant partners. Misha Maitreyi, a doctoral student in the Sociology Department at UNB and Cathy analyzed CDHPIVP data from key informant interviews, most of whom are family violence public service providers, for evidence from those working with immigrants. They are writing a paper on pre-migration trauma and post-migration stress as factors in immigrant IPV.

The Immigrant Women's Association of New Brunswick (IWANB) began as an advisory group for a Status of Women Canada funded project led by the NBMC which included members of the Violence Against Immigrant and Visible Minority Women research team. The IWANB led a COVID-19 support program funded by the Red Cross for immigrant women from September to November 2020. This included workshops on mental health, nutrition, yoga, financial planning, conversations in English, digital literacy and healthy relationships. Transportation was provided to the workshop locations. Food cards were also given out to women in need. Resizable masks as well as other PPE were given out to immigrant women who signed up and immigrant women were invited to volunteer with the program with some incentives. The program concluded on November 30th. However, the IWANB

was invited to apply for an extension and did so in April 2021. They distributed more food cards as several immigrant families continued to have financial struggles due to COVID-19. The IWANB were also able to partially reimburse some women who had said they were getting therapy due to the problems posed by COVID-19.

Cathy is one of four Canadian co-investigators on an international project involving eight countries entitled, "Violence against Women Migrants and Refugees: Analyzing Causes and Effective Policy Response." The Canadian research team is led by Dr. Evie Tastsoglou from Saint Mary's University in Halifax. Ginette Gautreau serves on the project's Expert Advisory Group (<https://smu.ca/gendernet/expert-advisory-group.html>). Cathy is supervising Clothilde Parent-Chartier a graduate research assistant from the University of Ottawa, who is conducting interviews with immigrant and refugee women survivors of gender based violence in Montreal.

Cathy participated in a review of the Chairperson's Guideline 4: Women Refugee Claimants Fearing Gender-Related Persecution conducted by the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) of Canada. With the revisions, the IRB aims to provide decision-makers with tools that will inform and instruct them on the particularities and sensitivities of these cases and assist them in making fair and reasonable decisions.

Ginette and members of the research team, participated in the national project led by Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants (OCASI) entitled Building Leadership Capacity to Address Gender-Based Violence against Non-Status, Refugee and Immigrant Women across Canada. A national Gender Based Violence Settlement Sector Strategy was launched in April:
<https://www.ngbv.ca>

Online resources (websites, blogs, videos, photo essays)
<http://www.nb-mc.ca/overcoming-barriers-a-coordinated-response-to-violence-against-immigrant-women-in-new-brunswick/>

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

RELIGION

Religion and Violence Research Team

TEAM MEMBERS

- Catherine Holtmann, Team Coordinator (Department of Sociology, UNB)
- Nancy Nason-Clark (Professor Emerita, Department of Sociology, UNB)
- Steve McMullin (Acadia University, Wolfville, NS)
- Emma Robinson (Master's student, Sociology, UNB)
- Jolyne Roy (Doctoral student, Sociology, UNB)
- Misha Maitreyi (Doctoral student, Sociology, UNB)
- Zainab Al-Muttairi (Undergraduate student, Nursing, UNB)
- Clinton Holmes (BA, Sociology, UNB)
- Rev. Daphne Marsden (Project Esther, Christ Church, New Zealand)

TEAM HISTORY

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

Members of the team were saddened by the death of long-time member, Barbara Fisher-Townsend on October 11, 2020. Nancy wrote about her work and friendship with Barb in a blog post: <https://www.theraveproject.org/celebrating-the-life-of-dr-barbara-fisher-townsend-a-woman-of-hope/>. Barb was an integral member of the research team's work and her sense of humour and generosity of spirit is sorely missed.



Emma successfully defended her master's thesis "He was taught by purity culture": Sexual Purity Codes and Attitudes Towards Sexual Assault among Evangelical Young Adults in November 2020. The thesis is based on content analysis of evangelical Christian abstinence books and qualitative focus group and interview research with thirteen evangelical Christian young adults. Emma is translating the results of her study into resources for the RAVE website's online training section.

Jolyne received REB approval for the study: "From In Hoc Signo Vincas to Vocatio ad Servitium? Exploring the Role of Religion in Resources for Victims of Intimate Partner Violence within a Diverse Canadian Armed Forces Community."

Cathy was successful in procuring a SSHRC Partnership Engage Grant with the leaders of the Arabic Cultural Centre (ACC) and Dr. Mohammed Baobaid of the Muslim Resource Centre for Social Support and Integration (MRC). The Muslim Family Safety Project's aim is to build bridges between the ACC and family violence public service providers in Fredericton, using an culturally integrative approach developed by Mohammed and the staff of the MRC in London, ON. The Project's Advisory Committee includes representatives from the Fredericton Police Force, Domestic Violence Outreach and Child Protection Services. Zainab and Deevani Navakumar are working as student research assistants with the Project.

Cathy and Steve are Atlantic regional collaborators, along with Sam Reimer from Crandall University, with the Flourishing Congregations Institute's project: "Flourishing Congregations in Canada: What is Working and Why it Matters" funded by grants from SSHRC and the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.

THE RAVE PROJECT WEBSITE

The RAVE (Religion and Violence e-Learning) website (www.theraveproject.org) is an important component of knowledge translation and online training for religious leaders. The site includes a blog which is normally updated monthly and is linked to social media via Facebook and Twitter. Zainab started work on updating the data base for the US Shelter Map of the Help Now tab. This work was completed by Clinton Holmes who is continuing to update other aspects of the website.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/religionandviolence/> | Twitter: https://twitter.com/RAVE_UNB

SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Identifying Scripts and Norms Guiding Young Men's Use of Sexual Aggression Against Women (SSHRC Insight Grant, 2021-2025) - This is a continuation of the work "*Assessing Strategies of Serial Sexual Assaulters Using Social Media Sources*" (O'Sullivan, PI; REB 2019-174)

PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATORS

- Lucia O'Sullivan

CO-INVESTIGATORS

- William McIver
- Sandra Byers
- Scott Ronis

STUDENTS

- Morgan Richard (Graduate Student)
- Katie Cassidy (Graduate Student)
- Laura Coon (Undergraduate Student)

ACHIEVEMENTS

We are currently conducting start-up activities including applying for ethics approval, hiring students, and organizing our team.



SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Tri-Campus Sexual Assault Taskforce

MEMBERS

- Maggie Forsythe, Committee Chair, Campus Sexual Assault Support Advocate
- Hilary Swan, Campus Sexual Assault Support Advocate
- Desmond Dupuis, Crime Prevention and Community Liaison, University of New Brunswick
- Emily Dayboll, New Brunswick Community College
- Cassidy Wilson, Campus LGBTQIA2S+ Wellness Coordinator
- Kevin Culberson, Counsellor, New Brunswick Community College
- Morgan Richard, Representative of the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre
- Angela Chen, Case Resolution Advisor, Human Rights & Positive Environment Office, UNB

STUDENTS

- Tea Fazio, VP Advocacy, University of New Brunswick Student Union
- Monica Geary, Residence Life Coordinator, University of New Brunswick
- Emily Green, Welcome Week Chair, St. Thomas Student Union
- Dieu Ngoc Tran, Representative of the University Women's Centre

ACHIEVEMENTS

This taskforce strives to better support students in response to sexual violence on campus and ultimately, to prevent sexual violence from occurring on UNB, STU, and NBCC campuses. Despite a year full of disruptions to campus life, the taskforce accomplished many important goals.

Seeds of Change is a bystander intervention training program for students that was launched online in Fall 2020. Future bystander training and education efforts will focus on building bystander's intervention skills.

The committee launched a virtual awareness campaign called Beyond the Bare Minimum about the intolerance for any form of sexual coercion on campus. This campaign included various webinars discussing coercion in 2SLGBTQIA+ lives and in BIPOC lives, and how coercion intersects with law.

A focus group was facilitated with international students to help the CSASA office (Campus Sexual Assault Support and Advocacy) curate sexual assault education and prevention activities for international students at UNB, STU, and NBCC. From this discussion, recommendations were created for international student's sexual violence prevention needs.

It is anticipated that the approaching academic year will be a challenging one. With two new cohorts of students incoming, there is an opportunity to coordinate to streamline our sexual violence prevention messages to students and potentially create a culture shift.

VIOLENCE ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

Creating Peaceful Learning Environments Team

PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATORS

- Ann Cameron, UNB, UBC

TEAM COORDINATORS

- Elizabeth Gerhardt, UNB graduate, Child Studies Lab RA/manager

TEAM MEMBERS

- Nora Didkowsky, PhD, Postdoctoral researcher
- Anne Hunt UNB Honorary Research Associate (former UNB MEd student)
- Kang Lee, University of Toronto professor (former UNB PhD student)
- Stacey McKay, Fredericton clinician (former UNB PhD student)

COLLABORATORS

- Sharon Hales, Teacher, Maple Grove Elementary School, Vancouver VSB
- Linda Ryan, Teacher, Priestman Street Elementary School, (UNB graduate student)

STUDENTS

- Morgan Richard, UNB doctoral student

ACHIEVEMENTS

This past year has been unique in the history of the Creating Peaceful Learning Environments (CPLE) team as a result of a significant alteration in the manner in which it has been able to conduct its activities. While we have operated in both New Brunswick and British Columbia with the vastly helpful assistance of digital information systems, when need be for the past year, so all of our work has been conducted on line, bringing both benefits and challenges. As schools at all levels have vacillated between being totally on-line, through hybrid delivery, to in-person delivery, one had not known from month to month what the next month held for us. One of our most exciting projects has had to be put on hold because our participating Indigenous family was hit hard by covid-19 and had not been in a position to continue with us and will not be available until after the pandemic restrictions have been lifted. Another project with refugee Rohingya children in India and Bangladesh is on hold, and our dissemination project, supported by the MMFF, has developed only slowly as a result of schools irregular attendance procedures.

