



Family Violence in Canada: A Statistical Profile 2008

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The *Family Violence in Canada* report produced by the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics under the Federal Family Violence Initiative provides the current data on the nature and extent of family violence in Canada. Considered part of the initiative to inform policy makers and the public about issues, this year, the focus of the report is spousal violence. Data is based on the Incident-based Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR2) survey. Of particular interest to members of the Canadian observatory is the chapter on spousal violence. This chapter examines variations in police-reported spousal violence across Canadian provinces and territories in 2006, as well as trends since 1998. The chapter is based on research that focused on differences in prevalence of police reported spousal violence, variations in the distribution of spousal violence across gender, age, and relationship status, extent of injuries and province or territory of residence, provincial/territorial variations in police charge rates, and trends/changes in police reported spousal violence.

WELCOME POST DOCTORAL FELLOWS!

The Canadian observatory is pleased to welcome three postdoctoral fellows and very thrilled about their exciting research topics!

Dr. Cheryl Fraehlich (Winnipeg)

Comparing Official Stories with Women's Stories: Women's Experience and Perception of the Criminal Justice System Involvement in Cases of Intimate Partner Violence

Dr. Lanette Ruff (Fredericton)

An Exploration of Police Response to Intimate Partner Violence in Fredericton

Dr. Elisabeth (Liz) Wells (Guelph)

Victim Participation in a Specialized Domestic Violence Court: The Role of the Victim Impact Statement

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations Dr. Myrna Dawson! Myrna has recently received a Canada Research Chair in Public Policy in Criminal Justice at the University of Guelph. A key focus of her research is intimate partner violence and homicide.

Congratulations Dr. Leslie Tutty! Leslie has recently been awarded the endowed Brenda Strafford Chair in the Prevention of Domestic Violence within the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Calgary. The Chair was created to provide leadership in research related to the prevention of all facets of domestic Violence.

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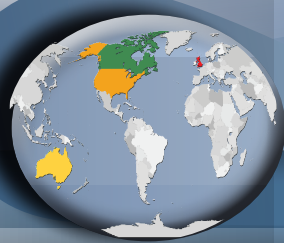
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NEW PUBLICATION

What's Law Got To Do With It?: The Law, Specialized Courts and Domestic Violence in Canada, edited by Jane Ursel, Leslie M. Tutty, and Janice Lemaistre (2008). This is the first book comparing various studies on the impact of Domestic Violence Specialized Courts across Canada and Protection Order legislation in the three prairie provinces. This exciting new collection of articles examines resulting significant changes in the justice system in Canada and raises critical questions about current trends from the perspective of prosecutors, victims, and researchers. Publisher: Cormorant Books.

Speaker Series Winter 2009

The Canadian Observatory on the Justice System's Response to Intimate Partner Violence is pleased to announce the Winter 2009 online computer speaker series

Join us for another great season of exciting speakers examining interesting aspects of the justice system's response to intimate partner violence. On January 30, 2009, Dr. Peter Jaffe, from Centre for Research on Violence Against Women & Children at the University of Western Ontario will present on the topic: *The need for university-community partnerships to enhance collaboration to review and prevent domestic homicides*. On February, 26, 2009, Ms. Robyn Holder, Director of Victim Support Australian Capital Territory in Canberra will present *Domestic violence & criminal justice: What victims want and what researchers look for*. On March 27, 2009, Dr. Nicole Letourneau, Canada Research Chair in Healthy Child Development at University of New Brunswick will present *Mothering through domestic abuse: Opportunities and intersections with the justice system and social services*. Register today!

Conference Presentations

In December 2008, Dr. Myrna Dawson delivered a keynote address and Professor Paul Mazerolle presented findings from recent research with Dr. Holly Johnson at the *International conference on homicide: Domestic related homicide* in Surfers Paradise, Queensland's Gold Coast in Australia. The conference was hosted by the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC), Australia's leading national research and knowledge centre on crime and criminal justice issues.

Mark your calendars!!!

The 2nd National Research Day on Intimate Partner Violence, organized by the Canadian Alliance of Research Centres on Violence, Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre, and Canadian observatory will be held in Fredericton November 3-5, 2010. *More information to come.*

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