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for Family Violence Research



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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.

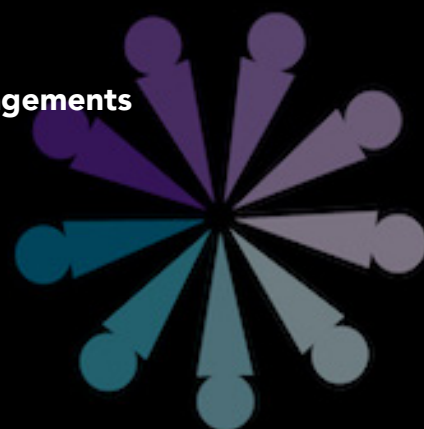
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Taken from the revised Memorandum of Understanding signed by the President of UNB and the President of the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation in November 2012.

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# Director Report 2023-2024

In my first year as Director, we were finishing up a strategic planning exercise. Rina Arseneault, the Associate Director, and I came up with three key messages concerning our mandate: 1) The MMFC is part of the solution to family violence in Atlantic Canada; 2) The importance of always being attentive to victims/survivors of family violence, policy makers, service providers and communities; and 3) The context and forms of family violence are constantly shifting; therefore, we also need to shift. These messages remain relevant, and the last one reminds us to be flexible and responsive to change. Change was constant during the 2023-2024 year at the MMFC, my last year as Director.

We engaged with a variety of leaders of change including Lynne Groulx, the CEO of the Native Women's Association of Canada, Cheyanne Joseph, Piluwitahasuwin and Associate VP Indigenous Engagement at UNB, the Honorable Brenda Murphy, Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, Nadia Richards, Associate VP Human Rights at UNB, Donatha Gihana, founder and CEO of Rwanda Esther's Initiative and Leanne Fitch, former Chief of the Fredericton Police Force and member of the Nova Scotia Mass Casualty Commission. Rates of family violence continue to rise globally. These conversations centred around the adverse impacts of family violence on members of vulnerable populations and the need for equitable access to interventions that provide safety and healing. All researchers associated with the MMFC are engaged in applied research with community partners to improve interventions and policy. This includes a growing and important research focus on men's experiences of violence.

Our approach to education has evolved. This year we saw the expansion of online course offerings in the Family Violence Issues Certificate Program. It is now possible to complete the Certificate in-person, hybrid or fully online. Enrolment in our online professional development training in Essential Skills for Interviewing Children continues to grow.

With Peter Titus, our new Communications Officer, we continue to hone our communications strategy, translating research findings into accessible formats for a variety of audiences. The MMFC has a growing presence on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and X/Twitter and, along with our quarterly e-news, keep stakeholders up-to-date and connected to further information on our website.

As always, this annual report is packed with rich information about the research, education and knowledge transfer activities of everyone associated with the MMFC. I am grateful to the Fergusson Foundation and UNB for funding the operations of the MMFC, the staff, and the members of the Board of Directors for their work, advice and support.

**Cathy Holtmann, PhD**  
Director



## Staff of the MMFC

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**Director - - Dr. Cathy Holtmann**

**Associate Director - - Joni Leger**

**Administrative Coordinator/ - - Danie Gagnon  
Acting Associate Director**

**Marketing & Communications Officer - - Peter Titus**

## Students

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**Ade Otusajo**

**Daryan Dort**

**Libby Howatt**

**Ashley Morehouse**

**Jangchu Tenzin**

**Mia Stewart**

**Ashley Thornton**

**Jennifer Moulaisan**

**Misha Maitreyi**

**Ava Hicks**

**Kate Metcafe**

**Morgan Richard**

**Darian Curtis**

**Katie Hamill**

**Sarthak Goyal**



# MMFC Board Members

## Ex-officio members:

- **Peter Thompson**, UNB Dean of Arts
- **David MaGee**, UNB Vice-President (Research)
- **Sonja Perley**, Fergusson Foundation Board Chair
- **Elaine Stairs**, Fergusson Foundation Treasurer
- **Cathy Holtmann**, Director of the MMFC
- **Danie Gagnon**, Acting Associate Director of MMFC
- **Rebecca Francis**, Fergusson Foundation Executive Director
- **Joni Leger**, Associate Director of MMFC

## Elected members:

### MMFC Appointed

- **Andrea Bombak**, UNB, Faculty of Arts
- **Angela Wisniewski**, STU Dept Journalism and Communications, MMFC Board Chair

### MMFF Appointed

- **Greg Kealey**, Fergusson Foundation Board representative

### Nominated from Research Teams/Community

- **Michelle Harris-Genge**, Director, Interministerial Women's Secretariat, PEI, MMFC Board Secretary
- **Shiva Nourpanah**, Director, Programs and Stakeholder Relations, NS Advisory Council on the Status of women, NS
- **Lindsay Manuel**, Senior Program Advisor, GNB, Women's Equality Branch
- **Kylie Bergfalk**, Research Coordinator, Sexual Violence NB
- **Mae Florina**, Crown Prosecutor, GNB Family Crown Services
- **Madeline Lamboley**, Canada Research Chair Sexual Violence, Université de Moncton
- **Kerri Froc**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, UNB



# 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:

## Finance/Executive

Peter Thompson, Dean of Arts  
Dave MaGee, VPR, Chair-Finance Committee  
Angela Wisniewski, MMFC Board Chair  
Sonja Perley, FF President  
Elaine Stairs  
Cathy Holtmann  
Joni Leger / Danie Gagnon  
Rebecca Francis  
Michelle Harris-Genge, Secretary

## Strategic Planning

Kylie Bergfalk  
Rebecca Francis  
Cathy Holtmann  
Joni Leger / Danie Gagnon

## Research Priorities

Andrea Bombak  
Cathy Holtmann  
Shiva Nourpanah  
Joni Leger

## Communications and Marketing

Cathy Holtmann  
Peter Titus  
Joni Leger

## Nominations

Peter Thompson, Chair  
Andrea Bombak  
Joni Leger / Danie Gagnon

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

- **Andrea Bombak**
- **Michelle Harris-Genge**
- **Shiva Nourpanah**

# Administrative Update

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

## **The following list highlights engagement activities and meetings organized by the MMFC:**

- The MMFC celebrated its 30th anniversary in May 2023 with the publication of a [new video](#) highlighting the impact of its research activities, and took the opportunity to also celebrate its most recent publication entitled “Ending Gender-Based Violence: Harnessing Research for Social Change”. This event gathered multiple authors from the two publications and served as a conduit for intersectoral engagement.
- Cathy and Joni met with UNB’s newly appointed Piluwitahasuwin, Cheyenne Joseph in September 2023.
- The MMFC hosted an event in October 2023 dedicated to graduate students doing research in the field of family violence research to showcase their work and to give students an opportunity to network amongst one another.
- The MMFC hosted a meeting with Lynne Groulx, Executive Director of the Native Women’s Association of Canada, in November 2023.
- The MMFC was host to an event announcing a bilateral agreement between provincial and federal governments in December 2023 which confirmed funding from the National Action Plan on Gender-Based Violence.
- A series of virtual gatherings were organized to increase engagement among MMFC Researchers. The first event was held in December 2023, and the second in April 2024.

- Cathy and Joni visited the Miramichi Emergency Centre for Women in January 2024.
- Cathy and Danie met with Women’s Equality Assistant Deputy Minister Nicole McCarty and Director Martine Stewart in February 2024.
- Cathy and Danie visit Hestia House in Saint John in March 2024.

