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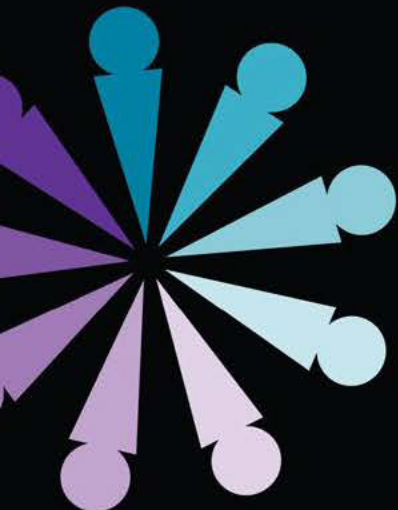
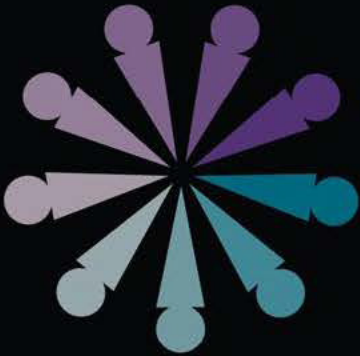
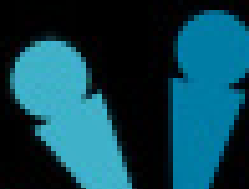
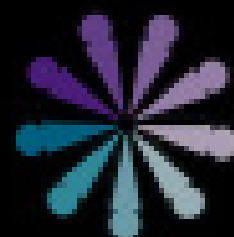
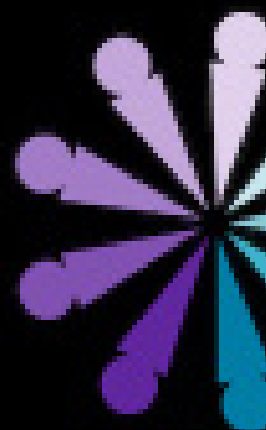


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Director's Report

To begin, I would like to express my gratitude to the staff of the MMFC, the MMFC Board, the Fergusson Foundation, and Dean of Arts Peter Thompson for inviting me to assume this role again. I particularly want to thank Associate Director Danie Gagnon, Michael Van-Tassell, Peter Titus, and Ashley Morehouse. Without their dedication, flexibility, and earnest commitment to collaboration day after day, our accomplishments this year would not have been possible.

The spirit of their dedication was evident throughout the year and was particularly visible during the organization of the campus visit and keynote address by longtime CBC journalist and host Anna-Maria Tremonti. In 2022, Tremonti shared her own experience with gender-based violence and intimate partner violence through her podcast, "Welcome to Paradise," with the hope of helping other survivors feel less isolated. On December 6, she shared her experience with us during the University of New Brunswick's National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. This important event, organized by UNB Diversity Within Engineering, highlighted a powerful collaboration involving Engineering student leaders, MMFC, the Fergusson Foundation, the UNB Faculty of Arts, the Government of New Brunswick's Women's Equality Branch, and the UNB Office of the President. Together, we honoured the memory of the 14 women murdered during the Montréal Massacre at École Polytechnique in 1989. I, along with many attendees, was profoundly inspired by Tremonti's reminder that the shame associated with intimate partner violence is not a burden survivors should carry alone. Addressing gender-based violence is a collective responsibility. This event sparked significant collaborative momentum that promises continued impact for years ahead.

I also wish to thank former Director Dr. Cathy Holtman for her dedicated years of service to the MMFC and her unwavering commitment to addressing gender-based and intimate partner violence. Dr. Holtman's steady leadership, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, has been invaluable. Her oversight of significant research and collaborations has positioned the MMFC strongly for ongoing success. Additionally, I warmly welcome Dr. Stefanie Hunt-Kennedy as the new Director of the MMFC. I am both excited and inspired by Dr. Hunt-Kennedy's research and the direction she will guide the MMFC in the coming years.

Looking ahead, I am eager to continue collaborating with the MMFC team, the Fergusson Foundation, and the robust community of researchers connected to the MMFC. As I step out of this role, I am confident in the strong, collaborative, and meaningful work that lies ahead. I am so glad to have been able to reciprocate all the support that the MMFC has provided for me over the years, and I am so happy to have served the centre again during this year of transition, collaboration, and growth.

Matt Rogers, PhD
Acting Director



Staff of the MMFC

Acting Director: Dr. Matt Rogers

Associate Director: Danie Gagnon

Administrative Coordinator: Michael Van Tassell

Marketing & Communications Officer: Peter Titus

Knowledge Dissemination Officer: Ashley Morehouse

Students

Linh Nguyen: Communications Assistant, BBA student

Marie-Laure Esi Alorvor: Data Management Assistant, MScDS Student

MMFC Board Members

Ex-officio members:

- Dr. Peter Thompson, UNB Dean of Arts
- Dr. David Magee, UNB VP Research
- Sonja Perley, Fergusson Foundation Board Chair
- Elaine Stairs, Fergusson Foundation Treasurer
- Dr. Matt Rogers, MMFC Acting Director (non-voting)
- Danie Gagnon, MMFC Associate Director (non-voting)
- Rebecca Francis, Fergusson Foundation (non-voting)

Elected Members:

Nominated by UNB:

- Dr. Celeste Orr, Associate Professor, UNBF Sociology
- Dr. Kerri Froc, Associate Professor, UNB Law

Nominated by the Fergusson Foundation:

- Dr. Greg Kealey, Fergusson Foundation Board member

Nominated by the Centre from Community Stakeholders or Research Teams:

- Dr. Angela Wisniewski, Associate Professor, STU Journalism and Communications
- Dre. Madeline Lamboley, Professeure, Université de Moncton Sociologie et Criminologie
- Lindsay Manuel, Senior Program Advisor, GNB Women's Equality
- Kylie Bergfalk, Research Coordinator, Sexual Violence NB
- Mae Florina, Crown Prosecutor, GNB Family Crown Services
- Dr. Alexa Yakubovich, Assistant Professor, Dal Community Health and Epidemiology
- Danya O'Malley, Executive Director, PEI Family Violence Prevention Services

MMFC Committees & Membership

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:

Executive

- Dr. Angela Wisniewski, Chair
- Dr. Peter Thompson
- Dr. Dave MaGee
- Sonja Perley
- Elaine Stairs
- Dr. Matt Rogers (non-voting)
- Danie Gagnon (non-voting)
- Rebecca Francis (non-voting)

Finance

- Dr. Dave MaGee, Chair
- Dr. Angela Wisniewski
- Dr. Peter Thompson
- Sonja Perley
- Elaine Stairs
- Dr. Matt Rogers (non-voting)
- Danie Gagnon (non-voting)
- Rebecca Francis (non-voting)

Research Priorities

- Dre. Madeline Lamboley
- Dr. Celest Orr
- Dr. Matt Rogers
- Danie Gagnon

Strategic Planning

- Lindsay Manuel
- Kylie Bergfalk
- Sonja Perley/ Dr. Jay Michaud
- Rebecca Francis
- Danie Gagnon

Nominations

- Dr. Peter Thompson
- Dr. Matt Rogers
- Dr. Angela Wisniewski
- Danie Gagnon

A heartfelt thank you to outgoing members of the Board who have completed their term(s):

- **Kylie Bergfalk**
- **Mae Florina**
- **Dr. Kerri Froc**
- **Lindsay Manuel**

Administrative Update

A Message from the Associate Director

The fiscal year 2024–2025 was a year of dedication, resilience, and behind-the-scenes effort to ensure the ongoing work of the MMFC continued smoothly and effectively. The administrative and operational work undertaken throughout the year has been critical in supporting the Centre's research, events, and community engagement.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our Board of Directors for their unwavering support and guidance. I am especially thankful to Dr. Matt Rogers for his leadership and vision as interim Director, which have been invaluable during this period of transition. I also want to recognize the tireless efforts of our Administrative Coordinator, Michael Van Tassell, whose commitment has kept the day-to-day operations running seamlessly.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome our new Director, Dr. Stefanie Hunt-Kennedy. As a newly formed team, we look forward to setting a renewed path toward success and growth, guided by collaboration, innovation, and a shared commitment to the mission of the MMFC.