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

Ann Cameron coordinates research in collaboration with CPLE team members including current and past UNB and UBC graduate and undergraduate students. New initiatives involve:

1. Former UNB doctoral student, Kang Lee, a SSHRC grant-supported cross-cultural study of academic integrity;
2. A new collaborative study in both British Columbia and New Brunswick of the reciprocal learning and teaching of Indigenous knowledge and cultural practices with older and younger non-Indigenous elementary school students and their teachers;
3. A study of pro-sociality of Rohingya children in mega-camps in Bangladesh; and
4. A Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation-funded knowledge-dissemination initiative with youth facilitating Confidence in Communications.

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

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

We also held two Work Study grants at UNB to continue our new projects in New Brunswick and have garnered a Canada Summer Jobs award for both UNB and UBC students to work with us during the summer of 2021. Over the past six years we have trained six Mitacs Summer Internship students from China (3), Brazil (1) and Germany (2) to facilitate our summer research initiatives. Our SSHRC Grant ties our international and national projects together in examining academic and athletic integrity in Chinese and Canadian children and we are now conducting new studies of reciprocal learning of older and younger students of non-Indigenous students and teachers of Indigenous knowledge and cultural practices.



VIOLENCE ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

Exploring Stakeholders' Responses to New Brunswick Educational Reforms During and After the Covid-19 Pandemic

PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATORS

- Dr. Matt Rogers
- Dr. Casey Burkholder

TEAM COORDINATORS

- Maria Nazareth Araújo

STUDENTS

- Katie Hamill
- Allen Chase
- Jangchu Tenzin
- Abbey LeJeune

ACHIEVEMENTS

In May 2020, Dr. Matt Rogers and Dr. Casey Burkholder were awarded \$25,500 from the New Brunswick Innovation Foundation Special COVID-19 Fund for the project "Exploring Stakeholders' Responses to New Brunswick Educational Reforms During and After the Covid-19 Pandemic." Their goal was to explore the impact of the pandemic on students, teachers, schools, and education reform in New Brunswick. They adopt qualitative and visual research methods to produce quarterly online reports that provide vital information to educators, stakeholders, and policymakers as they craft policy and reform to respond to the crisis. In this way, the study is action-oriented and has a strong focus on educational equity; it addresses the following questions:

1. What complexities and equity issues result from the Continuity of Learning Plan, and how do educators and EECD officials respond?
2. What policy, structural, curriculum or pedagogical reforms occur during/after the pandemic?
3. What educational discourses circulate, shift, or become dominant during/after the pandemic?
4. What resistance to reform occurs? What institutional barriers limit reform? What does not change, why?
5. How does reform impact people in similar or dissimilar ways? What equity issues arise (e.g., socioeconomic class, racialization, ability, gender, and sexuality) as a result of reform? How do policymakers respond/not respond to these issues?

TEACHING AMIDST COVID-19 IN NEW BRUNSWICK:

With support from the New Brunswick Teachers' Association grant, administered by the Ferguson Foundation, the researchers extended their original project, to address issues of violence in the lives of youth. In particular, they added the following questions to their focus:

6. How have New Brunswick school reforms and public health restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic impacted youth experiences of violence?
7. How have the experiences of violence associated with the pandemic, both in and outside the home, shaped young people's engagement with educational activities?
8. How have restrictions and reforms impacted young people's access to, and experience with, the support systems that schools have traditionally offered?

This addition to our project aligns with the Ferguson Foundation's mission to prevent and eliminate family violence and also their pursuit to understand the implications of violence on the public education. In our research, this new focus enables us to identify and analyze gaps in support for youth who experience various forms of violence in and outside the home. By drawing attention to experiences of youth violence associated with the pandemic, schools, administrators and educators can be better prepared to support students and families.

To date, the team has published three reports (Summer, 2020; Fall, 2020; Winter, 2021), and are in the process of interviewing for the fourth report. The reports have been disseminated via the web (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDfMoup_qLamjahDdXrPaWg), social media, and through presentations for the New Brunswick Teachers' Association. Drs. Rogers and Burkholder have also been interviewed three times for CBC radio based on their findings. The research and analysis is ongoing.

VIOLENCE ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

Abuse and Neglect of Older Adults Research Team the Maritime Provinces (ANOART)

PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATOR

- Lori E. Weeks, Professor, School of Nursing, Dalhousie University

ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Ongoing dissemination of our results from our ANOART- RESPOND study: Identifying and Responding to the Needs of Diverse Older Women Who Experience Intimate Partner Violence. Funding was received from the Justice Partnership and Innovation Program, Justice Canada August 2017-July, 2019. One manuscript is published online and a few more are in progress. Several presentations have been completed.
2. The completion of a systematic review. The final report was submitted for publication in February 2020. "A systematic review of intimate partner violence interventions relevant to women during the COVID-19 pandemic." We released a rapid report of a component of our review in September, 2020, and it garnered a great deal of media attention.



ANOART-RESPOND research team meeting, June 2019. Left to right: Christie Stilwell, Eileigh Storey-MacDougall, Lori Weeks, Lois Jackson, Colleen MacQuarrie, Suzanne Dupuis-Blanchard, Heather Helpard, Danie Gagnon

VIOLENCE ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

Subcontract: Mary C. Milliken

SUBCONTRACT REPORT

Subcontracted by MMFC for specific projects with its partners, Mary C. Milliken led the Environmental Scan of Equality-Seeking Organizations in Atlantic Canada (ESES-ATL) project between September 2020-February 2021 for Women and Gender Equality (WAGE) Canada. She continues to provide external evaluation services on the Maintain: Trauma Informed Principles for Trauma Exposed Workplaces (2019-2024) project for Sexual Violence New Brunswick (SVNB).

WAGE, formerly Status of Women, commissioned the MMFC to conduct the Atlantic portion of a national study about equality-seeking organizations working in the areas of sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression. I worked with MMFC and Harriet Irving Library personnel, and a Master's student, to fulfill WAGE's requirements. The team delivered a final report, two spreadsheets -- one outlining gender and 2SLGBTQIA+ (two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, intersex, asexual, plus) equality issues in Atlantic Canada and another listing over 200 organizations -- and maps to show where these organizations are. The report provided a situational analysis about the challenges, priorities, and gaps affecting the organizations working toward equality for 2SLGBTQIA+ people, compiled from study participants and document analysis, and identified opportunities where WAGE may be able to help.

Maintain is a five-year WAGE-funded project focused on mainstream and Aboriginal sexual and gender-based violence organizations in the Atlantic region. The objective of this project is to create a 'blueprint' of promising practices based on trauma informed principles for people working in these trauma exposed workplaces. Supporting the people doing this work will, by extension, improve service delivery for survivors. Despite the disruptive influence of the COVID-19 pandemic, the project is on schedule. I am participating in a couple of the project committees, as well as developing and adapting process and outcome evaluation strategies in collaboration with the project coordinator. Guidance is provided by an Evaluation Team made up of Lorraine Whalley, Executive Director of SVNB, and MMFC Director Dr. Cathy Holtmann.

VIOLENCE ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

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

PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATORS

- Angelique Jenney (Wood's Homes Chair in Children's Mental Health at the University of Calgary)
- Katreena Scott (professor at the Department of Applied Psychology at the University of Toronto, Associate Chair of the Applied Psychology and Human Development, Program chair at the School & Clinical Child Psychology Program)
- Chantal Bourassa (professeure, École de travail social, Université de Moncton)
- Valérie Roy et Geneviève Lessard (professeures, École de travail social et de criminologie, Université Laval)

COLLABORATORS

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

STUDENTS

- Elisabeth Godbout (Stagiaire postdoctorale École de travail social et de criminologie)
- Anaïs Bertrand Robitaille (Université Laval)

ACHIEVEMENTS

The project is national in scope with projects that include various components in three Canadian provinces: Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick. For the Quebec and New Brunswick components, two intervention programs (Mother in mind and Caring Dads) have been implemented and evaluated in Quebec for a period of three years. Data from interviews conducted with participants, stakeholders and coordinators have been analyzed and will be published shortly.

Two presentations were made at the last Canadian Domestic Violence Conference in Halifax.

WORKPLACE

Workplace Violence and Abuse Research Team (WVAT) :

Researching, and educating workplaces to facilitate safe workspaces for women

COORDINATORS (Academic/Community)

- Nicole Smith, Co-Chair, Owner of Nicole Smith Conflict Management
- Dr. Shelley Delano Parker, Co-Chair, Instructor, Psychology, UNB Industrial Psychologist, NB Power

MEMBERS

- Sheila Burt, Associate Director of the MMFC
- Bronwen Cunningham, Senior policy advisor, (PETL/EPFT)
- Angela Léger, AAFC/AAC
- Sula Levesque, Human Rights Officer, Human Rights and Positive Environment Office, UNB
- Lindsay Manuel, Violence Prevention Initiatives, Women's Equality Branch
- Brenda Moore, Learning Advisor, Learning Centre, Canadian Forces Base, Gagetown
- Dr. Sue O'Donnell, Assoc. Dean, Faculty of Nursing, UNB.
- Tricia Parker, Violence Prevention Initiatives, Women's Equality Branch
- Anthea Plummer, Community Member

ACHIEVEMENTS

The Workplace Violence and Abuse Research Team (WVAT) disseminates research evidence and current practices related to the problem of workplace abuse among public, professional, and academic audiences. WVAT has various team members representing strategic government groups influential in overseeing and implementing policy, strategy and programs related to the workplace. These outcomes position members to connect the various key drivers and inform others in the actions towards reducing workplace violence and abuse.