## **The new year brought about a significant change in staffing of the Centre:**

- Peter Titus joined the MMFC Team as Communications Officer in February 2024
- Joni Leger left her position as Associate Director at the end of February 2024
- Danie Gagnon was appointed as Acting Associate Director for a 6-month term effective March 18 2024
- Swati Sarin was temporarily with the Centre as Acting Administrative Coordinator for the month of April 2024
- Dr. Cathy Holtmann left her position as Director of the MMFC at the end of April 2024

**Danie Gagnon**  
**Administrative Coordinator**





## Communications report

Beginning in February 2024, Peter Titus joined the MMFC as the new Marketing & Communications Officer. His key duties have revolved around maintaining and expanding the communication strategy previously developed by former communications officer, Caen Squires. These duties have included:

- Maintaining social media presence by developing content oriented for target audiences on various social media platforms including, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter (now X.com), LinkedIn, Mailchimp and YouTube.
- Expanding social media network by engaging with sister organizations and community partners.
- Managing and designing quarterly e-newsletters for the Centre. These newsletters are one of the MMFC's principal communication devices.
- Collecting data and designing the MMFC's 2023-2024 Annual report.
- Collaborating with various research teams to develop content for knowledge transfer

Knowledge transfer is a key part of any research centre and the MMFC is no exception. I've learned a lot in this new role. The work of the Centre is crucial, and I look forward to continuing this work in the coming months.

Thanks,  
*Peter Titus*

# Fergusson Foundation



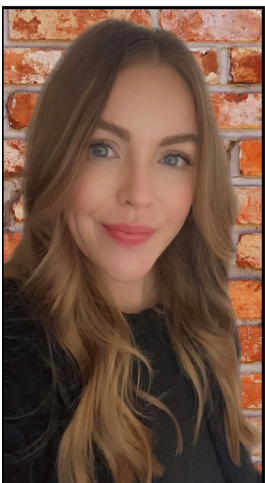
In 2023-24, the Fergusson Foundation continued our efforts to be a catalyst for change through four key pillars; through awareness and capacity building; supporting organizations and education programs providing services to those impacted by family violence with our grants program; honouring and recognizing the leaders in our community who make outstanding contributions toward the prevention and elimination of family violence; and by partnering with UNB on the vital action-oriented research of the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research.

The Fergusson Foundation's Vision is a society that is based on healthy relationships and is free from violence in all its forms. We exist for those who experience fear and harm in their homes and communities. We believe that together, we can break the cycle of violence and abuse.

It has been our privilege to work with an incredibly passionate group of volunteers, board, staff and community partners whose collective efforts have made a positive impact on individuals and families in need of our efforts.

Our work is far from done and we recognize that we cannot and do not, do this work alone.

Financial support from our donors has been crucial in our mission and support of the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre and all of us at the Fergusson Foundation would like to thank you for enabling us to get here and encourage you to take action and give today.



Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Francis,  
Executive Director,  
Fergusson Foundation



# Health

## **Alliance against Violence and Adversity (AVA):**

- Health and Social Services Research Training: Platform for System and Population Transformations in Girls' and Women's Health
  - Affecting Girls, Women, and Gender-Diverse People: National Health Hub for Knowledge Mobilization and Exchange
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### **Researchers**

#### **Principal Applicants/Partners:**

- Cathy Holtmann, Director of MMFC
- Matt Rogers, Faculty of Education, UNB
- Tracey Rickards, Faculty of Nursing, UNB

#### **Co-Applicants/Academic Partners:**

- Alyson Campbell, Faculty of Nursing, UPEI
- Jennifer Collins, Faculty of Nursing, MUN
- Shelley Doucet, Department of Nursing and Health Sciences, UNB
- Rosann Edwards, Department of Nursing and Health Sciences, UNB
- Carmen Gill, Department of Sociology, UNB
- Heather Helpard, Rankin School of Nursing, SFX
- Alison Luke, Department of Nursing and Health Sciences, UNB
- Lillian MacNeill, Centre for Research in Integrated Care, UNB
- Ted McDonald, NB-IRDT, UNB
- Holly Richardson, Rankin School of Nursing, SFX

### **Community Partners**

- Sarah Campbell, Kelly Carline, Sarah Gander and Sarah Lunney, Horizon Health Network
- Alyson Pizzey, Liberty Lane
- Ted McDonald and Elizabeth Lappin, NB Social Pediatrics
- Rachel Cowder, PEI Rape and Sexual Assault Centre
- Karen Cumberland, PEI Alliance for Mental Well-Being
- Laura Winters, Stella's Circle
- Trish McCourt, Tri County Women's Centre
- Peter Titus, MMFC Communications

### **Graduate Student(s)**

- Jangchu Tenzin

AVA is a health research training platform for building capacity to transform community health and social services to promote health and wellness of girls and women at risk or affected by violence and diversity over the life cycle. Programs include:

1. Triadic Mentorship Program for community-researcher-scholar partnerships
2. AVA Online Training Modules/Courses
3. Community Agency Internship Program
4. Early Career Researcher Teaching Release
5. Strategy, Development, Management and Evaluation Training
6. Implementation Science Training

AVA has developed a Women's and Girls' Health Hub to convene regional and national knowledge mobilization meetings in English and French.

## **Researchers** (Principal Investigators & Co-investigators)

- Co-PIs: Dr. Kelly Scott-Story & Dr. Sue O'Donnell.

## **Co-investigators:**

- Dr. David Busolo, Dr. Enrico DiTomasso, Dr. Petrea Taylor, & Dr. Judith Wuest. (All UNB)

## **Coordinators (Academic/Community)**

- Jeannie Malcolm, Research Coordinator, UNB
- Charlene Vincent, Research Assistant, UNB

## **Students**

- Jennifer Moulaison, MN student

During the reporting period we completed cleaning of Baseline/Wave 1 data and performed various analyses, including a PCA and CFA of the Cumulative Lifetime Violence Severity (CVLS) scale in order to evaluate and confirm its structure, validity, and reliability, towards the goal of revising the scale for future use. We have developed a draft of a short form CLVS to include in next wave of data collection, after REB modification approval is obtained.

There has been ongoing contact with research participants at 3-month intervals for the purpose of increasing retention between data collection points. Beginning in September, 2023 and continuing to January 2024, the Wave 2 survey was deployed to participants 12 months after their Baseline survey was completed. The Wave 2 data has been cleaned and initial descriptive analyses have begun. Throughout the reporting period, the team has met regularly to continue planning and performing further cross-sectional and longitudinal analyses and finalizing surveys for Wave 3 data collection which will begin in September, 2024.

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# Newcomers' Experiences

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

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### 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
- Harmy 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. Magnum Bjornholt

#### 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)
- Larissa Sweeney (MA student)
- Margo Quinlan (MA student)
- Camila Reis (MA student)
- Crenda Marfo (MA student)

## Graduate students

- Eva Kazakou
- Camila Reis
- Hannah Muat
- Rania Sultani

During the reporting period our interaction with community -based organizations consisted in conference interactions and presentations to them sharing our findings.

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

Twitter (Now X.com) Handle: @ GBV\_MIGCanada

### 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

### Collaborators:

- Angela Totten, MA, Crime Analyst, Saint John Police Force
- Inspector R. Michael Young, Criminal Investigations Division, Saint John Police Force
- Chief Gary Forward, Woodstock Police Service and President of the New Brunswick Association of Chief of Police
- Chief Steve Gourdeau, Kennebecasis Regional Police Force, Quispamsis, NB
- Acting Deputy Chief/Inspector Mary Henderson and Inspector Anika Becker, Kennebecasis Regional Police Force, Quispamsis, NB

### Students

- Denika Widmer, MA student, Department of Psychology, UNB Saint John
- Amy MacQuarrie, PhD student, Department of Psychology, UNB Saint John
- Narissa Rodgerson, MA student, Department of Psychology, UNB Saint John
- Erin Smith, MA Student, Department of Psychology, UNB Saint John
- Tristin Reilly, BA student, Department of Psychology, UNB Saint John
- Jodie Sullivan, BA student, Department of Psychology, UNB Saint John

# Law

## **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

#### Graduate Student Research Assistant:

- Misha Maitreyi, University of New Brunswick (contract May 1-Aug 31, 2024)

As new Project Coordinator, I cannot speak to activities in the previous year; however, the upcoming year will see:

- The A2A aims to develop a web-based family violence assessment guide for use by family law practitioners and service providers across Canada. This year will see the training and pilot roll-out of the risk assessment tool.
- Regional CoP (communities of practice) meetings will also continue meeting virtually. Meetings have been scheduled for June 2024, September 2024, and January 2025. CoP's will assist in testing the draft tool and providing feedback.
- Additional project deliverables will also be completed, including a webinar on the topic of policing coercive control and risk assessment (June 5, 2024), and a research brief on the considerations of cultural minorities and family law needs (Aug 31, 2024).