Together, we remain committed to advancing the Centre's work and impact, and I am confident that the year ahead holds great promise.

With gratitude,

Danie Gagnon

Associate Director



Administrative Update

MMFC staffing changes

- Michael Van Tassell was hired as temporary Administrative Coordinator in May 2024 and hired in a permanent position in February 2025.
- Dr. Matt Roger was appointed to Acting Director from August 2024 to June 2025.
- Danie Gagnon was hired as permanent Associate Director in September 2025, after serving in the role on an interim basis starting March 2024.
- Two Work Study students joined the MMFC in 2024–2025:
 - Linh Nguyen supported marketing and communications in Fall 2024
 - Marie-Laure Alorvor served as Data Management Assistant in Winter 2025, contributing to the development of the MMFC's Data Management Strategy.
- Ashley Morehouse joined in January 2025 as Knowledge Dissemination Officer, contributing significantly to podcast production alongside Peter Titus.
- Following a hiring process, Dr. Stefanie Hunt-Kennedy was hired as Director and will begin a four-year term on July 1st, 2025.

Over the past year, the MMFC staff focused their efforts on achieving the strategic goals as set out in the Strategic Plan 2023-2028

Administrative Processes

- The MMFC staff has transitioned the majority of its operations to the Microsoft Teams environment, leveraging existing software and tools provided by UNB to enable seamless and effective collaboration.
- A series of guideline documents outlining key administrative processes—such as document retention and organization, project management, and communications—were developed to support this period of transition and ensure consistency in the Centre's operations.

Education Programs

- The MMFC staff promoted the Certificate in Family Violence Issues (C-FVI) through in-class presentations, posters, and Welcome Week Materials.
- In Collaboration with the Office of the Vice-Provost Academic Administration, we developed a program modification proposal to adapt the C-FVI to new audiences across Canada.
- Due to its limited alignment with Family and Gender-Based Violence research, and its lack of revenue-generating potential, the MMFC's partnership with Griffith University to offer the *Essential Skills for Interviewing Children* online education program has not been renewed.

Administrative Update

Events

- As part of UNB’s Research Week, the MMFC hosted an Open House on October 9th, 2025. The event gathered stakeholders of the MMFC.
- In November, the MMFC hosted two webinars for Family Violence Prevention Month. On November 7th, Dr. Kelly Scott-Storey presented on the iHeal app, which supports the health and safety of women experiencing intimate partner violence (IPV). On November 21st, Dr. Alexa Yakubovich discussed systems responses to violence against women. Both webinars are available on the MMFC YouTube channel.
- On December 6, 2024, the MMFC co-hosted a National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women event alongside the UNB Diversity Within Engineering student group.

Renowned journalist Anna Maria Tremonti delivered the keynote address, commemorating the victims of the 1989 École Polytechnique Massacre.

We wish to recognize the contributions of the Fergusson Foundation, UNB office of the President, UNB Faculty of Arts, and the GNB Women’s Equality Branch for their support in making this event a success!

Community Engagement

Throughout the year, MMFC staff contributed to various committees to advance the Centre’s operations and foster collaborative relationships.

Alliance of Gender Based Violence Research Centres	Matt Rogers
UNB Institute and Research Centre Round Table	Matt Rogers
NB Silent Witness Committee	Danie Gagnon
GNB Love Shouldn’t Hurt Campaign	Danie Gagnon
University Women’s Centre	Linh Nguyen, Michael VanTassell, Ashley Morehouse

Michael Van Tassell
Administrative Coordinator



Peter Titus, Ashley Morehouse, Michael VanTassell, Anna Maria Tremonti, Danie Gagnon, and Dr. Matt Rogers



Communications Report

This past year brought many exciting changes in terms of the Centre's communications. In the fall of 2024, we hired work study student Linh Nyguyen to assist us with various projects, including creating posts for our social media channels. So if you saw a cute graphic on one of our accounts last fall, that was all Linh!

In the new year, we brought on Ashley Morehouse as our knowledge dissemination officer. Ashley came onboard to assist with the development, production and post-production of our new podcast series: 'In Conversation'. The goal of this new project is to develop a new means of disseminating research. The podcast provides a format for researchers to discuss their work in a more in-depth, but casual, setting, making research more accessible to the public.

We've continued to find success in our quarterly e-newsletter, and our social media channels. These channels allow us to maintain an active network and reach a wider public audience.

I will be exiting my role as Communications Officer of the MMFC at the end of this summer, (creating this report has been one of my final tasks). I've learned a lot during my time in this role, it allowed me to expand my strengths and learn how to deal with my weaknesses. I am eternally grateful to the support from the staff of the MMFC, especially to Danie Gagnon and Matt Rogers for trusting me in this role and supporting me throughout it. The future of the centre is bright with incoming Director, Dr. Stephanie Hunt-Kennedy, and I look forward to seeing the important work of the Centre continue.

Peter Titus
Marketing & Communications Officer



At the beginning of 2025, the MMFC officially launched a new knowledge dissemination project, a research-focused podcast to spotlight work from the centre and affiliated partners. MMFC: In Conversation was created with the goal of creating tangible and accessible outcomes for research dissemination, while encouraging more community conversations around family and gender-based violence. The first season of episodes is slated to release this summer into the fall, exploring a variety of different topics within this sector of research.

This project was developed by the entire MMFC staff and was overseen by Knowledge Dissemination Officer, Ashley Morehouse, who produced, and edited our pilot episodes.

Episode 1 released in June and has been well received!

In this pilot episode, Ph.D. candidate Katie Hamill joins MMFC Associate Director Danie Gagnon, to look back on a research project analyzing the impacts of COVID-19 on New Brunswick transition homes and discuss what we can learn from the experiences of support staff during unprecedented circumstances.

Episode 2, featuring Kathleen Allen, and hosted by Ph.D. candidate Katie Hamill, will be releasing this Fall.

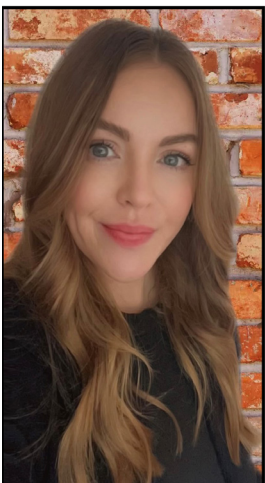
Ashley Morehouse
Knowledge Dissemination Officer

Fergusson Foundation



In 2024–25, the Fergusson Foundation’s vision remains unwavering: a society grounded in healthy relationships and free from violence in all its forms. We stand with those who experience fear and harm in their homes and communities, and we believe that by working together, we can break the cycle of violence and abuse. This year we have been inspired by the passion and commitment of our volunteers, board members, staff, and community partners. Their efforts continue to drive real and meaningful impact in the lives of individuals and families across the province and beyond.

*The MMFC was originally established within the Faculty of Arts at the University of New Brunswick in 1993. The creation and operation of the Centre is a collaboration of efforts between the University of New Brunswick and the Fergusson Foundation. This past year we have been working diligently to reaffirm our commitment to this collaboration with an updated Memorandum of Understanding with the University of New Brunswick regarding the operation of the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence **Research**. This continued partnership is vital to our ongoing commitment and vision to support the important community-based family violence research and work towards the prevention and elimination of family violence. We are pleased to announce that negotiations have been successfully completed, and a new agreement has been signed; we look forward to collaborating with UNB on the operation of the Centre for many years to come. As we reflect on the progress we’ve made, we’re reminded that lasting change takes all of us. Your support—whether through advocacy, education, or financial contribution—makes this work possible. If you’re able, please consider donating today. Together, we can continue to support survivors, empower communities, and build a future free from family violence.*



Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Francis,
Executive Director,
Fergusson Foundation



Education

Certificate in Family Violence Issues (C-FVI)

The Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre (MMFC) continues to offer the Certificate in Family Violence Issues (C-FVI) in partnership with the Faculty of Arts, providing students with an opportunity to earn an interdisciplinary micro-credential focused on the study of family violence.

Registrations:

In the 2024–25 academic year, the C-FVI welcomed 21 new students, with 10 students completing the program in May 2025. As of April 2025, 29 students were actively enrolled.

New curriculum additions:

GWS 3003 – Feminist & Queer Theories (Intensive)

HIST 3131 – Gender and Sexuality in Early Modern Europe (Supplementary)

HIST 3801 – Gender and War (Supplementary)

PSYC 3333 – The Psychology of Addiction (Supplementary)

A full description of the C-FVI and a complete list of eligible courses is available in the undergraduate calendar.

New program delivery:

Over the past year, significant effort was dedicated to preparing a modified program proposal for submission to the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC). The proposed updates reflect key enhancements to the C-FVI, including expanded online offerings and greater flexibility in course delivery. With an increasing number of Core and Supplementary courses now available online, students can complete the certificate entirely through self-paced online learning. This flexibility has improved accessibility, particularly for those unable to attend in-person classes.

Principle Investigators:

- Mary Ann Campbell, PhD, Centre for Criminal Justice Studies & Policing Research | Full Professor, Department of Psychology, UNB Saint John
- Zoe Hilton, PhD, Waypoint Health Centre and University of Toronto (Adjunct Prof), Kingston, ON
- Sandy Jung, PhD, Department of Psychology, McEwan University, Edmonton, AB
- Angela Eke, PhD, Adjunct Research Professor, Department of Psychology, Carleton University, and Ontario Provincial Police, Orillia, ON
- Karl Hanson, PhD, Adjunct Research Professor, Department of Psychology, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON
- Brandon Sparks, PhD., Post Doc, Department of Psychology, UNB Saint John

Students

- Denika Widmer, MA student, Department of Psychology, UNB Saint John
- Olivia Reilly, PhD Student, Department of Psychology, UNB Saint John

We concluded this project in March 2025, which will include a knowledge mobilization event in St. John's, NL this summer where we will share and action the findings of this project for IPV risk assessment and police response to IPV.

Achievements:

I work collaboratively with police organization, the NB Department of Justice and Public Safety, and John Howard Society of New Brunswick on diverse research and consulting projects. In the context of Family Violence research, I have provided training to probation officers and victim services professionals for the NB Department of Justice and Public Safety earlier this year on the dynamics of IPV, its risk factors, and intervention services for perpetrators of violence to reduce IPV behaviour, as well as the importance of safety planning and risk mitigation for the safety of the survivor of this violence (see below for workshop titles).

We will be using the data obtained from the CELIA research project on the ODARA and police response to IPV in the coming year to advise the policing sector on training needs for improving police response to IPV. In collaboration with Inspector Mike Young with the Saint John Police Force, we have developed a Research Advisory Committee within the structure of the NB Association of Chiefs of Police to provide a direct conduit for knowledge dissemination and mobilization, as well as research development, within the policing sector on diverse criminal justice topics, including IPV and Family Violence more broadly in New Brunswick.

- Dr. Mary-Ann Cambell

Members of the Team

Research Lead (Atlantic region):

- Dr. Karla O'Regan, St. Thomas University

Project Coordinator (Atlantic region):

- Dr. Mary Aspinall, St. Thomas University

Student Research Assistant:

- Carly Ashe, University of New Brunswick.

The A2A is developing a web-based family violence assessment guide for use by family law practitioners and service providers across Canada. A one-day workshop was hosted at UNB in December 2024 to train frontline family law practitioners in the use of the draft assessment tool to beta-test.

Regional CoP (communities of practice) meetings occurred in January 2024, Jun 2024, September 2024, and January 2025. The CoP members include a variety of legal practitioners and gender-based violence community support services throughout Atlantic Canada.

A webinar was hosted on the topic of policing coercive control (June 5, 2024).

A research brief on cultural minorities and family law was produced and disseminated via the A2A website in February 2025.

The next fiscal year will be a subsequent webinar on the topic of aging populations and IPV/homicide, as well as the publication of legal bulletins regarding notable court case decisions in Atlantic Canada.

Principle Investigator

- Dr. Matt Rogers

Collaborators

- Ashley Morehouse
- Peter Titus
- Jangchu Tenzin
- Caitlyn Levesque-Brown
- Mark Kinney
- Livia Steeves

The Department of Justice – Restorative Justice & Courtroom Experience projects entail the production of immersive 360-degree video educational resources to build knowledge of trauma-informed justice services and processes. This style of media has the potential to generate a powerful and dynamic sense of immersion, allowing viewers to interact with the environment and gain a better understanding of the geography of a space. It also provides the audience with the agency to choose which visual information to access, and when to access it. In collaboration with the New Brunswick Department of Justice and Public Safety, the team is working on two projects, Restorative Justice and Courtroom Experiences, respectively.

Both projects provide accessible digital media in both French and English.

Our collaborations with the Restorative Justice team at the Government of New Brunswick has continued this, with the creation of 3 new video projects which have now been completed. These videos were created as a part of an ongoing effort to inform the public of the benefits of restorative justice. Our team created a bilingual testimonial video where various professionals in the Restorative Justice field were interviewed about what restorative justice meant and what it could look like.

The second video features commissioned watercolours with a narrator explaining what restorative justice was and its benefits on the community. Both French and English versions of this video have been completed.