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Team's usual process of educating and informing others of work and research related activities, using the annual Respectful Workplace Week conference, was changed. A virtual conference was offered to employers/groups throughout the province and, using a broad publicity campaign by the members, attendance was greater than anticipated. The end result was the inclusion of attendees from beyond the New Brunswick borders. Conference attendees were positive in their comments, welcoming the variety of topics and using a workshop based approach.

RESPECTFUL WORKPLACE WEEK DECLARATIONS

Due to the continued lobbying efforts of WVAT, the first week of September has been declared Respectful Workplace Week by the Government of New Brunswick since 2007. WVAT has also hosted a speaking event during Respectful Workplace Week since 2014. Keeping with the original declaration, the Team had the week of September 7-11 declared as Respectful Workplace Week by the Premier of New Brunswick as well as the City of Fredericton and the University of New Brunswick. Various businesses also joined in the declaration.

RESPECTFUL WORKPLACE WEEK CONFERENCE

The 2020 Respectful Workplace Week Conference was held virtually, spanning September 8 – 11, with the theme being The Evolving Workplace. Changes to the workshop format included simultaneous French translation of the sessions, an opening session by UNB President Paul Mazerolle, and an online attendee feedback poll after each presentation.

Sessions included the topics of: The Importance of Having a Respectful, Healthy, Inclusive Workplace, Angela Legere, Conflict Management Practitioner, DND; La violence conjugale ou entre partenaires intimes: C'est votre affaire, Silke Brabander, Conseillère principale en programmes, Bureau du conseil exécutif; Performance Management in a Remote Workplace, Tanya Chapman, President & Senior Consultant, The Chapman Group; Panel – Systemic Racism in the Workplace, Panelists- Charles Sewell, Elder, Oromocto First Nation, Mary Louise McCarthy-Brandt, PhD (ABD), Angela Chen, Case Resolution Advisor, Human Rights and Positive Environment, UNB.

FROM THE TEAM

We continue to lobby annually for the first full week of September to be declared *Respectful Workplace Week* by the Province of New Brunswick, the City of Fredericton and the University of New Brunswick. Due to growing recognition of Respectful Workplace Week in the province, a number of other individual work organizations have also taken initiative to make a declaration the first week of September.

HEALTH

Lifetime Violence, Masculinities, and Health

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

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

PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATORS

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

CO-INVESTIGATORS

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

POST-DOCTORAL STUDENT

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

RESEARCH COORDINATOR

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

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

- Charlene Vincent, BN MN, University of New Brunswick

ACHIEVEMENTS

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

HEALTH

iHeal Study

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

PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATORS & CO-INVESTIGATORS

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

RESEARCH COORDINATORS

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

ACHIEVEMENTS

We are testing whether iHEAL improved the quality of life, mental and physical health, confidence and control of women who were separating from an abusive partner and who live in selected communities in Ontario, British Columbia and New Brunswick. A group of 331 eligible women were assigned by chance to either complete the iHEAL over a 6 month period (175 in nurse visit group), or provided with information about local community services to help them seek support on their own (156 in self-directed group).

Since completing delivery of the iHEAL trial in March 2020, we have continued to collect 12 and 18 month post-intervention survey data. We have conducted qualitative interviews with a subset of 30 women about their experiences with iHEAL and suggestions for improving the intervention. We have completed delivery of the iHEAL with a small number of women in the Acadian Peninsula, as part of the goal to examine the fit and applicability of iHEAL within the Francophone context. Although the aim was to recruit 10-12 women, due to COVID-19 restrictions and the in-person nature of the iHEAL, we were only able to recruit 5 women. Those who went on to complete the intervention have also taken part in 2 surveys and an interview about their experiences with iHEAL. We also interviewed both Francophone nurse interventionists. Together, these data will provide important feedback on the fit and feasibility of delivering iHEAL in the Francophone context. Analysis of trial data is ongoing; we look forward to reporting findings in the near future.

DISABILITIES

Violence Against Women Living with Disabilities Research Team

PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATORS & CO-INVESTIGATORS

- Angela Wisniewski, Sociology, STU
- Charles Gaucher, School of Social Work, U de M

TEAM COORDINATORS

- Angela Wisniewski, Sociology, STU

TEAM MEMBERS

- Rina Arsenault, Former Associate Director, MMFC
- Martine Paquet, NB Association of Social Workers
- Emma MacKenzie Ballard, Premier's Council on Disabilities
- Ken Pike & Sarah Wagner, NB Community Living
- Meranda McLaughlin, Justice and Public Safety
- Anne Chiasson-Doiron, Vie Autonome Péninsule Acadienne
- Jamie Howie, Long Term Care & Disability Support Services, Gov. of NB
- Madhu Verma, NB Multicultural Council
- Diedre Smith, Women's Equality Branch, Gov. of NB
- Lindsay Manuel, Women's Equality Branch, Gov. of NB

ACHIEVEMENTS

While the research team has mostly been on hiatus this year due to Covid-19, we had the remarkable opportunity to use results from our survey and focus group research toward the development of the National Action Plan to address Gender Based Violence. We contributed key findings from our research with service providers working in anti-violence and disability support organizations as part of DAWN Canada's expert consultation process carried out late this spring. Those recommendations are combined with insights from other researchers and experts from across Canada in DAWN's working paper entitled Draft Recommendations from Subject Matter Experts: Gender Based Violence, Women, Girls and Non-binary people with Disabilities, and the National Action Plan.

LAW

Supporting the Health of Survivors of Family Violence in Family Law Proceedings

PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATORS & CO-INVESTIGATORS

- Dr. Karla O'Regan, MMFC Research Fellow and Associate Professor, Criminology & Criminal Justice, St. Thomas University

PROJECT COORDINATORS

- Dr. LA Henry, Barrister and Solicitor, LA Henry Law and Part-time Instructor, UNB Faculty of Law

COLLABORATORS

The project is a collaboration of the Alliance of Canadian Research Centres on Gender Based Violence, which includes:

- Dr. Cathy Holtmann, Director, Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre, UNB
- Dr. Margaret Jackson, Director, FREDA Centre for Research on Violence Against Women and Children, Simon Fraser University
- Dr. Peter Jaffe, Academic Director, Centre for Research & Education on Violence Against Women & Children, University of Western Ontario
- Dr. Geneviève Lessard, Directrice du RAIV, Université Laval Québec
- Dr. Kendra Nixon, Director, RESOLVE, University of Manitoba

STUDENTS

- Anna Fusco-Virtue, Research Assistant, UNB Law Student (3rd year)

ACHIEVEMENTS

The project is part of a national initiative to create five regional "Communities of Practice" (CoP), bringing together experts and key stakeholders to develop multi-disciplinary approaches to addressing family violence in Canadian family court systems. The project is funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada with a total of 1.2 million dollars (split among the five regional centers) for a 3 year period. The focus of each CoP is enhancing the capacity of family law practitioners to address family violence safely and effectively, with an initial focus on those issues emerging in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The project has begun with the creation of a local CoP and will expand to include provincial (Year 2) and regional (Year 3) members. The MMFC-affiliated CoP met for the first time in February, 2021 and includes family law lawyers, indigenous domestic violence workers, transitional housing workers, police officers, medical practitioners, social workers (on and off reserve), counsellors specializing in domestic violence trauma and those supporting immigrant and refugee women, social scientists, and legal information consultants. Working sub-groups within the CoP have also been formed to examine specialized issues in depth.

The project also held its first webinar on March 31, 2021 on trauma-informed approaches to intimate partner violence within the family court context (now available to view online). The publication of a follow-up research brief, examining trauma-informed best practices to family violence cases, is planned for May 2021. A second webinar, on the role of mediation and conflict resolution practices in cases of family violence, is planned for Fall, 2021.

The project's webinars have also been given accreditation for CPD (continuing professional development) hours by the Law Society of New Brunswick.



SUPPORTING THE HEALTH OF SURVIVORS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE IN FAMILY LAW PROCEEDINGS

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

INVITED CONSULTATIONS

Sexual Violence New Brunswick, UNB Transformative Education Course (2021 Review)

St. Thomas University Harassment & Discrimination Policy (2021 Review)

New Brunswick Women's Council, Abortion Research Brief (March 2021)

SERVICE

St. Thomas University Board of Governors, Faculty Representative

Department Chair, Criminology & Criminal Justice

Senate Admissions and Academic Standing Committee, Chair

Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre Board of Directors, Member

NBCC Research Ethics Board, Member

UNB Sexual Violence Policy Adjudicator

AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

2021 John McKendy Memorial Special Merit Award for Teaching (nominee)

LAW

Centre for Criminal Justice Studies, UNB Saint John – IPV Research Portfolio

PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATOR

- Dr. Mary Ann Campbell, UNB Saint John – Director of the Centre for Criminal Justice Studies

COLLABORATORS

- Angela Totten, Crime Analyst, Saint John Police Force

STUDENTS

- Olena Gryschuk, Masters Student, UNB Saint John, Psychology Department
- Erin deJong, PhD student, UNB Fredericton, Psychology Department
- Oliva Reilly, Undergraduate student, UNB Saint John, Psychology Department

ACHIEVEMENTS

We have continued our work on the validity and use of the Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment (ODARA) instrument for front line police officers in New Brunswick. The projects in the reporting period examined a) the validity of the ODARA for use with female abusers of IPV, and b) when and how police officers use the ODARA and the degree to which this tool can be enhanced by consideration of dynamic risk factors that may render the tool more sensitive to changes in risk over time. This work has been informally shared with two local police organizations and the NB Department of Public Safety, but formal knowledge dissemination on these projects are pending now that the work is nearing conclusion.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Dr. Campbell is in the early stages of working on a SSHRC Partnership Development Grant lead by Dr. Zoe Hilton, on risk assessment by police officers in the context of IPV and enhancing our risk communication and risk management responses based on these appraisals.

