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In April 2008, Cheryl Fraehlich completed the requirements for an Individual Interdisciplinary PhD program with the Departments of Social Work, Family Social Sciences, and Sociology at the University of Manitoba. Her dissertation research involved a qualitative examination of electronic gambling among women. Prior to returning to the university as a full-time student in 2002, she combined work as a service provider specializing in the areas of family violence and crisis intervention with teaching in the Department of Family Social Sciences. In addition to teaching, she has also been employed at RESOLVE Manitoba since 2003 where she has been involved in a number of research projects including an examination of the service gaps and barriers to accessing services for immigrant and minority women who have experienced abuse and The Healing Journey, a tri provincial longitudinal study of women's experience with intimate partner violence.

Cheryl's involvement with the Canadian Observatory on the Justice System Response to Intimate Partner Violence began with work on a project reviewing the literature on various components of the justice system response to the intimate partner violence. She was recently awarded a Canadian Observatory Postdoctoral Fellowship. Her postdoctoral work will begin in September 2008 at the University of Manitoba. Under the direction of Dr. Jane Ursel and other members of the Canadian Observatory, her research will examine women's experience and perceptions of their involvement with the criminal justice system regarding intimate partner violence.