

# 1st Annual Canadian Conference on the Prevention Of Domestic Homicides

London ON Convention Centre June 14-16, 2009

## A Conference to Enhance Research and Practice Collaboration to Review & Prevent Domestic Homicides

### Host:

Centre for Research & Education on Violence Against Women and Children, Faculty of Education, University of Western Ontario

### Co-Hosts:

- ✚ Changing Ways, London ON
- ✚ Children's Aid Society London ON
- ✚ London Police Service
- ✚ Women's Community House, London ON
- ✚ Ontario Provincial Police
- ✚ Social and Legal Responses to Violence in Canada Research Unit, University of Guelph
- ✚ The FREDA Centre for Research on Violence Against Women and Children at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver BC
- ✚ RESOLVE: Research and Education for Solutions to Violence and Abuse at the University of Manitoba, University of Calgary & University of Regina
- ✚ Quebec Centre de recherche interdisciplinaire sur la violence familiale et la violence faite aux femmes
- ✚ Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton NB
- ✚ Alberta Council of Women's Shelters

**Purpose:** The Conference is intended to enhance networking and partnerships amongst social science researchers, policy makers and practitioners (coroners, medical examiners, police, crown attorneys, anti-violence community agencies) in their review of domestic homicides across Canadian provinces and territories. The conference proceedings will focus on common risk factors and systemic gaps in policies, training and resources that are related to domestic homicides. The ultimate goal of this work is to prevent domestic violence and save lives lost to these tragedies.

### Workshop Topics

- Impact of domestic violence on children as victims and witnesses of domestic homicide
- Safety planning for women who are leaving abusive relationships
- Risk reduction and treatment of domestic violence perpetrators
- Risk assessment of domestic violence by different sectors
- Management of high risk domestic violence cases
- Public education strategies for warning signs for lethal domestic violence

- Role of the workplace in addressing the needs of victims of domestic violence
- Benefits of local and centralized death reviews
- International perspectives on domestic homicide reviews
- Recent developments in Canadian DV homicide review processes
- Silent Witness Project in Canada and the US

## Invited Speakers

- ❖ **David Adam**, Co-Director, Emerge, Cambridge MA, and co-author of “Why Do They Kill Men Who Murder Their Intimate Partners.”
- ❖ **Jackie Campbell**, Professor in the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing and the creator of the Danger Assessment Scale (DA) that is used to assess a woman’s risk for domestic homicide.
- ❖ **Val Campbell**, Alberta Crown Prosecutor, Threat Assessment Service, author of guidelines for Developing Domestic Violence Protocol for Crown prosecutors and guidelines for Developing Domestic Violence Protocol for Police Officers
- ❖ **Jocelyn Coupal**, Crown Prosecutor with the Ministry of the Attorney General, Criminal Justice Branch, currently in the position of Domestic Violence Resource Counsel for BC
- ❖ **Jane Coombe**, Senior Policy and Legislative Analyst, Victim Services and Crime Prevention Division, BC Ministry Of Public Safety and Solicitor General
- ❖ **Myrna Dawson**, Canada Research Chair in Public Policy in Criminal Justice, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Guelph and member of Domestic Violence Death Review Committee.
- ❖ **Myriam Dubé, Professor**, Université de Montréal, École de service social, Montréal Québec
- ❖ **Stephen D. Hart**, Professor in the Department of Psychology and a Member of the Mental Health, Law, and Policy Institute at Simon Fraser University.
- ❖ **Lucie Hénault**, Director, Maison La Source, Sorel PQ, Co-author “Preventing Domestic Violence of Women: An Intervention Guide”
- ❖ **Dermot Hurley**, King’s College University, London ON, Child Trauma Clinical Practice & Research
- ❖ **Peter Jaffe**, Faculty of Education and Academic Director of the Centre for Research and Education on Violence against Women & Children, University of Western Ontario and member of Domestic Violence Death Review Committee.

- ❖ **Randall Kropp**, Senior Consultant, Forensic Psychiatric Services Commission of British Columbia and Professor, Simon Fraser University – co-author of Spousal Assault Risk Assessment Guide (SARA) and the Risk for Sexual Violence Protocol (RSVP).
- ❖ **William Lucas**, Chair, Ontario Domestic Violence Death Review Committee, Office of the Chief Coroner, Toronto
- ❖ **Robert N. Morris**, Crown Attorney for the County of Huron (Goderich, Ontario), member of the Domestic Violence Death Review Committee, member of HARRT (Huron Assessment Risk Reduction Team)
- ❖ **Tracy Porteous**, Executive Director of the BC Association of Specialised Victim Assistance and Counselling Programs
- ❖ **Gisela Rubesaat**, Legal Analyst, BC Community Coordination for Women's Safety
- ❖ **D/Sgt Glenn Sheil**, Threat Assessment Unit , Ontario Provincial Police
- ❖ **Diane I. Turner**, Lawyer, Kelliher and Turner Barristers and Solicitors
- ❖ **Jane Ursel**, Director, RESOLVE Manitoba, University of Manitoba, expert on the evaluation of specialized court processes, director of a longitudinal study of the Winnipeg Family Violence Court.
- ❖ **Neil Websdale**, Professor, Northern Arizona University and the Director of the US National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative.