



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

Join us for 75 minutes at your computer as presenters explore interesting aspects of the justice system's response to intimate partner violence. Guest speakers offer a 45 minute presentation followed by 30 minutes of questions and discussion with all participants. The time of each event is noted below with specific session. **Note:** Time of presentation is listed in Atlantic Canada Time. For time conversion, please visit <http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/>. **Participation is free!**

**September 18, 2009** **Time: 1pm (Atlantic Time)**

**Research Collaborations with Women whose Partners  
Abused Them: Bearing Witness to their Stories**

For the past 20 years, Leslie Tutty has conducted qualitative research with abused women, many in shelters or having been provided specific services such as groups or court support. This presentation addresses how to engage abused women in a collaborative research process in which they can share their opinions, perspectives and recommendations.

Presenter: **Leslie Tutty, PhD University of Calgary**

**October 30, 2009** **Time: 1pm (Atlantic Time)**

**The Justice System Response to IPV in the Context of Migration: A  
Critical Review of Current Knowledge**

Despite vast changes in the Canadian demographic landscape, relatively little is understood regarding the occurrence of Intimate Partner Violence within immigrant and refugee communities. While a growing body of scholarly work has begun to emerge, and numerous excellent initiatives have been established, responses have been sporadic and inconsistent. In this presentation, we will discuss findings from a recent review of the literature in this field and propose recommendations for researchers, practitioners, and policy providers.

Presenters: **Helene Berman, PhD & Fatmeh Alzoubi (doctoral candidate), University of Western Ontario**

**November 27, 2009** **Time: 1 pm (Atlantic Time)**

**Mothering through Domestic Abuse: Opportunities and  
Intersections with the Justice System and Social Services**

Whether women are living in a violent relationship, in the process of leaving or has left a violent relationship, mothering through domestic abuse provides opportunities for justice and social service system involvement. This presentation will explore women's experiences, focusing on how intersections with these systems pose both promising and missed opportunities for women who are mothering through domestic abuse.

Presenter: **Nicole Letourneau, PhD University of New Brunswick**

**How do you sign up?**

- Email Elizabeth at [blaney@unb.ca](mailto:blaney@unb.ca) identifying the sessions you would like to attend and your email address.

**What do you need to participate?**

- A computer with internet (high speed or dial up);
- An email address;
- A computer headset with microphone.

**Will I understand how to access Illuminate and  
log-on?**

- Once you sign up, you will receive an email advising you to click on a specific website address on the date and time specified for the event.
- If you are a first time Illuminate user, you will find it very easy. However, if you would like an orientation, please sign in approximately 30 minutes before the event is scheduled.

**What if I am having technical problems the day  
of the event?**

- If you are having problems with your connection the day of the event, Illuminate provides a toll free number:  
**North America:** 1-866-388-8674 (select #2);  
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**Australia:** 1-800-26-7338;  
Non Toll Free International **606-274-2686**.