### Principal Investigator:

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

### Project Coordinator:

- 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. Katreena Scott, 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

- Ashley Thornton. Dalhousie University, Faculty of Law (1L 2022-2023)  
(Ashley is employed as a research assistant for the project.)

The project is part of a national initiative to establish 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 has been 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. The project began with the creation of a local CoP and expanded to include provincial (Year 2) and regional (Year 3) members. The MMFC-affiliated CoP now has members from all four Atlantic provinces, including family law lawyers, indigenous domestic violence workers, transitional housing workers, police officers, academics, medical practitioners, social workers, domestic violence trauma counsellors, and support service workers for youth and newcomer populations, including immigrant and refugee women.

During the reporting period, the project hosted four CoP meetings and two webinars. Each webinar was given accreditation for CPD (continuing professional development) hours by the Law Societies of NB, PEI, Newfoundland, and Nova Scotia. The first webinar (held in September, 2022) had 311 registrants and 236 in attendance. The second webinar (held in November, 2022) had 126 registered and 52 in attendance.

The project also published two research briefs during the reporting period and one legal bulletin. These publications are posted to the project website and made available in both official languages.

Members of the CoP and the project coordinator were invited presenters at the Nova Scotia Access to Justice Week on October 28, 2022 and spoke to the challenges that survivors of family violence face in family court proceedings.



### Principle Investigator

- Dr. Matt Rogers

### Collaborators

- Maria Nazareth Araújo
- Ashley Morehouse
- Peter Titus
- Brandon Mcvicar
- Jangchu Tenzin
- Caitlyn Levesque-Brown

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.

The first project involved the creation of an educational resource that provides immersive learning about Restorative Justice practices. There is a growing interest in adopting restorative justice approaches in New Brunswick, but because there are some barriers to its implementation, the project focused on awareness and promotion of the program with the use of 360-degree media. The goal of this project was to address gaps in understanding about principles of Restorative Justice, to demystify common misconceptions related to it by allowing audiences to experience an example of it, in an immersive way. Theater and film actors were hired to recreate a Restorative Justice circle, allowing the audience to see who participated, and what to expect from the process. Team partners from the Department of Justice and Public Safety: Victim's Services Branch have reached out to audiences both digitally and through in-person workshops and presentations. The resources were distributed on a government website, shared by potential clients when considering participation in Restorative Justice processes, is a part of e-learning modules, and is used in live professional learning contexts.

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 footage has been converted into a single immersive tour experience as well as a series of short videos which are set to be completed by the end of the summer, and later be distributed as online resources.

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.

# Religion

## Religion and Violence Research Team and the Muslim Family Safety Project

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### Researchers (Principal Investigators & Co-investigators)

- Cathy Holtmann

### Coordinators (Academic/Community)

- Cathy Holtmann, academic
- Hamdi Fannoush, community

### Members

- Cathy Holtmann,
- Hamdi Fannoush
- Iman Helmy
- Abdel Fahim
- Khaldoun Arwane
- Mahmoud Alhallak
- Mohammed Bkhash
- Widad Ali

### Collaborators

- Mohammed Baobaid, Eugene Tremblay and Abir Al Jamal, Muslim Resource Centre for Social Support and Integration
- Wendy McDermott, NB Department of Social Development
- Andrea Wolf, Liberty Lane Domestic Outreach
- Michael Bamford, Fredericton Police Force

### Graduate Students

- Misha Maitreyi, doctoral student, Sociology, UNB

## 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.

The ACC worked closely with staff of the MRCSSI to support a Muslim family whose children were 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.

Staff from the MRCSSI facilitated the virtual delivery of the Strengthening Families Program (SFP) to this family with the support of the research team. The SFP is a 14-session, evidence-based program designed for families who are vulnerable to violence. The program is culturally adapted to help immigrant family members learn and practice parenting skills, social skills and life skills together. SFP aims to reduce problem behaviours, delinquency, alcohol and drug use by children and youth, and to improve communication and performance in school. Each session of SFP included separate classes for parents and children as well as a family practice class.

Abir Al Jamal conducted an in-person FAST (Four Aspects Screening Tool) Assessment of all members of the family and a report on the findings along with recommendations were shared with all Social Development staff and child protection workers.

Information from the research team's activities with this family were included in briefs presented at settlement conferences and pre-trial meetings concerning the care of the children.

### Researchers (Principal Investigators & Co-investigators)

- Lucia O'Sullivan (PI)
- E. Sandra Byers (Co-I)
- Scott T. Ronis (Co-I)
- William McIver, Jr. (Co-I)

### Collaborators

- Zoe Peterson, PhD
- Hilary Swan, MEd

### Students

- Kate Metcalfe, BA, BSc

### Activities

We have collected data from a large U.S./Canada wide survey of 3,100 young men. The first presentation of the data was made at Griffith University, Gold Coast, Australia in April 2024.

The project is oriented toward helping reduce rates of sexual assault among young people, and this research represents one of the first investigations to examine undetected men's assault of women using online anonymous tools to explore these reports in depth.

We have captured insights into assaults in young men's own words, and we believe that this research will yield important outcomes for research and training, practice, and societal well-being, raising public awareness of sexual assault to a new level. Additional findings will be presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality in November, San Diego.

At this point, we are preparing an initial paper for publication

# 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

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### Co-Principle Investigators:

- Lori Weeks & Cathy Holtman

### Co-Investigators:

- Suzanne Dupuis-Blanchard
- Colleen MacQuarrie
- Marilyn Macdonald
- Elaine Moody
- Heather Helpard
- Joni Leger (past)
- Danie Gagnon

### Research Coordinator:

- Kathleen Allen

### Research Assistants:

- Alisson Hache-Chaisson
- Katie Hamil

### Research Staff Interventionists:

- Jennifer Fraser-Furrow
- Beth Wallace
- Susan Ivens
- Monnah Green (past)
- Hannah Moore (past)

### Collaborators

- Shelley Murray
- Shiva Nourpanah
- Olive Bryanton
- Chelsa States

### Students

#### Co-Investigator:

- Christie Stilwell, PhD in Health student

### Project Start-up activities:

The research coordinator and research assistants were hired. The core research team developed the project procedures and expected timelines, and a regular meeting schedule was developed for both the core research team (i.e., weekly) and the full research team/collaborators (i.e., monthly). Research ethics applications were submitted and approved by the following institutions: Dalhousie University, University of New Brunswick, Université de Moncton, University of Prince Edward Island, and Saint Francis Xavier University. All study materials and data collections tools were translated to French.

### Program Development Activities:

The intervention used in the AIM Program was adapted from a study conducted in Taiwan to be used in the Maritime context with women in midlife and older. The facilitator training program and materials were developed in English and French.

### Community Engagement Activities:

A list of community-based organizations in the Maritimes was compiled that included several IPV-related service-delivery organizations, such as transition houses, second-stage houses, domestic violence outreach programs, and other organizations that target women (e.g., women's centres, addiction programs for women, sexual assault centres).



### **Community Engagement Activities:**

Organizations that provide services to diverse women in the Maritimes (e.g., Francophone women, immigrant women, Black women, Indigenous women) were also identified to help reach marginalised populations. Emails were sent to the list of organizations to inquire about forming a research partnership. Virtual meetings were set up with the Executive Directors of organizations who responded with an interest in developing a partnership. Organizations were provided with information about the study and were asked if they would be interested in helping with participant recruitment and implementation of the AIM Program.