The Courtroom Experience project was a part of a bigger initiative focused on Trauma Informed Justice Practices in New Brunswick. The approach was to create 360-degree immersive videos to educate audiences about the court houses virtually, before they physically arrive at the space. The goal is that, by providing the public with a guided virtual tour of the space, it will help to reduce the fear and anxiety of individuals who will be entering the facility. Through narration, text cues, and additional information, viewers will be able to gain a better understanding of the court, its functions, and its processes. The Court of Kings bench and the Provincial Court were the two courts scanned in Moncton. The team hopes that providing this immersive learning experience for victims, prior to arriving at the court for the first time, can mitigate intimidation, anxiety, and stress. This project will be completed and used for training exercises starting later this fall.

The research team, overseen by Dr. Matt Rogers, is engaging in theoretical and methodological analysis of these projects, tracking their implications from their envisioning to their distribution. With the near completion of these initial projects, the team is now developing various new educational resources in the same vein as these projects.

Violence Across the Lifespan

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

Co-Principle Investigators:

- Lori Weeks & Cathy Holtman

Co-Investigators:

- Danie Gagnon,
- Suzanne Dupuis-Blanchard,
- Colleen MacQuarrie,
- Marilyn Macdonald,
- Heather Helpard,
- Christie Stilwell,
- Elaine Moody,

Research Coordinator:

- Kathleen Allen

Research Assistants:

- Alisson Hache-Chaisson
- Katie Hamil

Research Staff (Facilitators):

- Jennifer Fraser-Furrow
- Beth Wallace
- Susan Ivens

Collaborators

- Shelley Murray
- Jennifer Parlee
- Olive Bryanton
- Ellen Ridgeway

Program implementation

The AIM Program is a virtual intervention that consists of two components, a one-hour information-sharing component, and a social support component, which is delivered over 12-weekly sessions (20 minutes per session). The program implementation stage is now complete. During this reporting period, we had four trained program facilitators deliver the AIM Program to participants in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. 27 of the 31 (87%) participants randomized to receive the intervention completed the intervention. 11 were from Nova Scotia, 13 were from Nova Scotia, and 3 were from Prince Edward Island.

Community Engagement Activities

During the recruitment phase of this reporting period (April – July 2024) there was ongoing collaboration with the 15 organizations that partnered with us to spread awareness of the study within their networks and to attempt to recruit potentially eligible participants.

A total of 53 women enrolled in the study, 24 of these participants were recruited via our community partnerships.

Quantitative data collection

Six survey instruments were collected with each participant at 3 time points, baseline, 3-months post intervention, and 9-months post intervention. These surveys were conducted by telephone and measured the following outcomes: knowledge about IPV, use of safety strategies, and physical and mental health outcomes. Baseline data collection is now complete, with 53 participants having completed a baseline interview. 3-month follow-up data is now complete, with 42 participants having completed a 3-month follow-up interview (79% completion rate). 9-month follow-up data has been collected with 17 participants and is ongoing.

Qualitative data collection

We explored the experiences of the facilitators who implemented the AIM program and the trial participants who took part in the AIM program through qualitative methods. Qualitative interviews were conducted with 3 AIM program facilitators and 20 intervention group participants. A reflexive thematic analysis was conducted, and the analysis is now complete. Manuscripts and presentations are currently being prepared to disseminate the findings.

Knowledge Mobilization

Our team has been engaging in several knowledge mobilization activities, many of which are outlined in the following section.

We published the study protocol in an open access journal (<https://www.researchprotocols.org/2024/1/e57886>)

We participated in a global webinar in June 2024 through the JBI Centre for Excellence at Dalhousie University.

We presented preliminary findings at the MMFC AGM in September 2024.

We presented preliminary findings at two academic conferences in October 2024.

Anna-Lee Straatman (project manager) and Jessica Webb (implementation coordinator) from the Knowledge Hub at the Centre for Research and Education on Violence against women and children visited the MMFC to have in-person meeting with the core team in November 2024 to discuss our study progress and implementation plans.

We have submitted abstracts to present at several conferences that will be taking place throughout the next fiscal year.

The ANOART website was developed (<https://www.anoart.ca>)

Researchers (Principal Investigators & Co-investigators)

- Cathy Holtmann

Coordinators (Academic/Community)

- Cathy Holtmann, academic
- Hamdi Fannoush, community

Members

- Cathy Holtmann
- Hamdi Fannoush
- Iman Helmy
- Khaldoun Arwaneh
- Mahmoud Alhallak
- Widad Ali

Collaborators

- Mohammed Baobaid
- Eugene Tremblay
- Abir Al Jamal
- Muslim Resource Centre for Social Support and Integration t

Activities

The Muslim Family Safety Project is a collaborative partnership which began in 2019 between the Religion and Violence Research Team of the MMFC, the Arabic Cultural Centre (ACC), and the Muslim Resource Centre for Social Support and Integration (MRCSSI) in London, Ontario. The Project's Advisory Committee includes representatives from the Fredericton Police Force, Liberty Lane Domestic Violence Outreach, and the GNB Department of Social Development. The project aim is to build bridges of understanding between Muslim and Arab families and providers of public family violence services in the Fredericton area.

Members of the ACC and Cathy Holtmann worked closely with Eugene Tremblay and Abir Al Jamal of the MRCSSI to continue to support Muslim and Arab families whose children are in the care of GNB's Child Protection services. The new Child and Youth Well-Being Act specifies that child protection services will include consideration of kin, culture, ethnicity, heritage, traditions and spiritual beliefs. It promotes collaborative approaches to engage with family and other persons who have connection to children and youth and prioritizes their placement in the care of people who share their language, culture heritage or religion.

The ACC drafted a Letter of Agreement with the Department of Social Development's Child Protection Unit that formalizes their partnership in providing culturally integrative support to Muslim and Arab families whose children and youth are under protection of the Minister. The Letter has been accepted in principle by SD but has not yet been signed.

With funding from the Fredericton Community Foundation, members of the Muslim Family Safety Project team participated in a training workshop delivered by Dr. Mohammed Baobaid, former Executive Director of the MRCSSI, on February 22-23, 2025. The workshop included an organizational capacity assessment exercise for members of the ACC and training in a Culturally Integrative Family System Response, including the use of the Four Aspects Screening Tool (FAST).

The Muslim Family Safety Project team met on Saturday 12 April and developed an activity plan for the next year.

Newcomers' Experiences

GBV-MIG Canada Research Program Violence Against Women Migrants and Refugees: Analyzing Causes and Effective Policy Response

Principal Investigator:

- Dr. Evangelia (Evie) Tastsoglou, Saint Mary's University

Co-investigators:

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

Members

Canadian Advisory Group Members:

- Natasha Akhtar, New Brunswick Immigrant Women's Association
- Nadia Ferrara, Office of the Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime
- Ginette Gautreau, New Brunswick Multicultural Council
- Syeda Nayab Bukhari, South Asian Women's Network
- Shiva Nourpanah, Government of Nova Scotia
- Deepa Mattoo, Barbara Schlifer Clinic
- Harmeet Mendoza, Women Abuse Council of Toronto
- Ljudmila Petrovich, AMSSA
- Maria Jose Yax Fraser, Migrant Women Association of Halifax
- Kathryn Bates-Khan, YMCA Centre for Immigrant Programs
- Amanda Dale, Feminist Alliance of International Action
- Robin Mason, Women's College Research Institute

International team:

- Canada - Dr. Evangelia Tastsoglou
- Israel - Dr. Ruth Halperin Kaddari
- France - Dr. Jane Freedman
- Austria - Dr. Sieglinde Rosenberger
- Ireland - Dr. Niamh Reilly
- Turkey - Dr. Gabriela Volfova
- Norway - Dr. Magnus Bjørnholt

Collaborators

- Dr. Shiva Nourpanah, Saint Mary's University
- Dr. Busra Yalcinoz-Ucan (Saint Mary's University)
- Dr. Mia Sisic (University of Windsor)

Students

- Eva Kazakou (PhD student)
- Margo Quinlan (MA student)
- Sharmin Akter Moyna
- Sarah Delorme

During the reporting period our main interaction with community -based organizations consisted in regular newsletter production and distribution (roughly once a month over the winter months and once every two months the remaining time); through "policy briefs" based on our mainstream academic publications; through social media (X and Blue Sky) updates; and through updates of our website.

