

# CDHP IVP Project Update

## Research Update

### Research Project 1 – Domestic Homicide Database

We have received Ethics approval for data collection and development of the domestic homicide database from Western University and Saint Mary's University. An application has been submitted to University of Guelph and is awaiting approval. Ethics applications are also being submitted to University of Manitoba, Calgary, Simon Fraser, Regina and Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM). This process has taken longer than originally anticipated and reported in previous newsletters but we continue to make progress.

### Research Project 2 – National Survey and Key Informant Interviews

A national, bilingual, online survey will be conducted asking people from various professions to identify populations they serve and the domestic violence risk assessment, risk management and safety planning approaches they utilize in their organization. Those who wish to offer more information will be invited to provide contact information and may be approached for a follow-up interview.

The interviews will be conducted shortly after the national survey. Participants will be identified through the survey, and by CDHP IVP partners and collaborators and their networks, and other referrals. We plan to interview about 200 people who provide services to each of the vulnerable populations, seeking diversity and equal representation among the groups as much as possible. Ethics approval has been obtained for this phase of the study from the following universities: Western, Guelph, Saint Mary's and Manitoba. Project members may be contacted to participate in pilot interviews in the coming weeks.

The survey will open on **January 4, 2017**. An email will be sent out with a link inviting you to complete the survey. Please distribute this link widely through your networks.



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## Collaborator Profile

**Wendy Verhoek-Oftedahl**, Ph.D. is the Family Violence Prevention and Community Development Coordinator for Prince Edward Island. She is an injury epidemiologist whose research focus has been the evaluation of methods for public health surveillance of intimate partner violence, child maltreatment, and elder abuse to inform prevention efforts. She was a contributor to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Uniform Definitions for Public Health Surveillance of Intimate Partner Violence, Child Maltreatment and Elder Abuse.

She served as the Project Manager for the Rhode Island component of the US National Violent Death Reporting System (NDVRS) where domestic violence related homicides were prominent among violence deaths on data which data were abstracted from medical examiner, police and hospital records, and death certificates. She served as a member of the CDC expert panel that developed the NVDRS module for expanded collection of data on demographics of victims and offenders, and the circumstances of intimate partner homicides. In addition, she served as the consultant epidemiologist and coordinator for the



Rhode Island Child Death Review Team where child deaths associated with intimate partner violence were among the deaths reviewed. She currently holds an appointment as Assistant Professor of the Practice of Epidemiology at Brown University.

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## New Project Members

We welcome the following organizations and individuals to the project:

**Awo Taan Healing Lodge**— (Partner) an emergency women's shelter located in Calgary, Alberta which provides holistic support and guidance to women and children from all cultures. Josie Nepinak is representing this agency on our project. Learn more about their organization at: [www.awotaan.org](http://www.awotaan.org)

**Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research**, University of New Brunswick (Partner) — a research centre that conducts and encourages practice and policy-relevant research on family violence and violence against women and children. Cathy Holtmann represents the agency for this project. Learn more at <http://www.unb.ca/fredericton/arts/centres/mmfc/>

**RESOLVE Alberta**—(partner) a member of the tri-prairie RESOLVE network that coordinates and supports research aimed at ending violence, especially girls and young women. <http://www.ucalgary.ca/resolve/>

**Salima Massoui**— (Research Assistant) a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Université du Québec à Montréal working with Myriam Dubé

**Meghan Gosse**— (Research Assistant) is a first year PhD student in the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology at Dalhousie University and is working on this project under the supervision of Diane Crocker.

**Nicole Letourneau**—(Co-Investigator), RESOLVE Alberta Research Coordinator. Her research focuses on developing and testing interventions to support vulnerable children's development with an emphasis on family violence. Learn more at: [www.cdhipi.ca/nicole-letourneau](http://www.cdhipi.ca/nicole-letourneau)

To learn more about our project members, visit: <http://www.cdhipi.ca/partnership-members>

## Literature Review

The CDHPVIP Literature Review explores the research question “What risk assessment, risk management, and/or safety planning strategies prevent domestic violence in Indigenous communities, rural, remote and Northern communities, immigrant and refugee populations, and among children living with domestic violence?”

Using systematic key word searches, we obtained an initial collection of 2500 references, of which 650 were identified as key data collection sources (about 350 academic articles and 300 grey literature pieces). In addition to the final Literature Review report, there will be ten Annotated Bibliographies, as each of the four Hubs (Indigenous, Rural, Remote, & Northern, Immigrant & Refugee, and Children) is producing an annotated bibliography for both academic literature and grey literature, as well as General Risk Assessment, Risk Management, and Safety Planning annotated bibliographies for academic and grey literature. Beyond these annotated bibliographies, each data sheet is being coded for key themes among and across Hubs related to risk assessment, risk management, and safety planning, which will be used to write up the final SSHRC literature review. At the Research Assistant meeting in London on October 28-29, RAs presented preliminary findings and core themes observed within their data collection and annotated bibliography. Thank you to the RAs for all their hard work to date!

The coding and writing process have taken longer than originally anticipated but we look forward to having the Annotated Bibliographies available early in the New Year, with a draft report available for review in early Spring 2017.