Organizations were offered two partnership options. Partnership 1 involved the organization appointing a staff member to serve as a program facilitator who could help recruit participants and deliver the intervention to the participants. The facilitators were asked to participate in a two-hour virtual training session on how to deliver the AIM Program. Organizations that agreed to this partnership were provided with a \$3500 payment to compensate them for overhead fees and staff time. Partnership 2 involved the organizations being asked to spread awareness of the study and to help with participant recruitment. A \$500 payment was provided to organizations for agreeing to this partnership.

### **Program Implementation & Data Collection activities:**

A total of fifteen community-based organizations throughout the Maritime provinces partnered with the project. Six research staff members were also hired to be program facilitators. Fifteen professionals took part in the facilitator training program. A total of 39 participants have been enrolled in the study to date. Baseline data has been collected with 38 participants and follow-up data has been collected with 2 participants. 21 participants have been randomly assigned to receive the AIM Program and 17 participants have been randomly assigned to the comparison group. Two participants have completed the AIM Program to date, and eighteen are currently in the Program.

# Research Portfolio Timeline: Abuse and Neglect of Older Adults



This portfolio is all about studying and reducing intimate partner violence against women who are middle-aged or older. It covers everything from researching the issue to putting specific plans into action to help them.

## Foundational work by Dr. Lori Weeks

CIHR Rural Centre Pilot  
Project Funding

**\$20,000**

Supporting Rural Women in  
Leaving Violent Intimate  
Relationships Across the  
Lifecourse

## 2010

### Publications:

An ecological synthesis of research on older women's experiences of intimate partner violence (Weeks, L.E. & LeBlanc, K, 2011)

Strengthening resources for midlife and older rural women who experience intimate partner violence (Weeks, L. E., MacQuarrie, C., Begley, L., Gill, C. LeBlanc, K. D. 2016)

## Abuse and Neglect of Older Adults Research Team (ANOART)

GNB Interpretation grant

**\$10,000**

## 2015

### Conference:

A day of reflection on the gendered lens of abuse of older adults. (Moncton, 2015)

### Publication:

Exploring gender and elder abuse from the perspective of professionals (Weeks, L. E., Dupuis-Blanchard, S., Arseneault, R., MacQuarrie, C., Gagnon, D., & LeBlanc, G. M. 2018)

## RESPOND Project Justice Canada

**\$159,406**

Identifying and responding to the needs of diverse older women who experience intimate partner violence  
2017-2019

## 2017

### Publications:

Identifying and Responding to the Needs of Older Official Language Minority Women Who Experience Intimate Partner Violence in Later Life: The Experience of Service Providers (Waldron, I., MacDougall, E.S., & Weeks, L.E. 2021)

**SSHRC Explore grant**

**\$5,000**

The provision of services for women across the lifecourse experiencing intimate partner violence during COVID-19, 2020

**SSHRC Connection**

**\$13,600**

The abuse of older women: A community-based research event” 2018-2019

Responding to the Needs of Older Women who Experience Intimate Partner Violence: The RESPOND Study (Weeks, L.E. 2020)

Hear my cry: Breaking the code of silence around intimate partner violence among Black women in and beyond midlife (Waldron, I., MacDougall, E. S., & Weeks, L. E. 2021)

Initiatives to support older women who experience intimate partner violence (Weeks, L. E., Stilwell, C., Gagnon, D., Dupuis-Blanchard, S., MacQuarrie, C., Jackson, L. 2021)

Remodeling the Web: Supporting the Needs of Older Women Experiencing Intimate Partner Violence in Rural Contexts (Helpard, H., Weeks, L. E. 2023)

**Conference:**

The Abuse and Neglect of Older Women: a community-based research event (Fredericton, 2018)

**2023**

**AIM Study 2023-2026**

Public Health

**\$598,316**

The implementation of an advocacy intervention women in midlife and older experiencing intimate partner violence:

**Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)**

**\$39,316**

A sex and gender-based + analysis of intimate partner violence against older women 2024-2025

**2026**

**More great work to come!**

### Researchers (Principal Investigators & Co-investigators)

- Cathy Holtmann is contracted as the PI for the evaluation of a pilot project.

### Coordinators (Academic/Community)

- The pilot project is led by Kristal LeBlanc, ED of the Beausejour Family Crisis Resources Centre, now known as the Courage Centre in Shediac in partnership with Liberty Lane in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

### Students

- Katie Hamill, doctoral student, Faculty of Education, UNB

The pilot project is led by Kristal LeBlanc, ED of the Beausejour Family Crisis Resources Centre, now known as the Courage Centre in Shediac in partnership with Liberty Lane in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

### Activities

Funding from the Public Health Agency of Canada was used to conduct a pilot of the Kid's Club Mom's Empowerment (KC & ME) intervention program for children exposed to D/IPV and their mothers at the Courage Centre in Shediac and at Liberty Lane in Fredericton. The Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research (MMFC) was contracted to evaluate the pilot through pre- and post-program (completion and six months after completion) data collection with questionnaires in French and English.

Following approval of an application for review of research involving humans by the UNB Research Ethics Board, data was collected from mothers and children who participated in three KC & ME groups each in Shediac, Moncton and Fredericton that included Francophone, Anglophone and immigrant families. Cathy participated regularly in the Advisory Committee meetings for the pilot project. Data analysis is proceeding.

### Principle Investigators

- Ann Cameron, Emerita Professor, UNB, UBC

### Coordinators

- Elizabeth Gerhardt, UNB graduate; USM graduate student

### 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)
- Mahsa Yaghoubirad, Vancouver clinician (UBC Iranian doctoral student)
- Neringa Dainaraviciute, UBC Doctoral student
- Vanessa Figueiredo, UBC Doctoral student

### Collaborators

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

### Students

- Morgan Richard, UNB doctoral student

## Activities

The past year has been a year of significant productivity despite the previous constraints of the pandemic. Our book has come out and we have made important academic, community and media reports of the work of our Creating Peaceful Learning Environments (CPLÉ) Team.

This past three years had been unique in the history of the CPLÉ team as a result of a significant alteration in the manner in which it has been able to conduct its activities. We have operated in both New Brunswick and British Columbia with the vastly helpful assistance of digital information systems for the past year, so all of our work has been conducted on line, bringing both benefits and challenges. One of our most exciting projects has had to be put on hold because our participating New Brunswick 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 recovery from the pandemic. But another project with refugee Rohingya children in India and Bangladesh is moving slowly forward, and our Confidence in Communications dissemination project supported by the MMFC has also developed slowly as a result of schools' irregular attendance procedures. It will move forward next year.

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 western Canada and Brazil as well as eastern Canada, youth and independent elderly adults in Switzerland, Lithuania and eastern and western Canada, webring to light findings regarding gendered factors in youth perceptions of intimate relationships and the influence of digital media and relationships. All of these projects are reported as listed below.

Ann Cameron coordinates research in collaboration with CPLE team members including current and past UNB and UBC graduate and undergraduate students. Latest initiatives involve: 1) former UNB doctoral student, Kang Lee, a SSHRC grant-supported cross-cultural study of academic integrity; 2) the new collaborative study in both British Columbia and New Brunswick with Anne Hunt 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) the study of pro-sociality of Rohingya children in mega-camps in Bangladesh; and 4) the 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 violence-prevention analyses and interventions. Implications are of significance for schools' violence prevention work, socio-emotional development and international youth resiliency.

# 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

**Dr. Casey Burkholder** is an Associate Professor at the University of New Brunswick, interested in critical teacher-education, and participatory visual research. In choosing a research path at the intersection of resistance&activism, gender, sexuality, DIY media-making, art production and participatory archiving, Casey engages in research for social change through participatory visual approaches to local issues with youth and pre-service teachers. She is the co-founder of the Fredericton Feminist Film Collective, and is the co-president of the Language & Literacy Researchers of Canada (2021-2023).

