



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Dr. Steven Sellers! Steve's postdoctoral fellowship was renewed for a second year. Located at Griffith University in Brisbane, Australia, the topic of Steve's research is Improving Justice Responses to Intimate Partner Violence: Examining Change in Police Officer Attitudes to Intimate Partner Violence.

CANADIAN OBSERVATORY HOLDS FOURTH FACE-TO-FACE MEETING IN FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK

On November 5-6, 2010 the Canadian observatory held its fourth face-to-face meeting in Fredericton, New Brunswick. The meeting was attended by researchers and policy makers from across Canada and abroad. The focus of our meeting was to strengthen the network through the development of a program of research that has benefits for academics and governments. Highlights included the following. Carmen Gill led a discussion about how to move forward with a common research agenda. An update on the development of an instrument for collecting data on victims was provided by Marie-Eve Boudreau, Candidate au doctorat en criminologie, Université de Montréal, Sonia Gauthier, Université de Montréal and Holly Johnson, University of Ottawa. Margaret Jackson, Simon Fraser University, presented an update and discussion on the policy paper with a focus on the justice system's response to intimate partner violence. Elizabeth Blaney (UNB, Canada), Maddy Coy (Metropolitan University, UK), Robyn Holder (Australian National University, AU), Paul Mazerolle (Griffith University, AU), and Michael Rempel (Center for Court Innovation, USA) collaborated in a discussion about the next steps in moving forward on international data comparisons.

CANADIAN OBSERVATORY MEMBERS HOLD INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR AT AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN CANBERRA, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Members of Canadian observatory, Ms. Robyn Holder and Professor Jane Ursel, with Ms. Elizabeth Moore, Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga held a one day seminar at the School of Regulation, Justice & Diplomacy, Australian National University in November 2010. Entitled Researching Violence: Seminar on research methodologies & sensitive research contexts, topics covered included: The Healing Journey – a 4 year longitudinal study of women abused by intimate partner violence (Ursel); Identifying pathways of support for rural women (Moore); and Making Meaning about Justice: using a prospective longitudinal panel (Holder). The seminar was organized as an international forum to exchange experience and consider emerging knowledge.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS IN MONTRÉAL

The executive committee of the Canadian observatory meets in Montreal in February to reflect on what we have accomplished and plan for the remaining years.

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NEW PUBLICATION

GAUTHIER, Sonia "The Perceptions of Judicial and Psychosocial Interveners of the Consequences of Dropped Charges in Domestic Violence Cases", *Violence Against Women*, vol. 13, no 12, p. 1375-1395, 2010.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

The Coalition or the CACP Crime Prevention Committee is hosting a national conference, "A Dialogue on Family Violence in Culturally Diverse Communities: Practical Approaches to Prevention and Response". This conference, hosted on our behalf by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, will take place at the Sheraton Toronto Airport Hotel and Conference Centre, 6-8 March 2011. The conference organizers have put together a wide-ranging program that will increase awareness of the nature of family violence in culturally diverse communities and how to prevent it or respond to the challenges it presents. For more information and to register on-line, visit www.cacp.ca.

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.

CRI-VIFF (the Interdisciplinary Research Centre on Family Violence and Violence Against Women) and the Women, Violence and Vulnerable Situations research team are pleased to invite you to the Second International Conference on Violence Against Women. *Violence Against Women: Complex Realities and New Issues in a Changing World* will bring together researchers, practitioners, political decision makers, and students from around the world to share knowledge and practices and debate current issues in the field. The conference will be held in Montreal from May 29 to June 1, 2011. For more information on the international conference please consult the following link: <http://www.conferenceviolence.com>

Women's Worlds 2011 is being held July 3-7 in Ottawa. This year's theme is "Inclusions, exclusions, and seclusions: Living in a globalized world". The conference will try to address the critical questions of Does globalization include, exclude, and/ or seclude women? As global hierarchies realign, how are gender roles and identities evolving? And How are social identifications like power, privilege, citizenship, and nation affected? For more information and to register, visit the website: <http://www.womensworlds.ca/>

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