Research fellows

Dr. Alexa Yakubovich is an Assistant Professor in Community Health and Epidemiology at Dalhousie University (cross-appointed in Gender and Women's Studies) and Affiliate Scientist with Nova Scotia Health. Dr. Yakubovich's mixed-methods research program includes investigations of the social and structural determinants of violence against women and the design and evaluation of interventions that account for these determinants. She received her PhD in Evidence-Based Social Intervention from the University of Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar and completed her postdoctoral fellowship, funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), at the University of Toronto and St. Michael's Hospital, where she remains in Affiliate Scientist.

Dr. David Hofmann is an Associate Professor of Sociology and the Director of the Criminology and Criminal Justice Program at the University of New Brunswick Fredericton Campus. He is a nationally-recognized expert on far-right extremism and violence, and has extensive experience conducting funded research in this area with governmental partners such as Public Safety Canada, National Defense, and Defense Research and Development Canada. He is the co-lead on the multi-year government funded Network for Research on Hateful Conduct and Right-Wing Extremism in the Canadian Armed Forces which is studying the breadth, depth, and extent of far-right worldviews and ideologies in the Canadian military. David is also a research fellow with the Gregg Centre for the Study of War and Society. 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. 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. Diane Crocker is a Professor and Chair in the Department of Criminology at Saint Mary's University in Halifax. Diane's research focuses on gender-based violence and restorative justice. In recent years most of her research has addressed campus sexual violence policies and domestic violence prevention.

Dr. Evie 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 Principle Investigator on the GBV-MIG Canada Research Team Project: Violence Against Women Migrants and Refugees: Analyzing Causes and Effective Policy Response

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

Dr. O'Regan is the research lead of the Atlantic region for the Awareness to Action Project.

Dr. Laura Winters is now CEO of Stella's Circle in St. John's, NL, which provides services to adults who face barriers to fully participate in their community including mental health challenges, addictions, trauma, poverty, homelessness criminal justice involvement, low literacy and unemployment. Their services include a residential counselling program, a housing resources centre, a women's centre, and a social enterprise training program. Stella's Circle is in the process of developing 15 units of transitional housing for women, prioritizing women experiencing homelessness who have histories of criminal justice involvement and/or experiences of violence. They also participated in the recent premiere's roundtable on gender equity and have engaged with the province's consultations on the Interpersonal Violence Disclosure Protocol Act.

Dr. Lucia 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 Principle Investigator on the project: Identifying Scripts and Norms Guiding Young Men's Use of Sexual Aggression Against Women.

Dr. Mayme Lefurgey holds a Ph.D. in Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies (collaborative program in Transitional Justice & Post-Conflict Reconstruction) from Western University. Mayme's doctoral research explored trauma-informed, relational and embodied approaches to addressing violence—including wartime violence, structural/systemic violence, family violence and gender-based violence in post-conflict Colombia in collaboration with the non-profit peacebuilding organization Dunna.

Mayme is UNB's Purdy Crawford/TD Bank Fellow in Accessibility (2021-2023)—a fellowship that supports applied research with immediate public policy relevance and impact on the lives of New Brunswickers. Her research considers the urgent need to understand how different forms of inequality intersect with and interact within the socio-political and economic contexts in New Brunswick.

More precisely, her postdoctoral work considers the need to understand how the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated and altered existing barriers for women and gender-diverse people who are accessing services and supports related to intimate partner violence and gender-based violence in the province.

Dr. Linda Neilson is a Professor Emerita at UNB. Linda is a lawyer and a recognized academic authority on legal systems and family violence. Throughout her career, Linda's research has been devoted to legal system analysis and reform. Major works include, on behalf of the National Judicial Institute, three editions of a domestic violence bench book for Canadian Judges and, more recently, *Responding to Domestic Violence in Family Law, Civil Protection and Child Protection Cases*, published by the Canadian Legal Information Institute on the same topic. She is coeditor of *Ending Gender-Based Violence* (Captus Press, 2023). Her 2023 Family violence Family law brief (EN ; FR) examines social and institutional barriers in the legal system that prevent access to justice. She is the author of *Parental Alienation Empirical Analysis: Child Best Interests or Parental Rights?* (FREDA) and co-author, with Susan Boyd, of *Interpreting the New Divorce Act, Rules of Statutory Interpretation and Senate Observations* (FREDA and LEAF websites. Refer to LEAF for the document in French). She is author of a report on responding to family violence cases in multiple court systems from a family law perspective published by Justice Canada (ENG, FR). She was co-principal investigator (with Joanne Boucher) and with Justice Robichaud and Judge Dugas-Horsman of the Coordinated Provincial/Queen's Bench Family Violence Court Model project. Final Report: EN FR . In addition, she was the lead author of the (2019) Collective Memo of Concern to the World Health Organization on parental alienation endorsed by experts from 26 countries. In 2021 and 2022 she was the recipient of national and provincial awards for her work in the family violence field. She is a member of an international research team (led by Dr. Simon Lapierre, University of Ottawa). She initiated the formation of an international association of experts (Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, United Kingdom, United States) conducting research on family law issues associated with parental alienation concepts. Her academic work is cited by the United Nations Special Rapporteur in the (2023) violence against women and children report delivered to UN Human Rights Council (ENG, FR).

Dr. MaryAnn Campbell (Ph.D. Dalhousie) is a Full Professor in the Psychology Department at the Saint John Campus of the University of New Brunswick. Her main area of research focuses on developing and enhancing the application of evidence-based strategies for crime prevention and reduction. To date, Dr. Campbell's research has included the study of criminal behaviour committed by adults, youths, and and special populations (e.g., persons with mental health issues); understanding the psychopathic personality through its measurement in offenders and general populations; enhancing positive outcomes for justice-involved youth through evidence-based practice; and the evaluation of intervention programs aimed at crime prevention and risk reduction goals (e.g., mental health courts, chronic offender interventions, drug-treatment programs). Another related area of interest pertains to police psychology. Dr. Campbell has been involved in projects evaluating the implementation of intelligence-led policing, application of community policing principles, and the enhancement of best practices in police work (e.g., police responses to intimate partner violence, credibility assessment methods).