**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. 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 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. 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.

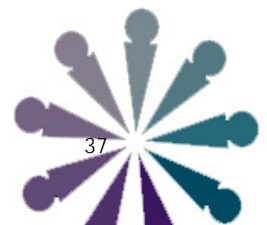
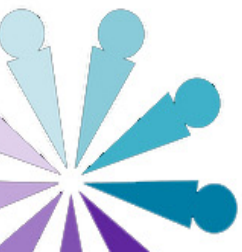
**Dr. Petrea Taylor** is an Assistant Professor with the Faculty of Nursing (FON), UNB. Her program of research is gender, violence, and health, with a particular interest in women's mental health, suicidality, and stigma. While working as a clinical nurse specialist in Addictions and Mental Health, 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.

# Community Engagement

As part of our ongoing commitment to the community, staff and other representatives of the MMFC work with many community stakeholders and serve on committees and advisory groups. The MMFC also engages with provincial and federal government agencies to maintain its profile and address or identify opportunities for collaboration.

Alliance of Canadian Research Centers of Gender-Based Violence	Cathy Holtmann
Creation committee for the Fredericton Child and Youth Advocacy Centre	Cathy Holtmann
GNB Working Group on Disclosure to Protect against IPV (Clare's Law)	Cathy Holtmann
NB Child Sexual Harm Task Force	Cathy Holtmann
NB Roundtable on Crime Prevention	Cathy Holtmann
NB Silent Witness Committee	Danie Gagnon
New Brunswick Roundtable on Crime and Public Safety	Cathy Holtmann
UNB Research Committee	Cathy Holtmann
University Women's Centre	Danie Gagnon
New Brunswick Council on DIPV	Joni Leger
Sexual Violence Research Conference Planning	Joni Leger
DIPV in the Workplace Committee	Joni Leger



### **Alliance of Canadian Research Centers of Gender-Based Violence**

The Alliance represents the partnership and collaborative research & education initiatives among these centres:

- The Centre for Research & Education on Violence against Women and Children (CREVAWC)
- The FREDA Centre for Research on Violence against Women and Children
- RESOLVE: Research and Education for Solutions to Violence and Abuse - Alberta
- RESOLVE: Research and Education for Solutions to Violence and Abuse - Manitoba
- RESOLVE: Research and Education for Solutions to Violence and Abuse - Saskatchewan
- RAIV: Recherches Appliquées et Interdisciplinaires sur les Violences intimes, familiales et structurelles

Alliance of Canadian Research Centers on GBV met 9 June 2023, 18 September 2023,

### **Creation committee for the Fredericton Child and Youth Advocacy Centre**

Committee working on the creation of a Fredericton Child and Youth Advocacy Centre (CYAC) met 14 February 2024, 22 March 2024,

### **GNB Working Group on Disclosure to Protect against IPV (Clare's Law)**

GNB Working Group on Disclosure to Protect against IPV (Clare's Law) met 12 February 2024, 11 March 2024, 8 April 2024, 29 April 2024

### **New Brunswick 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.

New Brunswick Roundtable on Crime and Public Safety met 6 December 2023

### **Institute and Research Centre Round Table**

The roundtable committee meets to discuss issues that impact the operations of UNB institutes and centres. Throughout the year, members of the committee shared information about the work and research of each of their entity. The meeting also provided a venue for directors to meet with UNB administration.

UNB Institute and Research Centre Round Table met 5 June 2023

### **University Research Committee**

University Research Committee met 14 September 2023, 18 December 2023, 22 February 2024



## NB Silent Witness Project



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.

This year, the NB Silent Witness Project committee supported the completion of two new silhouettes recognizing Mindy Godin of Grand Falls NB, and Sherry Rediker-Tompkins of Miramichi NB.

## University Women's Centre

The University Women's Centre (UWC) is a safe space on the UNB campus that serves the tri-campus student community (UNB, STU, NBCC).

Its physical space at the Student Union Building is available for students to study, hang out, and breastfeed in a comfortable, non-judgemental environment. The Center offers resources on safe sex, sexual health, safe injections, and provides free condoms, dental dams, and feminine hygiene products. The UWC is also focused on promoting gender equality and women's rights by hosting a variety of events during the school year.

This year, the MMFC collaborated with the UWC and the UNB Student union to host a documentary film screening of A Better Man, featuring a guided conversation by Tod Augusta-Scott on repairing harm in relationships.

## FILM SCREENING AND GUIDED CONVERSATION

ON INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AND REPAIRING HARM IN RELATIONSHIPS



A DOCUMENTARY FILM BY ATTIVA KHAN & LAWRENCE JACKMAN  
79 MINUTES, CANADA, 2017

Thursday March 28

HIL 316  
5-7 pm

free pizza!



Featuring:  
Tod Augusta-Scott



# Education

## **Family Violence Issues Certificate**

The MMFC continues to offer the Family Violence Issues Certificate in partnership with the Faculty of Arts, allowing students the opportunity to obtain an interdisciplinary micro-credential.

The Family Violence Issues Certificate accepted 9 new students and saw another 4 completing the program during the previous academic year.

Students who enroll in the FVI Certificate program must complete eight (3ch) courses related to the study of family violence, selecting courses from three of the following categories:

- **Core courses:** All the material in these courses relates to the study of family violence. Students must take a minimum of three core courses, many of which are available online.
- **Intensive courses:** 60% of the material in these courses relates to family violence. Students can take a maximum of three intensive courses. An Arts Internship (Arts 3000) with an agency or government department related to the family violence field is included in the list of intensive courses.
- **Supplementary courses:** At least 30% of the course material relates to family violence. Students take a maximum of 3 supplementary courses from a list of almost 50 courses.

**For a description of the FVI Certificate Program and complete listing of courses refer to the undergraduate calendar.**

## **Essential Skills for Interviewing Children**

This self-paced course is the culmination of over 12 years research and development by the Centre for Investigative Interviewing (CII). The CII is a global leader in the field of interviewing children. The training is relevant for professionals working with vulnerable persons in the sectors of domestic violence, sexual violence, child protection, criminal justice, education, healthcare, and more.

The course takes 35-45 hours and focuses on the 'how to' of interviewing children for professional investigation purposes (e.g., abuse investigation, non-criminal wrongdoing, medical decisions). It is practical and interactive in nature, including a child avatar, films, quizzes, webinars, and one-on-one sessions (over the phone or web) with a trainer. A certificate is provided on completion.

The course focuses on the questioning strategies needed to: build rapport, encourage disclosures, keep the child talking (and steer them towards providing important details while minimizing error), and make the interview as stress-free as possible. The following modules are included:

- Module 1: Establishing 'best practice' in interviewing children
- Module 2: Defining the various questions
- Module 3: Understanding memory and language development
- Module 4: Choosing the most effective open-ended questions
- Module 5: Putting the right questions into practice
- Module 6: Introducing the topic of concern
- Module 7: Introducing an interview protocol



# Publications

## **Keynote Addresses & Invited Presentations:**

Aspinall, M. (2024, April 16 – virtual). Interpersonal violence. Saskatchewan Polytech, Regina, SK.

Aspinall, M. (2024, March 14 - virtual). Coercive control. Legal Assistance of Windsor, Ontario.

Aspinall, M. (2024, March 27 – virtual). Coercive control. Legal Assistance of Windsor, ON. Virtual panel discussion on coercive control and proposals to criminalize.

Aspinall, M. (2023, September 26 – virtual). Coercive control. Department of Justice, Canada.

Burkholder, (2024, June). Cellphilm as queer joy praxis: Some provocations from New Brunswick, Canada. International Cellphilm Festival. McGill University, Montreal, Quebec.

Burkholder, C. (2024, March). Summoning Queer Joy: Reflections from an art, activism & archiving project with 2SLGBTQ+ Atlantic Canadians amidst COVID-19. Queer Research Day. University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Metcalf, K.B. (2023, May). Invited Speaker for Interactive Community Day on IPV and Healthy Relationships, Fredericton, NB.

