



## WELCOME POST DOCTORAL FELLOWS!

The Canadian observatory is pleased to welcome two postdoctoral fellows and very thrilled about their exciting research topics!

Two postdoctoral fellows will continue their research with the Canadian observatory. Cheryl Fraehlich, at the University of Manitoba, is looking at women's perceptions of justice system interventions in relation to their experiences of abuse. Elisabeth Wells, at Guelph University, is examining intimate partner violence victims' experiences with the victim impact statement. Congratulations Cheryl and Liz!

## DISCUSSION SERIES 2009!

Join us for another great season of exciting speakers examining interesting aspects of the justice system's response to intimate partner violence!

On September 18, 2009, Dr. Leslie Tutty, from RESOLVE Alberta and University of Calgary will present on the topic: Research Collaborations with Women whose Partners Abused Them: Bearing Witness to their Stories. On October 30, 2009, Dr. Helene Berman and Ms. Fatmeh Alzoubi (doctoral candidate), Centre for Research on Violence Against Women & Children and University of Western Ontario will present on the topic: The Justice System Response to IPV in the Context of Migration: A Critical Review of Current Knowledge. On November 27, 2009, Dr. Nicole Letourneau, Canada Research Chair in Healthy Child Development at University of New Brunswick will present on the topic: Mothering Through Domestic Abuse: Opportunities and Intersections with the Justice System and Social Services. For more information, check out our website.

## APPLYING FOR FUNDING

Margaret Jackson is taking the lead of a Research Development Initiatives (RDI) grant to SSHRC. "The overall objective of the RDI program is to support research in its initial stages by supporting the development of new ways of analyzing, structuring, integrating and transferring knowledge in the humanities and the social sciences". Objectives of this SSHRC program are in line with our current work on policies as they relate to the justice response to intimate partner violence:

- develop new research questions;
- explore conceptual and methodological perspectives and directions;
- critically analyze and assess research, including its achievements, impacts, strengths and state of development.

The topic of Margaret's proposal is "The intersectionality of responses to IPV: Systems and policies in Canada". The maximum value of an RDI grant is \$40,000 over two years.

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## CANADIAN OBSERVATORY PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR WORKSHOP TO EXAMINE RESOURCES FOR VICTIMS/SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE IN CANADA

A workshop is set for November 5 & 6, 2009 in Guelph, Ontario, entitled, **Documenting the growth of resources for victims/survivors of violence in Canada: What are they? Where are they? Whom do they serve?** The goal of the workshop is to determine the current state of knowledge about the availability of resources for victims/survivors of violence in Canada, to identify various categories of resources, and to discuss appropriate measures and methods for documenting the availability of these resources with a particular emphasis on intimate partner violence. Approximately 40 participants from the community, government and academia will participate. The workshop is being funded by Department of Justice, the College of Social and Applied Human Sciences and the Social and Legal Responses to Violence in Canada Research Unit, University of Guelph, and the Canadian Observatory on the Justice System Response to Intimate Partner Violence.

## CANADIAN OBSERVATORY PLANNING THIRD FACE-TO-FACE MEETING IN GUELPH, ONTARIO

Canadian observatory planning third face-to-face meeting in Guelph, Ontario On November 7, 2009 the Canadian observatory will hold its third face-to-face meeting of members in Guelph, Ontario. This year we will hear from our postdoctoral fellows on their research, our international team on the pilot of our data collection grid study, and spend a significant amount of the time developing a program of research for the Canadian observatory. The meeting will begin in the evening of November 6, 2009.

*Mark your calendars!!!*

### November 9-10, 2009 - MMFC RESEARCH DAY 2009

**Theme: The face of sexual violence in the 21st Century: Naming the unspoken**

Hosted by: MMFC

MMFC is now accepting presentation proposals for the upcoming Research Day to be held in Fredericton on Tuesday, November 10, 2009. Dr. Liz Kelly, a member of the Canadian observatory, will start this year's research day with a keynote address at a general public event on November 9th .

For more information check out the MMFC website:: <http://www.unbf.ca/arts/CFVR>

### November 19-20, 2009 - RESOLVE RESEARCH DAY 2009

**Theme: HEALING FROM VIOLENCE AND ABUSE**

Hosted by: RESOLVE Saskatchewan

RESOLVE is holding their Research Day in Regina, Saskatchewan on Thursday and Friday, November 19-20, 2009. For more information check out the RESOLVE Saskatchewan

website: <http://www.uregina.ca/resolve>

## Reminder

Please share your news for the Announcements section of the Canadian observatory webpage