Dr. Campbell is the Principle Investigator for the Centre for Criminal Justice Studies & Policing Research – among other criminal justice topics. Her research centre has various projects on IPV-related themes:

- a) Celia Project – Common language for Evidence-based policing and Levels of risk in IPV Assessment (SSHRC funded, PI Dr. Zoe Hilton) – She is a co-investigator on this project and coordinate the NB site involved in this project.
- b) Police Views of the ODARA – a qualitative study examining police officers' views of risk assessment tool for appraising risk of IPV on the frontline in their calls for service led by Amy MacQuarrie, PhD Student, UNB Saint John Psychology (supervisor on this project)
- c) Police response to IPV and its association with violence risk mitigation
- d) Assessing the properties of a psychopathic-borderline personality trait-based risk assessment tool for the prediction of IPV and severity of IPV behaviours based on police records.

Dr. Mary Aspinall is an Assistant Professor at St. Thomas University. Her research interests are intimate partner violence and therapeutic jurisprudence. She previously worked at the YWCA Isabel Johnson women's shelter, and as a Domestic Violence Victim Caseworker at Family Service Regina. She also served as a panel member for the Saskatchewan Domestic Violence Death Review until her relocation to New Brunswick.

Dr. Aspinall is the Project Coordinator for the Awareness to Action (A2A) Project.

Dr. Petrea Taylor is an Assistant Professor with the Faculty of Nursing (FON), UNB. Her program of research is gender, violence, and health, with a particular interest in women's mental health, suicidality, and stigma. While working as a clinical nurse specialist in Addictions and Mental Health, Horizon Health Network, Petrea completed (2018) with an Interdisciplinary PhD (Nursing, Sociology, Philosophy). Upon graduating, Petrea accepted a post-doctoral fellowship with supervisor Dr. Kelly Scott-Storey as a post-doctoral fellow funded by CIHR on a Men's Gender Violence and Health Study (MGVHS). In January 2020, Petrea was hired with the FON Accelerated Program at the UNB Moncton site in her hometown.

Dr. Taylor is a Co-Investigator on the project: Variation in Men's Health by Cumulative Lifetime Violence Severity and Social Determinants of Health: A Longitudinal Exploratory Study.

Dr. Kim Dubé is an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology and Criminology at the Université de Moncton, Moncton campus. A fervent intersectional feminist, queer Acadian woman and activist at heart, she is interested in the various forms of gender-based violence, particularly sexual violence in sports settings, as well as violence against older women and 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. She is a research fellow at the Muriel McQueen Ferguson Centre, an affiliated member of the Chaire de recherche violences sexistes et sexuelles en milieu d'enseignement supérieur [VSSMES] and a collaborating member of the Collectif de recherche et d'action sur la sécurité, autonomie et la santé des femmes [SAS-Femmes]. She also collaborates on research with Alter Acadie and is a proud member of the board of directors of the Regroupement féministe du Nouveau-Brunswick [RFNB] and GRIS Acadie.

Dr. Katie Aubrecht is Canada Research Chair Health Equity and Social Justice, and Associate Professor of Sociology at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. Aubrecht's action-oriented research program uses sociological theory, qualitative research methods and an intersectional analytical approach to analyze violence in health and social care services and supports in community, educational and residential care policies and practices. This program of work is supported by the Spatializing Care: Intersectional Disability Studies Lab, a transdisciplinary health and disability policy research and training infrastructure.

Publications

Keynote Addresses & Invited Presentations:

Aspinall, M. (2025, February 6). Coercive control and family law [Invited presentation]. Child and Youth Section NB, Canada Bar Association (NB Branch), Fredericton, NB.

Aspinall, M. (2025, April 1). Interpersonal violence [Invited presentation, virtual]. Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Regina, SK.

Campbell, M.A. (2025, March 14). Assessing risk of intimate partner violence on the frontline: Police-based risk assessment [Invited plenary address, virtual]. Applied Forensic Psychology Day at St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, NS.

Crocker, D. (2024, October 24). Findings from the Evaluation of the Highest Risk for Domestic Homicide Table [Presentation]. Table staff and government representatives, Halifax, NS.

Crocker, D. (2024, October 24). Students' Understandings of "Rape Culture" and Universities Efforts to Change it [Keynote address]. Canadian Sex Researcher's Forum, Halifax, NS.

Holtmann, C. (2024, November 20). Research remarks given during the opening of the exhibition "Becoming" by Yalda Borzog [Invited Remarks]. Gallery on Queen, Fredericton, NB.

O'Donnell, S. (2025, March 13). Leadership in identifying and addressing contradictions associated with the interconnectedness of violence and gender for boys and men [Invited presentation]. CASN Research and Scholarship Committee's "Lunch and Learn" Series.

Weeks, L., & Allen, K. (2024, September 18). The AIM Study: Supporting women in midlife and older who have experienced intimate partner violence [Keynote address]. Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research Annual General Meeting, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB.

Weeks, L., & Allen, K. (2024, June 6). Intimate partner violence interventions [Invited presentation, virtual]. Aligning Health Needs and Evidence for Transformative Change: A JBI Centre of Excellence, gLOCAL Solution Room.h

Books:

Gill, C., & Aspinall, M. (Under Contract as of September 2024). *Anatomy of Coercive Control in Canada*. UBC Press. Manuscript due December 2025.

Williams, R., Holtmann, C., and Sachs, W. (2025). *Sacred Snaps: Photovoice for Interfaith Engagement*. London, UK: Routledge.

Book Reviews:

Tastsoglou, E. (2024, October). The "Aegean Guernica": A treatise on contemporary heroism, its meaning and significance [Book review of Molyvos: A Greek village's heroic response to the global refugee crisis, by J. Webb]. H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews. <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=60353>

Conference & Workshop Presentations:

Allen, K. G., Weeks, L. E., Gagnon, D., Holtmann, C., Dupuis-Blanchard, S., Helpard, H., & MacQuarrie, C. (2024, October). A qualitative exploration of women's experiences participating in the AIM Program: The Advocacy Intervention for women in Midlife and older who have experienced intimate partner violence [Oral presentation]. Ageing Abuse and Neglect Conference, Faculty of Medicine, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, UK.

Allen, K. G., Weeks, L. E., Gagnon, D., Holtmann, C., Dupuis-Blanchard, S., Helpard, H., & MacQuarrie, C. (2024, October 24-26). The implementation of the AIM Program: An advocacy intervention for women in midlife and older who have experienced intimate partner violence [Poster presentation]. Canadian Association on Gerontology 2024 Annual Meeting, Agents of Change: Unravelling complexity and advancing transformation, Edmonton, AB.

Aspinall, M. (2024, June 5). Coercive Control and Intimate Partner Violence: Canadian Police Perceptions and Assessment of Risk [Webinar]. Family Violence Family Law. Webinar. <https://www.fvfl-vfdf.ca/webinar-recordings/2024-06-05-NB-coercive-control.html>

Bhatia, M., & Tastsoglou, E. (2024, June 4 & 19). Refugee experiences and identities: Intersectional, decolonial and feminist perspectives [Conference session series]. Canadian Sociological Association annual meetings, Montreal, Quebec.

Campbell, M.A. (2024, June). Intimate partner violence on the front-line: Police risk appraisal and intervention [Symposium presentation]. Canadian Psychological Association Annual Convention, Ottawa, ON.

Ford-Gilboe, M., Scott-Storey, K., Varcoe, C., Campbell, K., Garinger, C., Kennedy, V.L., Safar, C., Wathen, N (2024, Nov). Mobilizing evidence to promote the safety, health and well-being of women who have experienced violence: the iHEAL app [Conference presentation]. Nursing Network on Violence Against Women International Conference, Phuket, Thailand.

