



The Canadian Observatory on the Justice System's Response to Intimate Partner Violence
is pleased to announce the Winter 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:** All times are listed in Atlantic Canada Time. For time conversion, please visit <http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/>. **Participation is free!**

January 30, 2009, 2:00 pm (Atlantic Time)

The Need for University-Community Partnerships to Enhance Collaboration to Review & Prevent Domestic Homicides

According to the latest report of the Ontario Domestic Violence Death Review Committee, the vast majority of domestic homicides reviewed had at least seven well known risk markers. With hindsight, these homicides appear to be predictable and preventable. This presentation will explore recommendations from this committee, focusing on the need to strengthen collaboration among community agencies and the justice system & expanding these efforts through enhanced university-community research collaboration.

Presenter: **Peter Jaffe, PhD**

Centre for Research on Violence Against Women & Children

February, 26, 2009, 5:00 pm (Atlantic Time)

Domestic Violence & Criminal Justice: What Victims Want and What Researchers Look For

How domestic violence researchers conceptualise the engagement of victims with the criminal justice system, the questions they ask and their interpretation of results is hugely influential in policy and law reform. This discussion explores the current debate about the role of victim choice in the criminal justice process using both from victim perspective and the perspective of a victim advocacy.

Presenter: **Robyn Holder, Director**

Victim Support Australian Capital Territory

March 27, 2009, 1:00 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. Unfortunately for many, their experiences are often fraught with confusion and fear. 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 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 in North America: 1-866-388-8674;
UK: 0808-101-1432; **Australia:** 1-800-26-7338;
Non Toll Free International **703-956-3812**.