LAW

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

PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATORS

- Principal Investigators: Dr. Linda C Neilson, Professor Emerita & Research Fellow of the MMFC
- Joanne Boucher, Court Coordinator, Provincial Court, Domestic Violence stream, Department of Justice, Moncton

JUDICIAL ADVISORS

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

BILINGUAL RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

- Julie Arsenault (Year one)
- Marie Pier LeBreton Noel (Year one and during 2020)

COLLABORATORS

- Provincial Cross Sector Senior Policy Advisory Committee, chaired by Dr. Holtmann, Director of the MMFFV research centre;
- Justice Canada, three year contribution grant to the Collaborative Design of a Research-Informed, Coordinated Provincial / Queen's Bench Family Violence Court Model project affiliated with the Centre. June 17, 2019 in the amount of \$270,941.
- Province of New Brunswick, in kind support, research partner and contributor to the project
- Dr. Catherine Holtmann, management on behalf of Muriel McQueen Fergusson Family Violence Research Centre and the Research Office, University of New Brunswick, financial management of the project.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Completed collection of data from 338 court files (criminal, family, child protection, Intimate Partner Intervention – IPV) associated with 95 persons (80 male, 15 female) accused of domestic violence crime. Cross checked and updated data from court files, made corrections and revisions.
- Applied to Public Safety, Victim Services for access to non-identifying Victim Services data to allow the project to take into account Danger Assessment scores conducted on a voluntary basis by victims with Victim Services.
- Made successful application to the University of New Brunswick for modified research ethics clearance to enable collection of data from Public Safety, Victim Services.
- Received non identifying Victim Services data associated with 139 persons.
- Prepared and submitted to Justice Canada Interim Project Report for Year One.

- Designed, with the assistance of Marie Pier LeBreton Noel, a detailed 100 page (legal size) court file data spreadsheet.
- Sought the project's judicial advisers advice and assistance in connection with the Court File Spread Sheet and in connection with digital presentations and consultations with the judiciary (Justices, Judges and Masters).
- Conducted (Dr. Neilson) an expert analysis of the levels of risk and danger associated with each accused based on: Danger Assessment data from Victim Services; ODARA (Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessments) conducted by police; risk and danger scores records in the court files; and indicators of risk and danger found in all court files (criminal, family, IPV and child protection) associated with each accused.
- Entered the risk and danger analysis data as well as the court file data drawn from 338 court files (criminal, family, child protection and Intimate Partner Intervention cases) into the court file spread sheet. Earlier we had designed a coding system to ensure that no data was collected that could be used to identify individuals or their court files. We linked risk and danger analysis data and data from the various court sectors. And we documented orders from each court that affected children. Access to the court file spread sheet has been restricted to judges and justices and masters in the Judicial District of Moncton.
- Prepared, revised and disseminated a Summary of Focus Group data (community services, police and professional partners) collected in Year One.
- Prepared and distributed a Summary Analysis of key themes from the Court File data.
- Presented the Summary Analysis of the Court File Data and the Court File Data Spread Sheet to Justices, Judges and Masters in the Judicial District of Moncton, using the Provincial Teams Program with support of the project's judicial advisers and with the technical assistance of Debra Locke, Court Technology Specialist.
- Presented a Summary of Focus Group data, a Summary of Court File data and a demonstration of the Court File Spread Sheet to the Project's Senior Policy Advisory Committee chaired by Dr. Catherin Holtmann, Director of the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Family Violence Centre.
- Made arrangements for a Second Meeting with community and professional partners in Moncton scheduled and held on June 4th.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

In year three of the project we shall shift focus from data collection to working with our judicial and community partners to move from the research stage of the project into the design and implementation of a research-informed coordinated court model supported by information exchange protocols and policies.





RESEARCH FELLOWS OF THE MMFC



DR. CASEY BURKHOLDER



DR. MARY-ANN CAMPBELL



DR. DIANE CROCKER



DR. DAVID HOFMANN



DR. LINDA C. NEILSON



DR. KARLA O'REGAN



DR. LUCIA O'SULLIVAN



DR. KELLY SCOTT-STOREY



DR. EVIE TASTSOGLOU



DR. LAURA WINTERS



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DR. ARDATH WHYNACHT

DR. CASEY BURKHOLDER

Dr. Burkholder is an Associate Professor in UNB's Faculty of Education. Her research program focuses on working with youth through do-it-yourself (DIY) art and media production to explore issues of concern. She is currently the Primary Investigator on three SSHRC-funded projects: 1) a project that seeks to queer Social Studies education in New Brunswick; 2) a project that seeks to understand the supports and barriers to teaching Sex Education in New Brunswick; and 3) a social distancing mail-based art, activism, and archiving project with LGBTQ+ youth in Atlantic Canada called Pride/Swell.

DR. MARY-ANN CAMPBELL

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

Dr. Campbell's research focuses on developing and enhancing the application of evidence-based strategies for crime prevention and reduction as well as police psychology - their current work examines the predictive validity and use of risk appraisal instruments and processes and how they are being used by police services in New Brunswick to inform risk reduction strategic response.

DR. DIANE CROCKER

Diane Crocker holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from York University. She is currently a Professor in the Department Criminology teaching courses in Criminology. Her research areas include restorative justice, rape culture, gender-based violence, criminal harassment, and the use of law to address social problems, particularly those that disproportionately affect women. She has worked on projects in the following areas: Restorative justice in youth criminal justice, prisons, and schools; Program evaluation and participatory research processes; Domestic violence policies and intervention programs; Sexual violence on university campuses; Justice values among victims/survivors of gender-based violence.

Additionally, Dr. Crocker has been working on Nova Scotia's domestic violence prevention initiative called Sanding Together. In her role as an evaluator, she supports the initiative as it works towards a domestic violence prevention action plan. In partnership with Be the Peace Institute she is also completing a project on the "justice values" of women who have experienced gender-based violence.



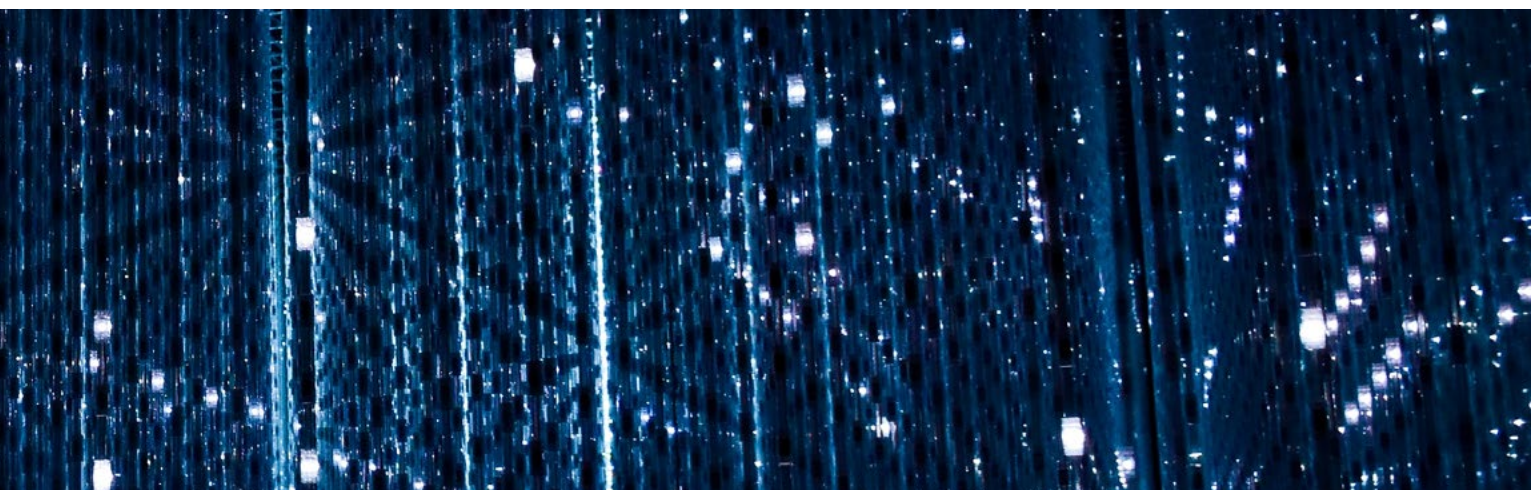
DR. DAVID C. HOFMANN

David Hofmann joined the UNB 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 C. NEILSON

Dr. Neilson is a Professor Emerita in Sociology and Law In Society at UNB. She holds two degrees from UNB - BA (Hons) and LLB - as well as a PhD from the Faculty of Law, University of London (London School of Economics) in England. Earlier, she practiced law for 10 years. Her academic fields include domestic and family violence, court systems, family law, conflict resolution and sociology of law. She is a recipient of national awards for family mediation research, Faculty Merit awards from UNB, and was appointed University Research Scholar in 2011-2013. Linda brings to her work a dedication to the legal system and a passion for connecting research, policy and practice. In recent years her primary focus has been on enhancing legal system responses to families, women and children, in family violence cases. Throughout her career, she served on numerous government committees, including the committee that designed New Brunswick's first specialized domestic violence court in Moncton, New Brunswick. She has responded to multiple requests from the Canadian House of Commons and Canadian Senate to comment on proposed legislation. She supervised numerous graduate students and presented her work internationally. Although officially 'retired' in 2016, she has continued to work in the family violence field.