Ford-Gilboe, M., Varcoe, C., Scott-Storey, K., Browne, A., Taylor, P., Garinger, C. for the iHEAL Team (2024, Nov). Shifting to Implementation: Leveraging findings from the iHEAL trial to improve women's health, safety and well-being and strengthen nursing practice [Symposium presentation]. Nursing Network on Violence Against Women International Conference, Phuket, Thailand.

Holtmann, C. (2024, June 17). Muslim Family Safety: Theorizing Vulnerability and Resiliency [Conference presentation]. Canadian Society for Studies in Religion Annual Meeting, Congress 2024, Université du Québec à Montréal, Montreal, QC

Holtmann, C., & Lefurgey, M. 2025. Exploring Resilience among Survivors of Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence in Rural Canada [Conference presentation]. European Conference on Domestic Violence, Barcelona, Spain.

Holtmann, C. Williams, R. & Sachs, W. (2024, October 19). Sacred Snaps: Photovoice for Interfaith Engagement [Book panel]. Research Association, Pittsburgh, PA.

McQuarrie, A. Campbell, M.A., Sullivan, J., & Widmer, D. (2024, June). Risk assessment and the ODARA: Perspectives and experiences of Atlantic Canada municipal police officers [Symposium presentation]. Canadian Psychological Association Annual Convention, Ottawa, ON.

Scott-Storey, K., Ford-Gilboe, M., & Varcoe, C. (2024, August 29). We've got an app for that! Improving women's safety, health and well-being with the iHEAL app [Conference presentation]. 29th Annual Nursing Research Day, University of New Brunswick, Faculty of Nursing, Fredericton, NB.

Smith, E. & Campbell, M. A. (2024, June). Examining the relationship between police interventions and IPV risk and recidivism [Symposium presentation]. Canadian Psychological Association Annual Convention, Ottawa, ON.

Stewart, M., Curtis, D., Howatt, L., Dort, D., and Holtmann, C. (2024, May 1). Men's Experiences of Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence [Conference presentation]. NB Crime Prevention Conference: The Path to Resilience: Crime Prevention and Community Safety and Well-being, St. Thomas University, Fredericton, NB.

Tastsoglou, E. (2024, June 19). Beyond Western Gaze: Locating Subjectivities of Asylum Seeking Women in the Eastern Mediterranean. [Presentation]. Canadian Sociological Association's meeting, Montreal, QC.

Tastsoglou, E. (2024, November 14-16). Gender-Based Violence and Citizenship in the Experiences of Migrant and Refugee Women in Canada. [Conference presentation]. Canadian Ethnic Studies Association 2024 Conference, Edmonton, AB.

Tastsoglou, E. (2024, August 28). Locating Subjectivities of Asylum-Seeking Women: Feminist, Intersectional and De-Colonial Perspectives. [Conference presentation]. Intersectionalities Session, RN 33, European Sociological Association, Porto, Portugal.

Widmer, D. & Campbell, M. A. (2024, June). Extracting psychopathic and borderline personality features from police reports: Implications for risk appraisal in male and female intimate partner violence suspects [Symposium presentation]. Canadian Psychological Association Annual Convention, Ottawa, ON.

Media Engagements:

Campbell, M. A. (2024, February 10). [Interview with Savannah Awde on child sexual assault rates in New Brunswick]. CBC News Atlantic. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/rate-child-sexual-assault-1.7450177>

Crocker, D. (2024, November–December). [Interviews on domestic homicides in Nova Scotia]. CBC Radio Halifax; Global News Halifax.

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Kingston, J. (2024, November 26). Third reading of the National Strategy for the Prevention of Intimate Partner Violence Bill (Georgina's Law) [Parliamentary debate transcript; includes mention of the iHEAL App]. Senate of Canada Hansard. https://sencanada.ca/en/content/sen/chamber/441/debates/241db_2024-11-26-e?language=e#55https://sencanada.ca/en/content/sen/chamber/441/debates/241db_2024-11-26-e?language=e#55

Articles & Chapters:

- Aspinall, M. (2024). "When something happens to you, we'll do something": Coercive control survivors seeking help from Canadian law enforcement. *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment and Trauma*.
- Crocker, D., Dej, E. (2024). "Our stories are different but our situations are the same": gendered experiences finding housing. *Housing, Care and Support*, 27(2): 77–89. <https://doi.org/10.1108/HCS-11-2021-0033>
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- Gill, C. & Aspinall, M. (2024). Réponse de la police à la violence conjugale. In S. Lapierre & I. Côté (Eds.), *Contrôle coercitif – Avancées conceptuelles et intégration dans les lois, les politiques et les pratiques*. Les presses de l'Université du Québec.
- Hilton, N. Z., Hanson, R.K., Campbell, M. A., & Jung, S. (2024). Police and researcher use of the Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment (ODARA): Interrater agreement and examination of published norms. *Journal of Threat Assessment and Management*. <https://doi.org/10.1037/tam0000239>
- Karagiannopoulou, C., Tastsoglou, E., & Petrinioti, S. (2024). Gender and asylum seeking in a European borderland: Intersectional discriminations and 'lessened' citizenship. *Refuge*, 40(1), 1–17.
- Metcalfe, K. B., Benoit, A. A., O'Sullivan, L F., & Ronis, S. T. (in press). Factors influencing perceptions of sexual assault and willingness to intervene. *Psychology of Violence*.
- O'Donnell, S., Scott-Storey, K., Malcolm, J., Vincent, C., & Wuest, J. (2024). Cumulative Lifetime Violence, Social Determinants of Health, and Cannabis Use Disorder Post-Cannabis Legalization in a Community Sample of Men: An Intersectional Perspective. *Research in Nursing & Health*, 47(4), 460-474. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/nur.22389>
- O'Donnell, S., Taylor, P., Vincent, C., Scott-Storey, K., Wuest, J., & Malcolm, J. (2024). Masculinity and violence interconnectedness: Defining and reconciling the gender paradox among men with cumulative lifetime violence histories. *Sage Open*, 14(3). <https://doi.org/10.1177/21582440241266998>
- O'Sullivan, L. F., Foshay, J. F., & Benoit, A. (2025). Is unwanted pursuit following a breakup and once reconciled linked to individual differences and poorer relationship quality? [Journal name TBD].
- Scott-Storey, K., O'Donnell, S., DiTommaso, E., Malcolm, J., Taylor, P., Vincent, C., & Wuest, J. (under review). Advancement in Measurement of Cumulative Lifetime Violence in Men: The CLVS-36. *BMC Public Health*.
- Sevgur, S., Tastsoglou, E., & Kwon, E. (2024). "A Matter of National Dignity": Protection of Slaves and Southern Refugees in Canada, 1844-1869, *Canadian Ethnic Studies*, 56(1), 123-134.

