



# CANADIAN OBSERVATORY ON THE JUSTICE SYSTEM'S RESPONSE TO INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

## E-NEWS

### WELCOME POST DOCTORAL FELLOW!

The Canadian observatory is pleased to welcome Dr. Steve Sellers and very thrilled about his exciting research topic -- Improving Justice Responses to Intimate Partner Violence: Examining Change in Police Officer Attitudes to Intimate Partner Violence. Located at Griffith University in Brisbane, Australia, the focus of Steve's research is to explore police officers' attitudes about domestic violence and related factors which guide their decision making. Emphasis will be placed on assessing changes in attitudes over time. With two rounds of survey data we will be able to learn how police attitudes towards decision making in domestic violence incidents have changed overtime and to assess the influence of violence training on decision making and police response to victims. Steve joins postdoctoral fellows Cheryl Fraehlich, University of Manitoba, Liz Wells, University of Guelph, and Lanette Ruff, University of New Brunswick.

### CANADIAN OBSERVATORY HOLDS DIALOGUE IN OTTAWA

The Canadian observatory will hold a dialogue meeting in Ottawa on May 27, 2010. Entitled "Data collection and data sharing: Moving forward on the justice system response to intimate partner violence" the meeting will bring together Canadian observatory members and federal/provincial/territorial governments from across the country. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss data collection and data sharing, to forge stronger cross-sectoral partnerships, to identify barriers to sharing data across sectors, and to strategize a collaborative cross jurisdictional means to move forward on the justice system's response to intimate partner violence.

### CANADIAN OBSERVATORY SELF-REPORT EVALUATION

**NOW ONLINE!**

The Canadian observatory launched a mid-term self-report evaluation in November 2009. Developed in collaboration by Elizabeth Blaney, Sonia Gauthier, Joseph Hornick, and Margaret Jackson, the evaluation tool provides the network with information to help the Canadian observatory to create and maintain processes that reflect and enhance participatory practice. The results are available to members on the Observatory website ([www.unb.ca/obsrev](http://www.unb.ca/obsrev)).

### SECOND RESEARCH AGREEMENT SIGNED!

In May 2010, the Canadian observatory signed a research agreement with the Province of New Brunswick. The research agreement will enable us to collect data on offenders who are entering into the justice system in Moncton and Fredericton. Joining with Yukon, the new agreement means that now the Canadian observatory can collect data in three cities (Whitehorse, Fredericton, Moncton). The Canadian observatory is currently working on developing a data warehouse where the information will be stored.

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**VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN CANADA: RESEARCH AND POLICY PERSPECTIVES****NEW BOOK**

HOLLY JOHNSON, University of Ottawa &amp; MYRNA DAWSON, University of Guelph

August 2010 / 9780195429817 / Oxford University Press Canada. Violence Against Women in Canada: Research and Policy Perspectives examines a wide range of theoretical perspectives, empirical research, and policy responses, emphasizes connections among different forms of violence. Taking a gendered sociological approach, the authors examine how violence against women stems from unequal access to power and resources. The authors also show how intersections of race, ethnicity, class, and sexuality deepen inequalities for particular groups. This new book explores the evolution of methods to measure violence, the impact of these methods on the social framing of violence issues, the impact on victims, and current policy responses and their effectiveness.

**TWO NEW REPORTS FROM STATISTICS CANADA**

- Gender Differences in Police-reported Crime in Canada, 2008 released on May 6, 2010.
- Police-reported Dating Violence in Canada, 2008 is scheduled for release on June 29, 2010.

Both reports will be available on the Statistics Canada website on the day of their release at [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca).

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

The **2nd National Research Day on Intimate Partner Violence**, organized by the Canadian Alliance of Research Centres on Violence, Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre, and Canadian observatory will be held in Fredericton November 3-5, 2010. Confirmed speakers are Professor Elizabeth Stanko, Senior Advisory, London Metropolitan Police Service and Dr. Holly Johnson, University of Ottawa. More information available on the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre website at <http://www.unbf.ca/arts/CFVR>

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](http://www.worldshelterconference.org).

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