DR. KARLA O'REGAN

BA (STU), JD (Toronto), MA (Toronto), LLM (Dalhousie), PhD (LSE)

Dr. O'Regan is an Associate Professor of Criminology at St. Thomas University and a part-time lecturer in the Faculty of Law at UNB.

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

DR. LUCIA O'SULLIVAN

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

Her work focuses primarily on sexual health, intimate relationships, and the affective and cognitive components of sexual decision-making of young adults and adolescents. She held a Canada Research Chair in Adolescents' Sexual Health Behaviour (2006-2016) and has received a wide range of funding from federal agencies (e.g., NIH, CIHR, SSHRC) and private foundations (e.g., Ford, NBHRF) to support her work. Other studies address the development, maintenance, and breakup of intimate relationships, as well as the role of gender in romantic and sexual experiences. Dr. O'Sullivan's research program frequently incorporates studies and collaborations that are international (e.g., South Africa, Guatemala, India, US, UK) and interdisciplinary.

Dr. O'Sullivan is active on a wide range of editorial boards, is Associate Editor of the *Journal of Sex Research*, and has published extensively in research journals and books. Her research has appeared in the *Globe and Mail*, *National Post*, and *CBC*.

DR. KELLY SCOTT-STOREY

Dr. Kelly Scott-Storey is a health researcher and associate professor in the faculty of Nursing, director of community research, scholarship and teaching at the Fredericton Downtown Community Health Centre. Dr. Scott-Storey's research interests are in the intersection of violence, gender and health.

She is a co-Principal Investigator on a national randomized controlled trial (iCAN plan 4 safety; CIHR \$959,650) aimed at exploring the use of an innovative tailored and personalized on-line health and safety intervention for women experiencing intimate partner violence (IPV). Based on the success of the trial, the team sought to increase reach by transitioning the web-based platform to a more accessible app. The timeline to develop the app was expedited at the request of federal partners recognizing the urgent need for such a tool to support women experiencing IPV during COVID-19, when incidences of violence were increasing and access to supports and services were reduced. In response, the myPlan Canada app was launched in July 2020, and is available free of charge in Canada through the Apple Store and Google Play.

Dr. Scott-Storey holds approximately \$4.5 million in research funding, and in addition to the iCAN trial is also a PI on a large, multi-provincial randomized controlled trial (the iHEAL study) aimed at testing the effectiveness of a nurse-led health promotion intervention for women who have experienced IPV. Additionally, she is a PI on a 5-year CIHR Operating Grant and two NBHRF grants examining men's experiences of cumulative lifetime violence and the intersection of gender and health. She has been actively involved in trying to better measure and capture experiences of interpersonal violence for both women and men, and is part of an international team who developed a short version of the Composite Abuse Scale (CASR-SF) which is currently being used by Statistics Canada.

DR. EVIE TASTSOGLOU

Dr. Evangelia Tastsoglou is a Professor at the Department of Sociology, cross-appointed to the International Development Studies Program at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. With sociological and legal training Dr. Tastsoglou has over twenty five years of expertise in working with gender and immigrant women in Canada and internationally. As founder and leader of the Gender Domain of the Atlantic Metropolis Centre of Excellence (2003-2013) she led multiple projects on various aspects of migration with a gender-based and intersectional analysis. Past Chair of her Department (2006-2012), President Elect and subsequently President of the RC 32 ("Women in Society") of the International Sociological Association (2006-2014), member of the ISA Executive Committee and Research Council (2014-2018), and current President of the Canadian Ethnic Studies Association, she focuses her research on sexual and gender based violence and precarity during forced migration.

Dr. Tastsoglou is currently the principal investigator of the Canadian team (4 investigators / 4 institutions) of the CIHR-funded project "Violence against women migrants and refugees: Analysing causes and effective policy response". This is part of the similarly titled international project developed in response to the GENDER-NET Plus Co-funded call. In addition she is currently the PI of a SSHRC-funded project focusing on sexual and gender based violence and precarity during forced migration in the Eastern Mediterranean, comprising a team of academics from Canada and Greece.

DR. ARDATH WHYNACHT

Dr. Ardath Whynacht is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology at Mount Allison University. She has worked for more than 15 years in front line community-based organizations with survivors of family violence and with incarcerated survivors and perpetrators in the Federal prison system. She is the PI on a current SSHRC project on transformative justice and abolitionist approaches to family violence. She also holds two additional research grants (SSHRC and NBHRF) in partnership with Dr. Erin Fredericks (STU) that address mental health challenges of 2SLGBTQIA+ youth in the maritimes. She regularly gives keynote lectures on violence and mental health, including an annual curriculum module on intimate partner violence in 2SLGBTQIA+ communities for Dalhousie Medical School. Her recent publications include a book chapter on the complexities of abolitionist sexual violence advocacy with El Jones and a forthcoming book (Fall 2021) on post-carceral approaches to intimate partner homicide. She is the current Chair of the Governance Committee on the Avalon Sexual Assault Centre Board of Directors.

DR. LAURA WINTERS

PhD (Sociology, University of New Brunswick), MA (Sociology, Memorial University of Newfoundland)

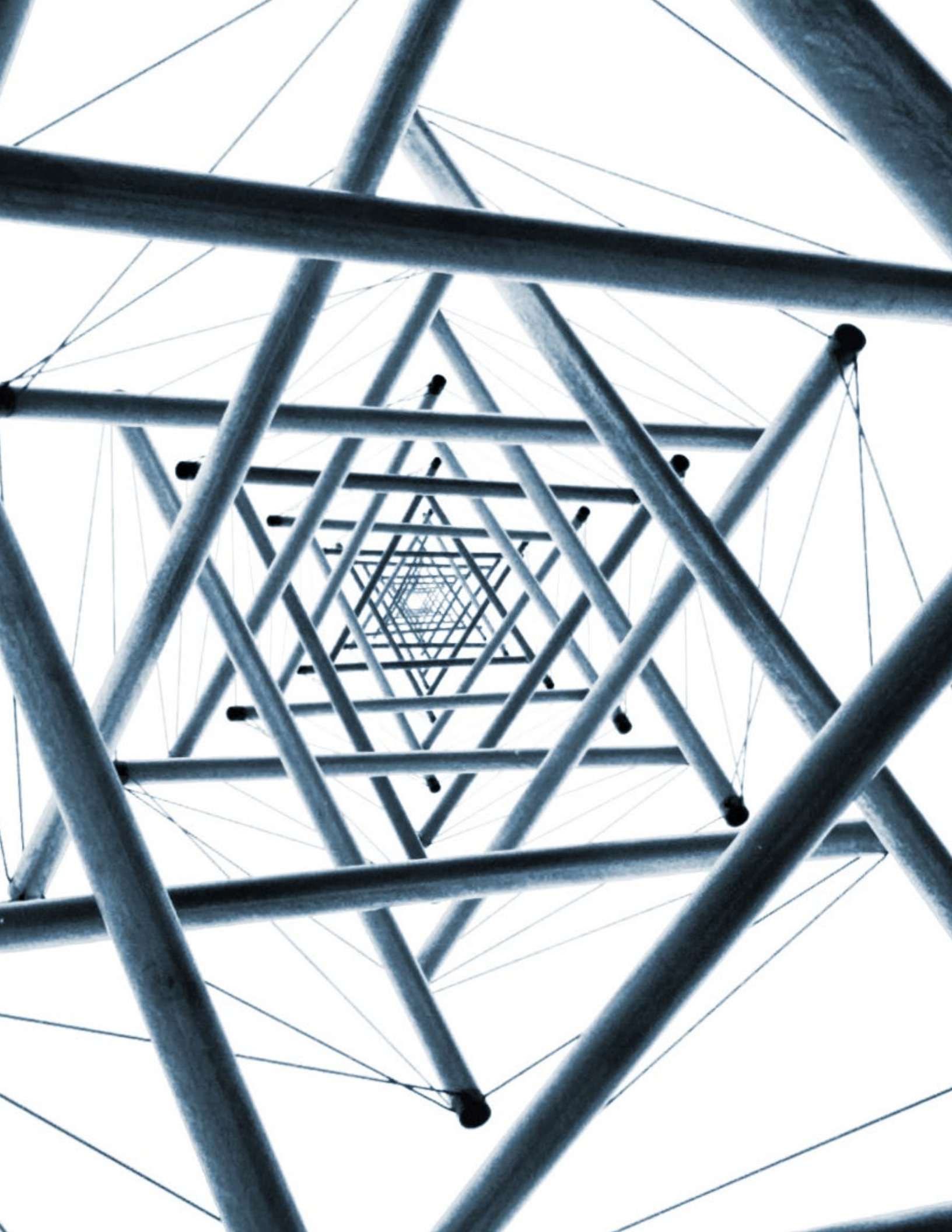
Dr. Winters is the Executive Director of the St. John's Status of Women Council and Women's Centre, a feminist organization that does direct service provision and public advocacy work around gender equality in St. John's, Newfoundland. She is also a sociologist who researches stigma resistance, especially in the everyday "talk back" of people who do sex work. Laura is especially interested in Community Action Research; she believes there is a need to think critically about research ethics in the context of research as advocacy with marginalized populations. She is currently the supervisor for the DV@WorkNL research project - a federally and provincially funded community research project on the impacts of domestic violence on workers, co-workers, and work places: <https://sjwomenscentre.ca/dvatworknl/> As a community worker, academic and activist, all Laura's work is rooted in the prioritization of the voice of lived experience and the pursuit of social justice.