## Re-naming of Research Hub

The Aboriginal Hub name has been changed to Indigenous Hub.

This direction was given by several project partners and co-investigators in recent months, and in consultation with community organizations. The word Aboriginal which derives from European sources can mean “not original” when taking the root “ab” as a Latin prefix.

The term indigenous tends to refer to people with long standing traditional occupations of a territory, but who are under pressure now as minorities or disenfranchised populations within an industrialized or industrializing nation-state.

A discussion about the usage of these terms is available through:

[Indigenous Arts Foundations program at UBC](#)

and a CBC news article: [What is in a name?](#)

## Student Profile

### Olivia Peters

Olivia Peters is an Honours student in Criminology at the University of Manitoba. Her research focuses on Indigenous overrepresentation in Canadian criminal justice institutions and the reintegration of Indigenous offenders in Winnipeg.

As a research assistant at RESOLVE Manitoba, Olivia has worked on the Winnipeg Family Violence Court project for Dr. Jane Ursel.

For her honours thesis, Olivia is conducting a literature review of domestic violence policing strategies, with specific attention to contemporary strategies and operational components aimed at effectively reducing domestic violence recidivism and their potential application in the context of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Olivia is passionate about her academic training in sociological and criminological theory and seeks to conduct research that informs social issues while positively impacting communities.





## Project Activities

### Student Meeting

The CDHPiVP hosted a meeting for students and research assistants currently working on the project on October 27-29, 2016 at Western University in London, ON. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an overview of the project and opportunity for students and research assistants to connect;

share what they learned to date through the literature review; test data collection instruments; and identify additional learning opportunities.

A special thank you to Laura Olszowy for hosting the group for a social event one evening at her home.



Back row left to right: Meghan Gosse, Danielle Sutton, Danielle Bader, Jane Wangmann (guest), Mike Saxton, Peter Jaffe, Anna-Lee Straatman, Myrna Dawson, Marcie Campbell, Jordan Fairbairn, Kay Reif, Randal David, Sarah Yercich  
Front row: Robert Mooney (interpreter), Salima Massoui, Anna Johnson, Nicole Jeffrey, Olivia Peters, Melissa Wuerch, Natasha Lagarde, Laura Olszowy, Abir Al Jamal



## Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Conference

Plans are well underway for the Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Conference on October 18-19, 2017 in London, ON at the London Convention Centre. A committee has been established to organize the event and review submissions received through the Call for Proposals process, but we will be seeking assistance from all partnership members with promotional activities. More information about the conference and a preliminary agenda are available on the website at: at [www.cdhipi.ca/canadian-domestic-homicide-prevention-conference](http://www.cdhipi.ca/canadian-domestic-homicide-prevention-conference)

The Call for Proposals, Abstracts and Posters for presentation submissions opened December 15, 2016 and closes March 31, 2017. To submit a proposal: <http://cdhipi.ca/call-proposals>

The CDHPVIP Partnership will meet on **Tuesday, October 17, 2017** at the Hilton Hotel in London, ON to share updates on progress, obtain feedback, and plan for the final stages of the project. All project co-investigators, students, RAs, collaborators and representatives from partner organizations are welcome to attend. A complete list of partnering organizations and collaborators is available at: <http://www.cdhipi.ca/partnership-members>

### *Save the Date:*

*Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative with Vulnerable Populations  
National Partnership Meeting  
October 17, 2017, London, ON.*

*More details will follow as they become available.*

# CANADIAN DOMESTIC HOMICIDE PREVENTION CONFERENCE

**A Conference for Practitioners,  
Researchers, Policy Makers, Advocates,  
Coroners, Health & Justice Professionals**

**Call for Proposals:  
Panels, Workshops, Posters**  
[www.cdhipi.ca/call-proposals](http://www.cdhipi.ca/call-proposals)

### Featured Topics Include:

Emerging Trends in Canadian Domestic Homicides  
Risk Assessment, Risk Management & Safety Planning  
Working with Indigenous, Rural, Remote, Northern,  
Immigrant & Refugee populations and Children  
Domestic Homicide Reviews in Canada

[cdhipi.ca/canadian-domestic-homicide-prevention-conference](http://cdhipi.ca/canadian-domestic-homicide-prevention-conference)

**October 18-19, 2017  
London Convention Centre**

Canadian Domestic Homicide  
Prevention Initiative



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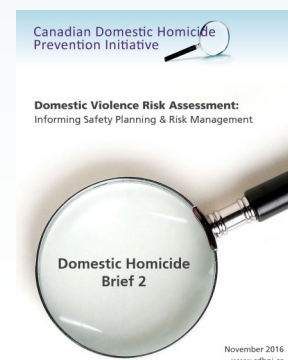
Check out our latest products available on the website at <http://www.cdhipi.ca/knowledge-products>

A series of Domestic Homicide Briefs are being developed as a result of knowledge gleaned through the literature review, collaboration and communication with partners and collaborators on various topics related to the project.

Series products include:

1. Domestic Violence Death Review Committees: Speaking for the dead to protect the living
2. Domestic Violence Risk assessment: Informing Safety Planning & Risk Management

These products are available on the website in English and French.



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