Tastsoglou, E. (2023, March 8-10). Exclusionary Intersectionalities in the Lives of Immigrant and Refugee Women in Canada, invited presentation in Reimagining Peace and Peace Building. Research Network Women Peace and Security (RN WPS) Annual Symposium. Halifax, NS.

Tastsoglou, E. (2023, June 29). Gender-Based Violence in Migration: Interdisciplinary, Feminist and Intersectional Approaches, invited presentation at “Author Meet Critic” session (RC 32). ISA World Congress, Melbourne, Australia.

Tastsoglou, E. (2023, June 30). The GBV-MIG Project: A Collaborative, Conceptual and Contextual Global Understanding of Gender-Based and Intersectional Violence”, invited presentation at session on Persistence and Change: Collaborative, Conceptual and Contextual Global Understandings of Gender-Based and Intersectional Violence. ISA World Congress, Melbourne, Australia.

## **Media Engagements:**

Bates, A. (2023, November 28). New domestic violence study puts focus on older women. Telegraph Journal, Kings Record, St. John.

CBC National News. (2024, May 27). CBC News Network’s Andrew Nichols speaks with sex education expert Casey Burkholder. <https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/video/9.4236945>

Fontaine, Z. (2024). Am I being crystal queer: New Brunswick queer activists. [Podcast]. Fixpoint Media. <https://m.soundcloud.com/fixtpoint/am-i-being-crystal-queer-by-zack-fontaine>

Phillips, R. (2024, January 22). Middle-aged women needed for domestic violence study. Country 94. St. John.

Sturgeon, N. (2023, December 4). N.B. and feds enter bilateral agreement on gender-based violence plan. Global News. St. John.

### **Conference & Workshop Presentations:**

Aladejebi, F., Burkholder, C., Noreiga, A., & Palmer-Carroll, L. (2024, June). Centering Community Care & Art Production in Responding to Anti-Black Racism in New Brunswick, Canada. Canadian Society for Studies in Education. McGill University. Montreal, QC.

Aladejebi, F., Burkholder, C., Noreiga, A., & Palmer-Carroll, L. (2024, April). Responding to Anti-Black Racism in New Brunswick, Canada through Community Care & Art Production. AERA. Philadelphia, PA.

Aspinall, M., Gill, C., Dawson, M., & Cousineau, M. (2023, September 6-9). Coercive control, risk assessment, and evidence of intimate partner violence: Police response. 23rd Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology, Florence, Italy.

Aspinall, M., & Crocker, D. (2023, May 15-17). Promising practices and barriers to help-seeking in severe cases of domestic violence in the Maritimes: Findings from the Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative with Vulnerable Populations. Criminology & Social Justice annual conference, Ottawa, ON.

Burkholder, C. & Beaver, D. (2024, April). Engaging Cellphilm Method in Research for Social Change: Exploring the Anti-Colonial & Queer Potential of Cellphilm in Wabanaki Territory. AERA. Philadelphia, PA.

Burkholder, C. & Keehn, M. (2024, June). Building Queer Joy through Participatory Collage-Making with 2SLGBTQIA+ Youth in New Brunswick. Canadian Society for Studies in Education. McGill University. Montreal, QC.

Burkholder, C. & Keehn, M. (2024, May). Mobilizing Queer Joy in New Brunswick Public Schools. New Brunswick Education Research Symposium. Fredericton, NB.

Burkholder, C. & Keehn, H. (2024, April). "Something that is so Overlooked": Exploring Queer Bodies and Sexualities in Sex Ed in New Brunswick, Canada through Participatory art Production. AERA. Philadelphia, PA.

Burkholder, C. & Keehn, M. (2024, June). Worldbuilding In and Around Schools: Mapping the Struggle over Gender and Sexuality. Canadian Sociological Association. Montreal, QC.

Burkholder, C. & Wright, JJ. (2024, June). Mobilizing Queer Joy in Alberta and New Brunswick Through Art Production to Challenge Gender-Based Violence. Canadian Society for Studies in Education. McGill University. Montreal, QC.

Campbell, M.A. (2024, Feb 21). Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence 101, Half-day virtual workshop delivered to probation officers, correctional program officers, and victim services coordinators. New Brunswick Department of Justice and Public Safety.

Campbell, M.A. (2024, April 23). Evidence-based interviewing strategies for information gathering from victims/complainants: Module 1, Half day workshop delivered to police officers, SANE nurses, and victim service coordinators. Woodstock, New Brunswick.

- Campbell, M.A. & Lisson, D. (2024, April 23). Effects of Trauma on Sexual Assault Complainants: Implications for Conducting a Competent and Trauma-Informed Interview: Module 2. Half day workshop delivered to police officers, SANE nurses, and victim service coordinators. Woodstock, New Brunswick.
- Campbell, M.A. (2024, March 21). RNR Risk Appraisal and Case Management for D/IPV. Half-day workshop delivered to probation officers, correctional program officers, and victim services coordinators for the New Brunswick Department of Justice and Public Safety.
- Holtmann, C. (2023, October 20). Muslim Family Safety: Exploring Ethno-religious Vulnerability and Resiliency. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Salt Lake City, UH.
- Keehn, M. & Burkholder, C. (2024, June). Don't Say "Lesbian": Reflections on Two Sexuality Education Workshops with Teachers in Rural New Brunswick. Canadian Society for Studies in Education. McGill University. Montreal, QC.
- Letourneau, N. (2024, March 25). An Introduction to AVA Resources for Atlantic Canadian Partners. Webinar.
- Richard, M. E., & O'Sullivan, L. F. (2023, June). National survey exploring sexual harassment and assault of massage therapists by clients. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association, Toronto, ON.
- Smith, E.G.C. & Campbell, M.A. (2023, June). Suspect personality traits and police response to incidents of intimate partner violence. Snapshot paper presentation at the North American Correctional and Criminal Justice Psychology Conference/Canadian Psychological Association, Toronto.
- Tastsoglou, E. (2023, March 16-18). Violence against Women Migrants and Refugees: Policy Considerations and Pathways. 25th Metropolis Canada Conference, Ottawa.
- Tastsoglou, E., Dawson, M. (2023, March 16-18). Understanding Health Impacts of Gender-Based Violence and Responses of Migrant Survivors in Settlement. Canadian Sociological Association, York University, Toronto.
- Tastsoglou, E., Wilkinson, L., Holtmann, C., Dawson, M. (2023, June 23). Feminist Intersectional Approaches to Understanding the Experiences of Gender-Based Violence among Newcomer Women in Canada. ISA World Congress, Melbourne, Australia.
- Widmer, D., Campbell, M.A., & Gryshchuk, O. (2023, June). Investigation of factors influencing police officers' use of the Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment for intimate partner violence. Poster presentation at the North American Correctional and Criminal Justice Psychology Conference/Canadian Psychological Association, Toronto.

## Articles & Chapters:

Aspinall, M., Gill, C., Dawson, M., & Cousineau, M. (2024). Coercive control and risk in intimate partner violence: Are Canadian police prepared to assess? *Policing and Society*, 34(7), 613-626.

Burkholder, C. (2024). Reflexively revisiting three participatory cellphilm archives. In C. Mitchell, H. Sadati, L. Starr and S. Roy (Eds.). *Revisioning cellphilm methodology* (pp. 115-130). Springer.

Burkholder, C., Hamill, K. & Thorpe, A. (2023). Speaking back to gender-based violence in New Brunswick schools through queer maker literacies with 2SLGBTQ+ youth. *Journal of Youth Studies*, 1-15.

Burkholder, C. & Keehn, M. (2024). "In some ways they're the people who need it the most": Mobilizing queer joy with sex ed teachers in New Brunswick, Canada. *Journal of Queer and Trans Studies in Education*. 1(2), 1-15.