“ The 2020-2021 academic year has been like no other. While it is a privilege for the MMFC staff to work with the talented students, faculty colleagues, and community partners who are committed to finding solutions to the complex problems associated with family violence, doing so almost exclusively online was uniquely exhausting. This report is a testament to perseverance, passion and innovation during a time of uncertainty, suffering and loss. ”

Dr. Cathy Holtmann

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CHANGE





RESEARCH PROJECTS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MMFC

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

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

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

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

COMMITTEES & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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

UNB Sexual Assault Policy Review Committee	Cathy Holtmann Chair
VP Research Policy Committee	Cathy Holtmann
UNB/STU/NBCC University Women's Centre Board	Cathy Holtmann
NB Roundtable on Crime and Public Safety	Cathy Holtmann Sheila Burt
Love Shouldn't Hurt Campaign – Advisory Committee	Sheila Burt
NB Family Violence in the Workplace Committee	Sheila Burt
NB Child Sexual Harm Task Force	Sheila Burt
Silent Witness Program	Sheila Burt
UNB PTSU Health and Wellness Working Group	Sheila Burt (co-chair)
The 203 Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity	Caen Squires
NB Working Group on Human Trafficking	Angela Wisniewski
Fredericton Regional Resource Network	Mary Aspinnall
UNB Campus Sexual Assault Prevention Team	Morgan Richard
Fierté Fredericton Pride	Caen Squires

Of note this year, Cathy Holtmann initiated and hosted monthly "COVID Conversations", meetings with transition house front-line workers via zoom. The objective of these conversations was to stay connected and provide an opportunity to discuss the additional challenges that were being experienced due to and during the COVID pandemic.

In response to the recommendations from the DVRCCR the MMFC partnered with WEB and the Love Shouldn't Hurt Campaign to offer a webinar on the topic of Coercive Control.

2020-2021 MMFC COMMITTEES & MEMBERSHIPS

The MMFC has several standing committees that assist with the work of the Centre. We would like to recognize and thank the following individuals for their active participation and contribution:

- **Finance/Executive Committee**

Joanne Wright
Dave MaGee, Chair-Finance Committee
Martine Stewart, Chair-Executive Committee
Tracey Rickards, Board Secretary
Norma Dubé
Elaine Stairs
Cathy Holtmann
Sheila Burt
Rebecca Francis

- **Research Priorities Committee**

Tracey Rickards, Chair
Karla O'Regan
Cathy Holtmann
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- **Communications and Marketing Committee**

Angie Deveau
Shiva Nourpanah
Geneviève Latour
Caen Squires
Cathy Holtmann

- **Nominations Committee**

Joanne Wright, Chair
Tracey Rickards
Martine Stewart
Sheila Burt

- **Strategic Planning Committee**

Lynn Chantal Boudreau, Chair
Stephanie Hunt-Kennedy
Norma Dubé
Rebecca Francis
Cathy Holtmann
Sheila Burt



COMMITTEE

WORK HIGHLIGHTS

LOVE SHOULDN'T HURT CAMPAIGN – ADVISORY COMMITTEE met quarterly with a mandate to reframe intimate partner violence as a social issue that everyone can play a part in putting an end to; to create a social environment that supports and encourages behavioral change; and to increase awareness of services and supports that are available. This year the committee focused their efforts on three recommendations from the Domestic Violence Death Review Committee report which was released by the Office of the Coroner in December 2019.

1. Proactively re-emphasize information and awareness about coercive control and the warning signs of abusive behaviors
2. Increasing visibility of the campaign in rural areas of the province
3. Develop and share content around the concurrence of mental illness, substance use and DIPV

Partnering with MMFC and the Women's Equality Branch, the Love Shouldn't Hurt campaign hosted Dr. Carmen Gill and Mary Aspinall for three webinars on coercive control delivered to service providers across the province and the country. A brochure on the experiences of middle-aged and older adults was developed by Ashley Farrell, Simal Qureshi and Miriam Daneff, Masters of Applied Health Services Research students at the University of New Brunswick. With a new Social Media Coordinator, the campaign's social media saw amazing success in 2020, growing by 255% and highlighting partner initiatives and educating New Brunswickers about DIPV and how to find help.

Love | *L'amour*
Shouldn't | **ne devrait**
Hurt | **pas blesser**

END INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE
METTEZ FIN À LA VIOLENCE ENTRE PARTENAIRES INTIMES





SILENT WITNESS PROGRAM – The New Brunswick Silent Witness Project is an exhibit of life-sized red silhouettes representing New Brunswick women who have died tragically at the hands of an intimate partner since 1990.

Each life-sized red silhouette represents a woman who once lived, worked, and played amongst us. They were daughters, sisters, mothers, aunts, friends, neighbours and employees. Because these women no longer have a voice, the silhouettes are called the Silent Witnesses. However, by listening to their stories and honouring their lives, they have a strong, clear collective voice that helps all of us to explore ways to create awareness and prevent future domestic deaths.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- To remember...by honouring women in New Brunswick who were murdered by a spouse, partner or acquaintance.
- To create awareness...by sharing information in communities around the province about the nature and extent of family violence.
- To promote action...by profiling local resources that support women coping with violence in their lives and encouraging community and government action to end all forms of violence in our society.

Over the last couple of years, the committee worked on a few different projects to increase awareness and to honour the lives of women who were killed in acts of domestic violence.

The short documentary film *The Silent Witness Journey: Two Women's Stories* was a collaborative project between the NB Silent Witness Committee, the Women's Equality Branch, the Department

of Justice and Public Safety and the Fergusson Foundation which honours the lives of Rowena Mae Sharp and Geraldine Theresa Paul. The film chronicles the life and death of these two women from Saint Mary's First Nation who were killed by their intimate partners in acts of domestic homicide. These two women are among the list of the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada. We see the community come together to remember and honour their loved ones as they create a Silent Witness Silhouette for each of them. These silhouettes are welcomed into the "silent witness" family where the stories and voices of so many women come together in a call to action.

The Silent Witness Journey: Two Women's Stories can be viewed at:

- Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/311219964>
- Women's Equality Branch: <https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/women.html>
- Fergusson Foundation – YouTube: <https://youtube.com/watch?v=t3H9i0d3amE>

To accompany the short documentary film, the committee created a discussion guide to help people talk about intimate partner violence, learn to recognize the warning signs and reach out to offer support. The guide includes key messages, explanatory material, reflective discussion questions as well as resources to help support victims of intimate partner violence. Both the English and French versions of the discussion guide will be available soon on the [NB Silent witness website](#).

This video and discussion guide are available to the public, service providers and other interested stakeholders and will help raise awareness and to educate on domestic/intimate partner homicide, missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls and domestic/intimate partner violence. The discussion guide will help ensure meaningful conversations can happen, highlight risk factors and increase the understanding about intimate partner violence.

THE NB SILENT WITNESS COMMITTEE continues to work with communities, agencies, friends and families in the creation of silhouettes to honour women who were killed by their partners. For a list of the women we honour, please see [visit the website](#).

In December 2019, the Roundtable on Crime and Public Safety directed a task force be established to prioritize and implement recommendations outlined in the needs analysis and best practices review prepared by the Child Sexual Abuse Advisory Committee. The Terms of Reference for this task force is now in place with a mandate to prioritize and implement recommendations from the review, connect to existing work and report back to the Roundtable on progress. The Task Force has been meeting monthly under the leadership of the co-chairs from Social Development, Executive Council Office - Women's Equality Branch, Sexual Violence New Brunswick and Justice and Public Safety. The Task Force has created a framework for the prioritization the 24 recommendations in to short, mid and long-term goals and working groups are being formed to address specific recommendations.

NB ROUNDTABLE ON CRIME AND PUBLIC SAFETY – This is a collective decision-making body that brings together more than 40 member organizations (including the MMFC) to implement a comprehensive Crime Prevention and Reduction Strategy based on proven practices through planning, education, coordination, innovative leadership and evaluation. The Roundtable has three priority areas: Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence (DIPV), Chronic Repeat Offending and Vulnerable Youth. Over the last year, the Roundtable has continued to coordinate efforts to prevent and reduce crime and victimization in New Brunswick, which included the roll-out of the Coordinated Community Response program to high risk and high danger DIPV cases in Miramichi and the Acadian Peninsula; the roll-out of the Changing Directions program to the Saint John area, which targets the high risk/needs of justice-involved clients; the establishment of 12 Regional Resiliency Teams that developed regional action plans; and the expansion of the Love Shouldn't Hurt campaign which reached 177,543 New Brunswickers in 2020-21 (an increase of 255% from baseline of 50,000).



NB DIPV IN THE WORKPLACE COMMITTEE – This year the committee launched a social media campaign directed to employers and employees to promote the newly revised toolkit. The committee has delivered webinars and provided training as requested. The Domestic Homicide Death Review committee made several recommendations to government and this committee. To undertake the recommendations, the committee will need significant funding and changes to its structure. Members of the committee are currently engaged in a strategic planning exercise to re-affirm the mandate, examine the structure, and determine the strategic goals including sustainability models.



FREDERICTON REGIONAL RESOURCE NETWORK - Since last May, the committee members have made their best efforts to navigate the pandemic and meetings have been held virtually once a month. Members have used these meetings to continue to update each other on what their respective agencies have been working on, including any challenges arising, information on training and educational resources.



EDUCATION

CHANGES TO THE FAMILY VIOLENCE ISSUES CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The FVI Certificate Program consists of 8, 3 credit hour courses drawn from three categories: core courses which feature 100% relevant content, intensive courses which have 60% relevant content, and supplementary courses with 30% relevant content. Two of the online core courses, formerly taught by Barbara-Fisher Townsend, are undergoing significant revision.