Sisic, M., Tastsoglou, E., Wilkinson, L., Dawson, M., Holtmann, C., & Falconer, C. (2024). "The Continuum of Gender-Based Violence Experienced by Migrant and Refugee Women in Canada: Perspectives from Key Informants." In Tastsoglou, E., Dawson, M., Freedman, J., & Holtmann, C. (Eds), *Frontiers in Sociology, Special Research Topic on Gender and the Continuum of Violence in Migration*, 9. <https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/sociology/articles/10.3389/fsoc.2024.1420124/full> <https://www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/60372/gender-and-the-continuum-of-violence-in-migration>

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Thompson, A. E., O'Sullivan, L. F. (2025). We were meant to be: Do implicit theories of relationships and perceived partner fit help explain post-relationship contact and tracking behaviors? *Personal Relationships*, 32(1). <https://doi.org/10.1111/pere.12591>

Weeks, L., Allen, K., Holtmann, C., Leger, J., Dupuis-Blanchard, S., MacQuarrie, C., Macdonald, M., Moody, E., Stilwell, C., Helpard, H., & Gagnon, D. (2024). The implementation of the advocacy intervention for midlife and older women who have experienced intimate partner violence: Protocol for a randomized controlled trial. *JMIR Research Protocols*, 13, e57886. <https://doi.org/10.2196/57886>

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Weissflog, M., Ham., E., Jung, S., Kim, S., Wyatt Eke, A., Campbell, M.A., & Hilton, N. H. (minor revisions). Measuring coercive control from police reports of intimate partner violence. *Journal of Criminal Justice*.

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Yalcinoz-Ucan B, Tastsoglou E and Dawson M (2025) Tracing individual experiences to systemic challenges: the (re)production of GBV in migrant women's experiences in Canada. *Front. Sociol.* <https://doi.org/10.3389/fsoc.2025.1528525>

Research Reports:

Aspinall, M., Maitreyi, M., & O'Regan, K. (2025). Understanding barriers to accessing legal support for family violence faced by immigrant, refugee, and non-status women in Canada. Family Violence & Family Law Brief, 35. Fredericton, NB.

Crocker, D. (2024). Alternative responses to intimate partner violence in Halifax Regional Municipality: Environment scan produced for the YWCA and Halifax Regional Municipality.

Crocker, D. (2024). Evaluation report: Highest risk domestic violence table: Provincial prototype initiative. Submitted to the Nova Scotia Department of Justice and the Executive Council Office.

Crocker, D. (2025). Developing a principle-based approach to campus sexual violence prevention programs. Report to the Provincial Sexual Violence Prevention Committee.

Crocker, D. (2025). Developing bystander intervention training. Halifax Regional Municipality Safe City and Safe Public Spaces Program.

Crocker, D. (2025). Report on the climate survey on sexual violence for Dalhousie University.

Education, Workshops, and Webinars:

Aspinall, M. (2025, Winter). CRIM 3123A: Contemporary issues in criminal justice [Course taught]. St. Thomas University, Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Holtmann, C. (n.d.). FVI/SOCI 3007: Religion and family violence [Course taught]. University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Aspinall, M. (2024, August 23). Coercive control [Workshop]. New Brunswick Crown Prosecution, Appeal, Policy and Professional Development Branch, Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Aspinall, M. (2024, June 12–13). Understanding coercive control in intimate relationships [Workshop]. Department of Justice and Public Safety, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

Campbell, M. A. (2025, March 19). Interviewing to assess intimate partner violence [Workshop presented to probation officers and victim services coordinators]. New Brunswick Department of Justice and Public Safety, Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Campbell, M.A. (2024, November 12). Intimate partner violence dynamics, risk appraisal, and risk mitigation [Workshop]. Occupational Stress Injury Clinic, Dartmouth, NS.

Ford-Gilboe, M., Scott-Storey, K., & Varcoe, C. (2024, April 30). We've got an app for that! Improving women's safety, health and wellbeing with the iHEAL app [Webinar]. Knowledge Hub; Western Centre for Research & Education on Violence Against Women & Children. <https://kh-cdc.ca/en/resources/khpresents/index.html#apr30>

Grants & Awards

Below is an Estimation of the grants recieved for research and education in 2024-2025.

Researchers, fellows, consultants & Students	Funding Agency	Period	Amount
Mayme Lefurgey: A Multi-Community Approach: Addressing Barriers to Gender-Based Violence Services for Mi'gmaq Women, Two Spirit, and Gender Diverse People in Restigouche, (2023-present)	Women and Gender Equality Canada	2023-Present	\$398,682
Mary Ann Campbell & PEI Domestic Violence Court Evaluation Project	Government of Prince Edward Island – Justice and Public Safety	2025-2026	\$36,177
Cathy Holtmann for the Arabic Cultural Centre for training in a Culturally Integrated Family System Response	Fredericton Community Foundation Community Grant		\$7,500

Awariness 2 Action (A2A)

Mary Aspinall, to reimburse mileage/travel for members to attend the A2A web-based assessment tool beta-testing workshop at UNB campus in December 2024.	Conference Organizer Award/St. Thomas University	2024	\$1,500
Mary Aspinall, to cover items such as software licences and student research assistant salary. The funds will end in June 2025.	Harrison McCain Research Grant/St. Thomas University	2025	\$3,788
Mary Aspinall / Internal funding competition to hire student RA for one year	JOBS Program – St. Thomas University	2023-2024	\$1,534
	Justice Canada	2023-2026	\$143,959.19

Researchers, fellows, consultants & Students	Funding Agency	Period	Amount
Alliance against Violence and Adversity (AVA)			\$26,520.00
AIM Project			
<p><i>The implementation of an advocacy intervention for diverse women in midlife and older experiencing intimate partner violence: Effectiveness and experiences of participants and community-based researchers</i></p> <p>Weeks, L. E., Holtmann, C.</p>	Public Health Agency of Canada, Preventing and addressing Family Violence: The Health Perspective - Targeted call for proposals for projects focused on preventing and addressing elder abuse.	2023-2026	\$598,272
Identifying Scripts and Norms Guiding Young Men's Use of Sexual Aggression Against Women	SSHRC	2021-2025	\$194,219
Trajectories of Intimate Relationships and Sexual Health from Adolescence to Early Adulthood	Canadian Institutes of Health Research	2022-2027	\$638,775
Advancing Measurement of Gender and Sexual Dimensions of Adolescent Mental Health and Wellbeing: Addressing a Missing Link	UK Arts & Humanities Research Council/ Economic & Social Research Council/Medical Research Council	2022-2024	£300,000 \$449,236.50
Intimate Partners of Individuals with Histories of Sexual Offenses	SSHRC	2023-2026	\$99,935
Centering Queer Joy in Response to Gender-based Violence in Schools (Queer Joy!)	SSHRC Insight Development Grant	2023-2026	\$73,158
			Total \$ 2,673,255.69

2024-2025 Operating Income Statement

23/24 CARRY FORWARD	\$21,363.39
REVENUE	
FF-Annual Operating Funds	210,000.00
University of New Brunswick	200,161.73
UNB Work Study Grant	2,046.69
TOTAL REVENUE	\$412,208.43
EXPENSES	
Salaries-Director, Assoc Director, Admin	335,151.24
Salary-Work Study Student	3,150.58
Maintenance	51,985.67
Professional Fees	15,904.38
Office Equipment, Software, Hardware	3,055.15
Office (phone, copier, supplies, etc)	7,707.94
Conferences/Seminars/Professional Dev	1,625.79
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$418,580.76
NET REVENUE INCL. CARRY FORWARD	\$14,991.06



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