Burkholder, C. & Keehn, M. (2024). Mobilizing femme pedagogy in sexuality education in New Brunswick, Canada. *Curriculum Inquiry*, 1-26.

Burkholder, C. & Keehn, M. (2023). "Something that is so overlooked": Joyfully exploring queer bodies and sexualities in sex education in New Brunswick, Canada through participatory art production. *Sex Education*, 1-20.

Burkholder, C., MacEntee, K., Thorpe, A & Pride/Swell. (2023). Solidarity through mail-based participatory visual research: Reflections from an art, activism & archiving project with 2SLGBTQ+ youth amidst COVID-19. *Feminist Review*. 135(1), 1-22.

Burkholder, C., Poirer, I., MacEntee, K., Beaumont, A., Weaver, B., & Pride/Swell+. (2024). Participatory archiving as accompaniment: Co-curating an archive of 2SLGBTQ+ youth produced art for exhibition and solidarity building. *Research as accompaniment: A community-focused, relationship-aligned, and action-oriented approach*. Routledge.

Burkholder, C. & Thompson, J. (2024). Teaching fieldnotes. In A. Ruth, A. Wutich & H.R. Bernard (Eds.) *The handbook of teaching qualitative and mixed methods research: A step-by-step guide*, (pp. 97-101). Routledge.

Byers, S., O'Sullivan, L. & Burkholder, C. (2024). How Prepared are Teachers to Provide Sexual Health Education? *American Journal of Sexuality Education*, 1-24.

Cameron, C.A., Richard, M. E., Gerhardt, E., Pollak, K. M., Duan, T., Knutson, J. M., & Dmytro, D. (2023). Gender Norms and Culture in Asian-Canadian Adolescent Boys' Anticipating Dating Relationships. *Journal of Adolescent Research*, 1-26.

Holtmann, C., Tastsoglou, E., Dawson, M., & Wilkinson, L. (2023). Surviving Gender-Based Violence: A Social Ecological Approach to Migrant and Refugee Women's Resilience. In Tastsoglou, E. (Eds.), *Canadian Ethnic Studies, Special Issue on Gender and Violence in a Migration and Refugee Context*, 55(3), 57-78.

Keehn, M., Burkholder, C., MacEntee, K., Hill, M., Poirer, I. & Beaumont, A. (2024). Doing it together, but in a queer way: Joyful worldmaking with 2SLGBTQI+ folks in Atlantic Canada. *Journal of LGBT Youth*, 1-27.

Metcalfe, K.B., O'Sullivan, L.F., Ronis, S.T. (2023). Examining how bystanders intervene and perpetrators respond to intervention during experiences of sexual aggression. *The Journal of Human Sexuality*, 32(2), 208-220.

Metcalfe, K. B., Cormier, L. A., Lacroix, P. J., & O'Sullivan, L. F. (2023). "I Was Worshiped and in Control": Sugar Arrangements Involving Transactional Sex from the Perspective of Both Sugar Babies and Sugar Benefactors. *The Journal of Sex Research*, 1–13.

Petrinioti, S., Tastsoglou, E., Karagiannopoulou, C. (2023). Practicing Conformity, Resistance and Resilience to Gender-Based Violence: Women Asylum Seekers in the Eastern Mediterranean. In Tastsoglou, E. (Eds.), *Canadian Ethnic Studies*, 55(3), 123-144.

Saul, R., Burkholder, C. & Gerbrandt, J. (2024). Temporal seeing as visual literacy. *Journal of Literacy Research*. 56(2), 123-132.

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.

Simon, S., Burkholder, C., & Pride/Swell. (2024). Resilience and solidarity building on Instagram: Exploring art, activism, and participatory analysis with Indigenous peoples and 2SLGBTQ+ youth in the Wabanaki Confederacy. *Exploring the human story: Arts-based approaches to qualitative inquiry in educational studies*. Routledge.

Tastsoglou, E. (2023). Gender and Violence in a Migration and Refugee Context: Agency Resilience and Resistance. *Canadian Ethnic Studies*, 55(3), 1-12.

Tastsoglou, E., Falconer, C., Sisic, M., Dawson, M., & Wilkinson, L. (2022). The Gender of Tastsoglou, E., Freedman, J. (2023). Editorial: Gender, Violence and Forced Migration. *Frontiers: Refugees and Conflict, Special Topic on Gender, Violence and Forced Migration*. 5.

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Tastsoglou, E. & Wilkinson, L. (2023). Gender-based violence and citizenship in a migration context. In: M. Romero (Editor), *Research Handbook on Intersectionality* (pp. 292-312). Edward Elgar Books. Weeks, L. E., Allen, K., Holtmann, C., Leger, J., Dupuis-Blanchard, S., MacQuarrie, C., Macdonald, M., Moody, E., Stilwell, C., Helpard, H., Gagnon, D. (submitted Feb 29, 2024). The implementation of the advocacy intervention for women in midlife and older who experienced intimate partner violence: The AIM Study protocol. *JMIR Research Protocols* #57886.

Winters, L. (2023). A Narrative on Anti-Trafficking Discourse and Advocacy in Newfoundland. In K. Roots, A. De Shalit & E. van der Meulen, (Eds). *Trafficking Harms Critical Politics, Perspectives and Experiences*. Fernwood.

Winters, L. (2023) Developing a Qualitative "Mixed Methods" Approach in Research with Sex Workers. In D. Onishenko, N. Doran, R. Ann Torres, & D. Nyaga, (Eds.). *Critical Reflexive Research Methodologies*. Brill.

**Books:**

Tastoglou, E. (2023). Gender and Violence in a Migration and Refugee Context: Agency, Resilience and Resistance. *The Journal Canadian Ethnic Studies*, Special Issue on Gender and Violence in a Migration and Refugee Context, 55(3).

**Research Reports:**

Hamill, K., & Holtmann, C. (2023). Report on the Ongoing Impact of COVID-19 on the Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence Sector in New Brunswick. Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research for the New Brunswick South Central Transition House and Second Stage Coalition Inc. and Réseau des services pour victimes de violence du Nouveau-Brunswick.

**Education:**

Aspinall, M. (2023, Fall) Taught CRIM 2943A Victimology at St. Thomas University, which included sessions on IPV and sexual assault victimization. Fredericton, NB.

Aspinall, M. (2023, Fall) Taught CRIM 3123A Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice at St. Thomas, which included a module on IPV and Family Violence. Fredericton, NB.

Wilkinson, L., Tastoglou, E., Dawson, M., & Holtmann, C. (2023, June 1). "Understanding Resettlement Outcomes for Newcomer Women with Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Experiences", session organization at Canadian Sociological Association, York University, Toronto.

# Grants & Awards

Below is an Estimation of the grants recieved for research and education in 2023-2024.

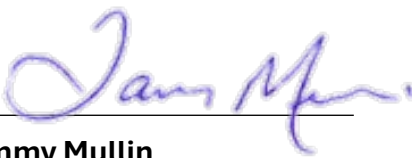
Researchers, fellows, consultants & Students	Funding Agency	Period	Amount
<b>Identifying Scripts and Norms Guiding Young Men's Use of Sexual Aggression Against Women</b>	SSHRC	2021-2025	\$194,219
Supports and Barriers in Teaching Sex Education in New Brunswick Schools	SSHRC	2019-2023	\$233,060
A Brief Survey of App Use Among Individuals at Risk for Domestic/ Intimate Partner Abuse and the Personnel Supporting Them	Public Legal Education and Information Service of NB	2021-2022	\$11,468
Job-Related Sexual Harassment and Assault Among Registered Massage Therapists Across Canada	Canadian Registered Massage Therapist Alliance	2022-2023	\$3,450
Trajectories of Intimate Relationships and Sexual Health from Adolescence to Early Adulthood	Canadian Institutes of Health Research	2022-2027	\$638,775
Reducing Young Men's Use of Sexual Aggression Against Women	New Brunswick Innovation Foundation Research Assistantship Initiative	2022-2023	\$14,668
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