Merri-Lee Hanson revised the core course SOCI/FVI 3634 Violence against Women which became available to students at the beginning of the 2021 summer semester. Merri-Lee is a social worker has been teaching in the Social Work program at St. Thomas University since 2017. Much of her career has been on the front lines working in trauma/critical care and mental health settings. Currently she is manager of disability support services for the New Brunswick Department of Social Development.

Bill Patrick is revising the core course SOCI/FVI 3006 Intervention Strategies and Programs for People Who Batter and it will be available for enrollment in the 2021 fall semester. Bill has doctorate in Social Work and Social Research and has taught courses at Portland State University and St. Thomas University. He has worked with men on anti-violence work for many years and is a member of White Ribbon Fredericton. Currently he is a learning specialist for First Nation Education in the New Brunswick Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

PSYC 3033 Health Psychology is new online supplementary course taught by Dr. Shelly Delano Parker. The course introduces students to a biopsychosocial approach to health and disease and emphasizes how behaviours influence the development, prevention, course of disease and adaptation to illness. Stress is a continuous topic impacting all aspects of health and is an underlying theme throughout the course.

Information about FVI online courses is available on the MMFC website:

<https://www.unb.ca/mmfc/education/certificate.html>

During this reporting period, **6 students** completed the FVI certificate program.



KEYNOTE ADDRESSES & INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Adishes, A., VanBuskirk, K., & O'Donnell, S. (September 5 2020). Readers Theatre Workshop. New Brunswick Respectful Workplace Week Public Conference & Workshop

Aspinall, Mary. (November 26, 2020). Gender and Intimate Partner Violence Treatment Programs: Are Specialized Processes in Canada Effective? Webinar.

Aspinall, Mary and Gill, Carmen., (April 14. 2021). Understanding Coercive Control in the context of the Criminal Justice System. Webinar. This was delivered in collaboration with the Love Shouldn't Hurt Campaign and GNB Women's Equality Branch.

Boudreau, Lyne Chantal. (November 30, 2020). Une culture de consentement dans nos écoles : Où en sommes-nous en 2020 ? Webinar.

Brabander, Silke. (November 18 2020). Family violence: It's Your Business Workplace toolkit. Webinar.

Burkholder, Casey and Hill., Megan (November 4 2020. Erasure is violence: Addressing the gaps in New Brunswick school-based sex education through cellphilms. Webinar.

Caissie, A. and Holtmann, C. (February 2021). "On the Outside: From Research Findings to Dissemination," Teams presentation for Sociology Department Brown Bag series. Webinar.

Cameron, C.A. (March 2021). Thriving across the lifespan and around the globe: The Day in the Life visual research approach. University of Florence, Psychology Department, Florence, Italy.

Costello, Leslie Ann and Melnick, Carol. (April 8, 2021) The Weight of Bearing Witness: Vicarious Trauma in Domestic Violence Research webinar.

Gorham, J. & Maerz, L. (2021, March 31). Healing Trauma: Gender, Trauma, and Paths of Healing in Family Law Disputes [Webinar]. Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research. <https://youtu.be/mesd02tlm1k>

Holtmann, C. (2020). "How Churches can Respond to Family Violence During COVID 19," Zoom presentation and discussion for Breaking the Silence on Domestic Violence, Winnipeg, MB, May.

Holtmann, C. (2020). "Where are you from? Between the asker and the responder," panelist for the Arab Culture Club online event, 6 November.

Nason-Clark, N. "Addressing Domestic Violence in Religious Communities," Sponsored by SOAS, University of London, England, November 26, 2020.

Nason-Clark, N. "Working Together to Shatter the Holy Hush: Personal Reflections on 25 Years of Research and Activism on Intimate Partner Violence in Families of Faith," 28 January 2021, Sponsored by the Anglican Diocese of New Brunswick.

Nason-Clark, N. "Research on Violence and Intimate Partner Violence," Dr. Joel Thiessen's Class, Ambrose University, April 1, 2021.

Nason-Clark, N. "No Place for Abuse: Strategies for the Church to Become Part of the Solution to Intimate Partner Violence," Sponsored by the ELPIS Centre, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, April 8, 2021.

Neilson, Linda C. (March 23rd, 2021) International Webinar with Loretta Frederick (USA), Peter Jaffe (Canada, organizer and moderator), Joan Meier (USA) and Simon Lapierre (Canada) titled The misuse of alienation in domestic violence cases in family court: Helping court-related professionals to sort through conflicting allegations (London, Ontario: Learning Network, U Western): <http://www.vawlearningnetwork.ca/webinars/recorded-webinars/2021/webinar-2021-1.html>

Neilson, Linda C & Boyd, Susan B. with review comments by Hon. Donna Martinson (2020) Interpreting the New Divorce Act, Rules of Statutory Interpretation and Senate Observations. (Vancouver: FREDA Center for Research on Violence Against Women).

O'Donnell, S. (2021, March 18). Identifying and responding to workplace bullying and the related consequences. Canadian Federation of Mental Health Nurses (CFMHN) Webinar Series.

O'Regan, K. (2020, November 25). Beyond the Bare Minimum: Defining the line of consent and coercion [Webinar]. Sexual Violence New Brunswick.

O'Regan, K., Fusco-Virtue, A. & Henry, LA. (forthcoming May 2021). Family Violence & Family Law Brief 1: Trauma-Informed Practice [Research brief]. Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research.

Rogers, M. & Burkholder, C. (2021). Teaching in NB During Covid-19: Fall Report. New Brunswick Teachers' Association Board Meeting. Fredericton, NB.

Rogers, M. & Burkholder, C. (2020). Teaching in NB During Covid-19: Summer Report. New Brunswick Teachers' Association Executive Meeting. Fredericton, NB.

Scott-Storey, Kelly., 2020. myPlan Canada App – An interactive online health and safety tool for women experiencing intimate partner violence webinar. November 12.

Scott-Storey, K. (March 18, 2021). iHEAL – The Intervention for Health Enhancement and Living (iHEAL). Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation AGM. Virtual Presentation.



CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

Bertrand Robitaille A., Godbout É., Bourassa C., Roy V., Lessard G., Scott K., Jenney A. (2020, March). Maternité et relation mère-enfant en contexte de violence conjugale : illustration du programme Mothers in Mind au Québec. [Presentation] Canadian Domestic Violence Conference, Halifax NS, Canada.

Bertrand Robitaille A., Godbout É., Bourassa C., Roy V., Lessard G., Scott K. (2020, March). Paternité en contexte de violence conjugale : évaluation qualitative de l'implantation du programme Caring Dads dans la province de Québec. [Presentation] Canadian Domestic Violence Conference, Halifax NS, Canada.

Delano Parker, S. (2020). Workplace incivility. [Online Presentation], NB Power.

Delano Parker, S. (2020). Incivility. What to do! [Online Presentation] UNB Executive Leadership

Duan, T., Richard, M.E, Li, Y., Liu, Y., & Cameron, C.A. (2020, October 28th – November 1st). Western and East-Asian Masculinities and Their Influence on Adolescent Dating Relationships [Poster presentation]. 46th Association of Moral Education Annual Conference, Virtual conference. https://whova.com/portal/assoc_202010/?source=download_page

Gill, H., Ribeiro, A.M, Stanzel, A., Shao, S., Gerhardt, E., Yiu, N., & Cameron, C.A. (2020, April). Canadian and Chinese adolescents' behavioral intentions regarding lying and truth-telling [Poster Session]. American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. (Conference cancelled)

Gerhardt, E., Aggarwal, D., & Cameron, C.A. (2020, May). Children's judgement of peer actions and future trust. [Virtual Poster Presentation] Annual Canadian Psychological Association meeting, Montréal, Quebec.

Gerhardt, E., Aggarwal, D., Shao, S., & Cameron, C.A. (2020, July 6th – August 31st). Children's judgements of scenario-peer behaviours and potential trust [Poster presentation]. 81st Canadian Psychological Association Annual National Convention, Montréal, Quebec, Canada. <https://eventmobi.com/cpa2020/>

Gerhardt, E., Aggarwal, D., Shao, S., Richard, M.E, & Cameron, C.A. (2020, October 28th – November 1st). Children's Consideration of Beneficence and Veracity in Determining Epistemic and Interpersonal Trust [Poster presentation]. 46th Association of Moral Education Annual Conference, Virtual conference. https://whova.com/portal/assoc_202010/?source=download_page

O'Donnell, S., Adisesh, A., & VanBuskirk, K. (April 12, 2021- online conference). Readers Theatre Workshop: Nowhere to hide. IAWBH2020 12th International Conference on Workplace Bullying and Harassment: Developing an Oasis of Workplace Bullying Knowledge and Practice: People, Places, and Perspectives, Dubai, UAE

Rogers, M. & Burkholder, C. (2021). Exploring New Brunswick stakeholders' responses to educational reforms during the Covid-19 pandemic. AERA.
Online: <https://www.aera.net/Events-Meetings / Annual-Meeting>

Shao, S., Pollak, K., Gill, H. & Cameron, C.A. (2020, March). Adolescent psychological and physiological responses to frustration- and anxiety-provoking stressors. Poster accepted to be presented at Society for Research on Adolescence annual meeting, San Diego, CA.

Shao, S., Gerhardt, E., Gill, H., Duan, L. & Cameron, C.A. (2020, March). Observer to actor? Adolescents' (dis)honest intentions and moral judgements of others. Poster accepted to be presented at Society for Research on Adolescence annual meeting, San Diego, CA.

Sisic M., Tastsoglou E., Wilkinson L., Dawson M., Holtmann C., Falconer C., (2021, June) "The Continuum of Violence along the Migratory Pathway: Perspectives from Key Informants", [Virtual Presentation] Canadian Sociological Association, Congress of Social Sciences and Humanities <https://www.csa-scs.ca/conference/session/gender-based-violence-along-the-migratory-pathway/> Edmonton, AB.

