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Diane Crocker holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from York University. She is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and Criminology at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Her research areas include violence against women, criminal harassment and the use of law to address social problems, particularly those that disproportionately affect women. Recently she completed a project on the effects of the Anti-Terrorism Act and the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act on immigrants and minority groups in Atlantic Canada. She has also working on a collection of edited papers on the criminalization of poverty (to be published in Spring 2010) and has produced a report for the Department of Justice Canada on the effects of the criminal harassment law on victims of stalking. Over the next few years, Dr. Crocker will be focusing on the Nova Scotia Restorative Justice Program as part of large collaborative project with academics and community researchers.