



CONGRATULATIONS!

Dr. Robbie Babins Wagner received her doctorate from the Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary. Her dissertation, "Understanding the Predictors of Counselling Outcomes", focused on understanding the relative contributions of predictor variables to counselling outcomes among clients in routine community-based treatment. The Calgary Counselling Centre provided the data, which included 12,571 individual adults, 18 years of age and older, who had attended 67,435 counselling sessions between September 2004 and December 2008. The results suggest that: 1) clients who began counselling with a problem in personal functioning were more likely to begin counselling in the clinical range; 2) clients who began counselling in the clinical range on the outcome measure were more likely to end counselling significantly improved; 3) a higher proportion of men began counselling in the non-clinical range compared to women who began counselling in the clinical range; and 4) poorer first session ratings of alliance resulted in less improvement in outcome.

Robbie will also receive 2011 Westbury Legacy Award through the Alberta Centre for Child, Family and Community Research. The award recognizes individuals in Alberta who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to the intellectual and/or professional growth of individuals working in the areas of child, family and community research and applied scholarship, research, mentorship and critical inquiry in a community or practice based setting.

SUCCESSFUL LETTER OF INTENT SPRING 2011!

Congratulations to Carmen Gill (PI) and the entire team of the Canadian observatory in a successful Letter of Intent Partnership Grant application from the Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council. The \$20,000 was allocated to the preparation of a full application which included funds to invite new collaborators and partners to a face-to-face grant development meeting and to bring five research assistants to the meeting to take notes and help to facilitate the work of the teams.

JUSTICE POLICIES, INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE, AND THE CANADIAN OBSERVATORY

The Canadian observatory held a successful one day meeting on criminal justice policies pertaining to intimate partner violence in Calgary on June 15, 2011. The goal of the meeting was to discuss the preferred role and function of the Canadian observatory in relation to the identification, dissemination, analysis and development of criminal justice policies pertaining to intimate partner violence and to inform and engage provincial and territorial governments in the policy work of the Canadian observatory. Margaret Jackson and Michelle Lawrence reported on the process, results, challenges, and provided potential next steps of the IPV policy scan. The meeting was attended by members of the Canadian observatory and provincial and territorial colleagues who participated in validating the policy scan pieces relevant to their jurisdiction.

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CANADIAN OBSERVATORY HOLDS FIFTH FACE-TO-FACE MEETING, MONTREAL 2011

On September 15-16, 2011 a face-to-face meeting was held in Montreal to discuss a program of research for the Canadian observatory. The focus of the meeting was to strengthen an international program of research to examine how justice systems respond to intimate partner violence. The meeting provided excellent material to prepare a funding application that was submitted to the Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council in November 2011. The meeting was attended by academics, policy makers, research assistants, and community-based agencies from across Canada, Australia, U.K. and U.S.A.

ANNOUNCEMENT: POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2012-2013

The Canadian observatory would like to announce its 2012-2013 postdoctoral fellowship award program. The fellowship program provides outstanding researchers with one year fellowships on the justice system response to intimate partner violence. Previous research has focused on victim impact statements, policing intimate partner violence, and victim experiences of justice. Post-doctoral fellows play an important role in the work of researchers of the Canadian observatory. For more information about the postdoctoral program please email Elizabeth Blaney at blaney@unb.ca.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

“There are many ways to reform the justice system” says our partner, the Center for Court Innovation. Check out some of their new demonstration projects:

Learning by Doing: What Demonstration Projects Can Teach Us About Innovation—a comic book guide to some of the most common errors made by demonstration projects.

From the Ground Up: Promising Criminal Justice Projects in the U.S. and the U.K.—a report created by the London office in partnership with the think tank Policy Exchange that describes recent American and British innovations.

For these and other publications, visit their website: www.courtinnovation.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

The 2nd World Conference of Women’s Shelters, an initiative of the Global Network of Women’s Shelters, will be held in two years on March 19-22, 2012 in Washington, DC. The conference will bring together grassroots activists and advocates working to end violence against women in safe spaces. To receive more information and to be informed of announcements related to the 2nd World Conference of Women’s Shelters and related events, sign up at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MRJW9XL>. For more information about the conference, visit our website: www.worldshelterconference.org.

The 3rd National Research Day, organized by the Canadian Alliance of Research Centres on Violence, the FREDA centre for research on violence against women, and the Canadian observatory on the justice system’s response to intimate partner violence will be held in Vancouver, BC, November 7-9, 2012. More information to come – keep checking for updates at <http://fredacentre.com>

Reminder

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Check out the Canadian observatory website for new information and resources

