



CONGRATULATIONS!

Dr. Myrna Dawson has been awarded a TC Beirne School of Law Distinguished Visiting Fellowship at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, which she will take up in April/May 2012. The fellowship provides leading legal scholars of international standing the opportunity to visit The University of Queensland to conduct research in their field of choice. Dr. Dawson will focus on the development of one of her current research projects which examines intimacy, violence and the law in the international context with a specific focus on geographic variations in legal responses to homicide.

Dr. Helene Berman and Team received a 5-year grant of \$1.37M from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research for the project Promoting Health through Collaborative Engagement with Youth in Canada: Overcoming, Resisting, and Preventing Structural Violence. The purpose of the team grant is to examine how structural violence is experienced by youth in Canada, how it influences their health, and strategies that can be used to address and prevent violence. In addition it will evaluate how collaborative engagement with youth can promote health by empowering them to address structural violence in their lives.

Victims of intimate partner violence, services, and the Canadian observatory

The Canadian observatory held a successful one day meeting in Toronto on January 23, 2012. It was attended by members of the victim sub-team. The purpose of the meeting was to review, revise, and ratify an instrument for collecting data on victims using services and to determine pilot sites for testing the instrument in Canada.

Canadian observatory visits Canadian Research Institute on Law and the Family

Carmen Gill was at the Canadian Research Institute for Law and the Family (CRILF) in November 2011 to work on data collected on offenders in New Brunswick and the Yukon with colleague Joseph Hornick. They reviewed data collected in both regions and examined similarities and differences among datasets in New Brunswick and Yukon. The objective was to look at what we compiled from two different jurisdictions and see what the information offers for analysis.

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. Postdoctoral 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.

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NEW PUBLICATION

Peter G. Jaffe, Marcie Campbell, Leslie H.A. Hamilton, & Marcus Juodis. (2012). Children in danger of domestic homicide, *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 36, 71-74.

Domestic Violence Prevention and Reduction in British Columbia (2000-2010). Report prepared by Katherine R. Rossiter, Phd Candidate, School of Criminology, and Associate Director, The FREDA Centre for Research on Violence Against Women and Children, Simon Fraser University. Prepared for The Centre for the Prevention and Reduction of Violence Office of Applied Research Justice Institute of British Columbia, September 2011. Available online at: [www. http://fredacentre.com](http://fredacentre.com)

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.

Participatory Justice and Victims: Achieving Justice for Victims in Local, Domestic & International Settings Conference, 17 – 18 September 2012, The Australian National University (ANU), Canberra, Australia. The conference will explore the practices and politics of participation in justice processes by individuals and communities victimized by violence and will respond to questions about justice that is accessible, attainable, and meaningful. The deadline for submission of abstracts is May 11, 2012. Information about the conference (including accommodation options, venue details, registration, and program updates) can be found at the conference website: <http://law.anu.edu.au/coast/events/victims/conf.html>

The 3rd National Research Day, organized by the FREDA Centre for research on violence against women, the Canadian Alliance of Research Centres on Violence, and the Canadian observatory on the justice system's response to intimate partner violence will be held in Vancouver, BC, November 7-9, 2012. The theme of the conference is: "Sexual Violence, Domestic Violence: Exploring the Continuum of Violence against Women and Girls." The organizers invite proposals for presentations and posters in English/French, relevant to the conference theme: the intersectional analyses of both sexual and domestic violence along the continuum of violence against women and girls. Deadline for proposal submissions is April 30th, 2012. For more information <http://fredacentre.com/events/nrd2012>

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