Sisic M., Tastsoglou E., Wilkinson L., Dawson M., Holtmann C., Falconer C., "The Continuum of Violence along the Migratory Pathway: Perspectives from Key Informants", Canadian Sociological Association, Congress of Social Sciences and Humanities <https://www.csa-scs.ca/conference/session/gender-based-violence-along-the-migratory-pathway/> (Edmonton, June 2021 - virtual).

Tastsoglou, E. "Gender Based Violence and Asylum Seeking Women in the Eastern Mediterranean", invited speaker in RC 32 "Past-Presidents' Special Joint Session: Global Inequalities of Gender, Race, Class, Intimate Citizenship and Disability", International Sociological Association's World Forum, Porto Alegre, Brazil (the Forum will take place remotely in February 2021, postponed from July 2020).

Tastsoglou E. and Freedman E., session co-organizers of "Gender, Violence and Migration" for RC 32, International Sociological Association, World Forum, Porto Alegre, Brazil (to take place online in February 2021).

Weeks, L., Stilwell, C., Almukhaini, S. (March, 2020). Findings from the RESPOND study: Identifying and responding to the unique needs of older women who experience intimate partner violence. Oral presentation at the Canadian Domestic Violence Conference 6, Halifax.

Weeks, L. (2020 December 8) Initiatives created to meet the needs of women experiencing domestic violence during COVID-19. GBV (Gender Based Violence) and COVID Research Spotlight National Webinar, Ending Violence Association of Canada.



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OTHER ACTIVITIES

Boucher, Joanne (May 1 2020 - 30, 2021), in the role of the Domestic Violence Court coordinator, provided educational / orientation sessions and educational materials on the Moncton NB Provincial Court – Domestic Violence operations and coordination of information in domestic violence cases to: Domestic Violence Court; newly appointed DV Crown Prosecutor; DV Addiction / Mental Health Social Worker; primary case manager of the Elsipogtog Healing to Wellness Court and newly formed community service group in Family Violence Prevention – Organisation ELLE.

Boucher, Joanne, (August 11, 2020) appointed to the provincial Family Law reform committee to prepare the family justice system to respond to the federal and provincial legislative and regulatory changes that came into force on March 1, 2021.

Boucher, Joanne (2020-2021) Modified the Provincial Domestic Violence Operational Procedures Manual and Intimate Partner Violence Act policies to align with new provincial family law terminology and Bill C-78 amendments to the Divorce Act.

Boucher, Joanne (May 1 2020 - April 30, 2021), continuing member of the NB Domestic Violence Death Review Committee.

Boucher, Joanne (May 1 2020 - April 30, 2021), continuing member of Westmorland/ Albert County Domestic Violence Prevention Network.

Boucher, Joanne (May 1 2020 - April 30, 2021), continuing member of "Groupe de travail sur la violence contre les femmes immigrantes.

Burt, S., Dubé N, Holtmann, C. (2021) MMFC Board Orientation , presentation. January

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Neilson, Linda (2020-2021) Academic reviews of articles for Violence Against Women, Journal of Interpersonal Violence, Osgoode Hall Law Journal, Journal of Child Custody; added to Editorial Board of the Journal of Family Trauma, Child Custody, and Child Development.

Neilson, Linda (2020) reviewed Justice Canada's Family Violence Help Toolkit for lawyers.

Neilson, Linda continuing service as academic advisor to the Province of New Brunswick's Co-ordinated Community Response to High Risk/High Danger Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence (CCRD/IPV Provincial Policy Steering Committee).

O'Regan, K. Sexual Violence New Brunswick, UNB Transformative Education Course (2021 Review Consultation)

O'Regan, K. St. Thomas University Harassment & Discrimination Policy (2021 Review Consultation)

O'Regan, K. New Brunswick Women's Council, Abortion Research Brief (March 2021 Review Consultation)

International Women's Day - As part of the President's Diversity Dialogue Series, and in recognition of International Women's Day 2021, The Human Rights & Positive Environment Office of UNB, in collaboration with the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research, hosted a film screening of "Yours in Sisterhood", a film by Irene Lusztig. MMFC staff were panelists during the discussion portion.





FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The budget for the MMFCs core operations for the fiscal year 2020-2021 was \$418,239. The core funding was provided from the University of New Brunswick (\$181,141), the Fergusson Foundation's endowment fund (\$180,000) and other miscellaneous revenues. The MMFC thanks the Fergusson Foundation for their significant financial contribution which is instrumental to the continued operations of the MMFC.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the University of New Brunswick for their generous support covering the costs for the building maintenance and utilities of the MMFC. This year the main level of the building had upgrades to the flooring and lighting and work was done on the exterior of the building. We truly appreciate the support from the Faculty of Arts including their contribution to a full-time administrative support position which is housed at the Centre.

There are many other units at the University of New Brunswick that provide services and in-kind support to the Centre, especially the Office of Research Services, Financial Services, Development and Donor Relations, People and Culture, 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. Their contributions are greatly appreciated.

GRANTS & AWARDS



Below is an estimate of the grants received for research and education in 2020-2021.

MMFC RESEARCH TEAM	FUNDING AGENCY	PERIOD	AMOUNT
Abuse and Neglect of Older Adults in the Maritime Provinces Research Team			
Title Project: The provision of services for women across the lifecourse experiencing intimate partner violence during COVID-19	SSHRC	2020	5,000
Creating Peaceful Learning Environments Team			
Title Project: Evaluation of Workshops developing Confidence in Communications	NBTF	2020-2021	7,300
Title Project: Refugee Children and Youth: Development and Facilitation of pro-social behaviour in mega-camp contexts	SSHRC	2019-2023	200,000
Title Project: Development of Academic Cheating and Integrity in Early School Years	SSHRC	2020-2024	300,000
Religion and Violence Research Team			
Title Project: Partnership Development Grant for A Culturally Integrative Approach to Muslim Family Safety	SSHRC	2020	22,720
Family Law Research Team			
Title Project: Supporting the Health of Survivors of Family Violence in Family Law Proceedings	PHAC	2020-2023	1,200,000
Violence Against Immigrant and Visible Minority Women in New Brunswick Research Team			
Title Project: Violence against Women Migrants and Refugees: Analyzing Causes and Effective Policy Response	CIHR	2020-2021	6,689.50
TOTAL			1,741,710

FELLOWS & CONSULTANTS	FUNDING AGENCY	PERIOD	AMOUNT
Dr. Mary Milliken			
Title Project: Environmental Scan of Equality Seeking Organizations in Atlantic Canada	WAGE	2020-2021	40,000.00
Title Project: A Brief Survey of App Use Among Individuals at Risk for Domestic/Intimate Partner Abuse and the Personnel Supporting Them	PLEIS	2020-2021	11,468
Dr Lucia O'Sullivan			
Title Project: Identifying Scripts and Norms Guiding Young Men's Use of Sexual Aggression Against Women	SSHRC - Insight Grant	2021-2025	194,219
Dr Matt Rogers & Dr Casey Burkholder			
Title Project: Exploring Stakeholders' Responses to New Brunswick Educational Reforms During and After the Covid-19 Pandemic	NBIF-NBHRF-ACOA	2020-2021	25,500
	MMFF - NBSTF	2020-2021	7,300
Dr Kelly Scott-Storey			
Title Project: iHEAL in context: Testing the Effectiveness of a Health Promotion Intervention for Women Who Have Experienced IPV	PHAC	2016-2021	3,050,674
Title Project: iCAN Plan 4 Safety	CIHR	2012-2022	959,650
TOTAL			4,288,811
STUDENTS	FUNDING AGENCY	PERIOD	AMOUNT
MMFC Students			
Title Project: Work Study - Database Project	UNB Office of Experiential Education	2020-2021	1,456
Title Project: Arts Internship - Liberty Lane	UNB Office of Experiential Education	2020-2021	6,868
Title Project: Canada Summer Jobs Digital Content Designer	SEED / CSJ	2020-2021	2,808
TOTAL			11,132
Research Teams			1,741,710
Fellows and Consultants			4,288,811
MMFC Students			11,132
GRAND TOTAL AWARDS AND GRANTS		TOTAL	6,041,653

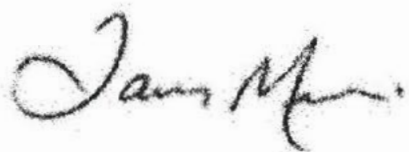
Please note: Some funding covers multiple years and multiple research partners - for reporting purposes we have included the total award/grant and duration for all active grants during the fiscal.



FINANCIAL REPORT

Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research
Revenue and Expenditures
Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Carry Forward	\$ 29,259
REVENUE	
Fergusson Foundation - Annual Operating Grant	\$ 180,000
Fergusson Foundation - Communications Officer (MMFC/FF)	\$ 39,944
Fergusson Foundation - Expense reimbursements	\$ 3,953
University of New Brunswick – Annual Operating Funds	\$ 167,809
University of New Brunswick - Communications Officer (HRO&PE)	\$ 13,332
Summer Employment Experience Development (SEED)/CSJ	\$ 2,808
Total Revenue	\$ 407,846
EXPENSES	
Salaries - MMFC staff (Director, Assoc Director, Admin, Communications)	\$ 284,187
Salary - Fergusson Foundation staff	\$ 26,629
Salary - UNB HRO staff	\$ 13,332
Maintenance	\$ 27,461
Summer Employment Experience Development (SEED)/CSJ	\$ 3,573
Office (phonelines, supplies, equipment and other)	\$ 23,059
Conferences/seminars/professional development	\$ 2,826
Website	\$ 1,061
Total Expenses	\$ 382,088
BALANCE at Year End	\$ 55,017



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