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Elisabeth Wells is a post-doctoral fellow for the Canadian Observatory on the Justice System Response to Intimate Partner Violence. She is at the University of Guelph working with Dr. Myrna Dawson in the Social and Legal Responses to Violence in Canada Research Unit. In Elisabeth's work with the Observatory she has participated in the development of a standardized national data set and has worked in specialized domestic violence courts. A recent PhD graduate in applied social psychology at the University of Guelph, her dissertation examined judicial attributions about battered women and judges' use of the Battered Woman Syndrome in sentencing. Her research interests lie within the area of psychology and law. Her work primarily examines violence against women, legal attributions and decision-making and legal discourse. Elisabeth's post-doctoral research program continues to examine the legal system's response to intimate partner violence, but focuses on victim rather than judicial attributions about violence. This research examines domestic violence victims' participation in the criminal justice system and their experiences with the Victim Impact Statement in a specialized domestic violence court in Ontario.