<b>Researchers, fellows, consultants &amp; Students</b>	<b>Funding Agency</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Alliance against Violence and Adversity (AVA)</b>			\$26,520.00
<b>Awariness 2 Action (A2A)</b>			
Mary Aspinall / Internal funding competition to hire student RA for one year	JOBBS Program – St. Thomas University	2023-2024	\$1,534
	Justice Canada	2023-2026	\$143,959.19
<b>Post Covid IPV Services Research in New Brunswick</b>		2022-2023	\$60,759.11
<b>AIM Project</b>			
<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>	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
Weeks, L. E., Holtmann, C.			
			<u>Total</u> \$2,534,345.80

**Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research  
2023-2024 Operating Income Statement**

2022-2023 Carry Forward	\$ 35211.79
<b>REVENUE</b>	
FF Annual Operating Funds	180,000.00
UNB Salaries	184,573.92
UNB President's Office	10,000.00
UNB Work Study	1,760.97
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 376334.89</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Salaries - Director, Assoc Director, Admin	339,694.66
Salary Work Study	2,709.27
Salary Grad Student	391.31
Maintenance	26,602.25
Professional Fees	11,941.77
Office	7,432.89
Conferences	1,411.14
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 390183.29</b>
<b>NET REVENUE INCL. CARRY FORWARD</b>	<b>\$ 21363.39</b>



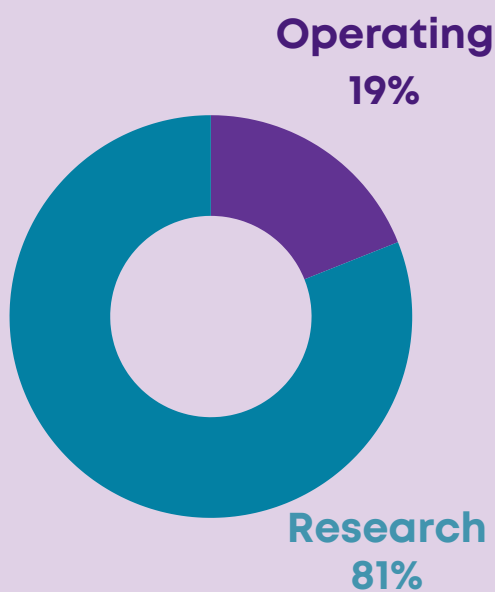
**Tammy Mullin**  
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**Danie Gagnon**  
Acting Associate Director  
Muriel McQueen Fergusson  
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Research

This infographic was created by Sarthak Goyal, 2023-2024 WorkStudy student, for the purposes of visualizing the income the MMFC receives to support its operations, and the size of the portfolios managed by researchers and staff of the MMFC.

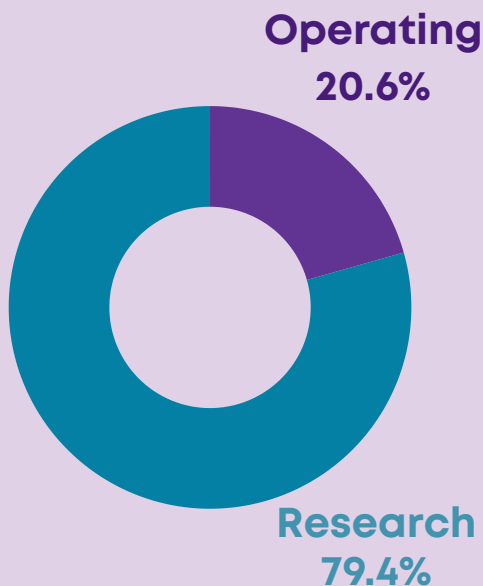
## MMFC Operational Income and Research Funding Comparison



### 2018-2019

**Operating Income: \$325,077**  
**Research Funding: \$1,387,931**  
**Multiplier: 4.27**

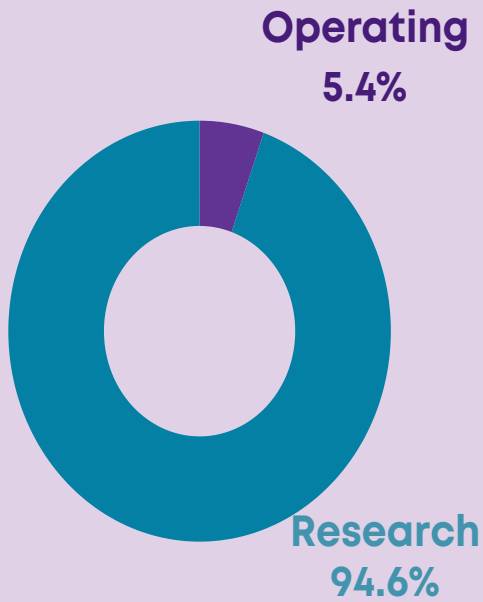
Operating income is provided in equal part by the Fergusson Foundation and the University of New Brunswick. This income funds physical, technical infrastructure, core staff salaries, and travel for the MMFC core staff to support family violence research in the Maritime provinces. Research-specific staff and their activities collecting, analyzing data and disseminating findings are funded with research funding.



### 2019-2020

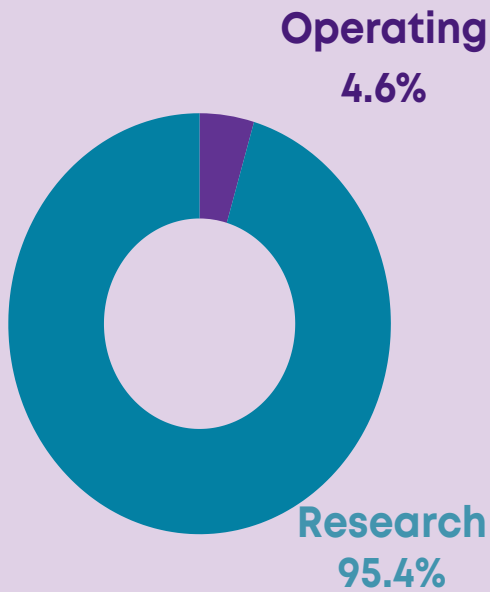
**Operating Income: \$337,267**  
**Research Funding: \$1,299,771**  
**Multiplier: 3.85**

The MMFC supported a research funding portfolio just under four times its operational size. The size of the MMFC's research funding portfolio will dictate the complexity in successfully supporting a research project. The MMFC supports the research process with a range of activities based on the project's needs: funding application, financial and project management, and assist with communication and knowledge dissemination activities.



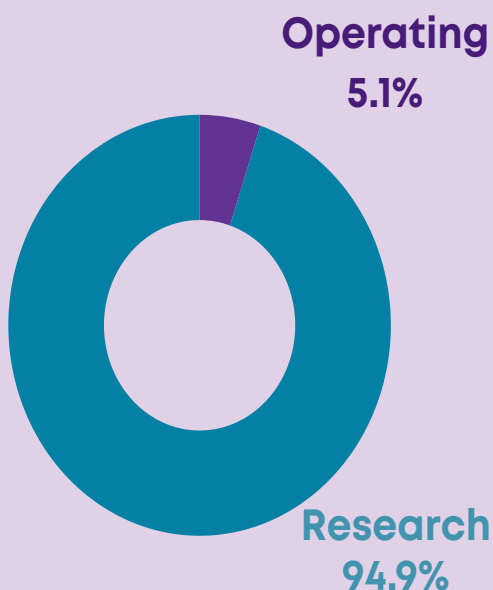
## 2020-2021

**Operating Income: \$347,809**  
**Research Funding: \$6,041,653**  
**Multiplier: 17.37**



## 2021-2022

**Operating Income: \$357,213**  
**Research Funding: \$7,416,931**  
**Multiplier: 20.76**



## 2022-2023

**Operating Income: \$369,104**  
**Research Funding: \$6,798,316**  
**Multiplier: 18.42**

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