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This SVRI Update contains a variety of sexual violence related research and resources. If you would like to have your sexual violence related resources included in the Update, please send your materials to svri@mrc.ac.za. For more information and resources on sexual violence and the Sexual Violence Research Initiative visit www.svri.org. Please note that the SVRI Updates are also available on our Facebook page.

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I. SVRI Forum 2015 notice

Message to all oral and poster presenters: To ensure your place in the programme please register and pay your conference fees. Please communicate with us if payment will be made at a later time. For any registration queries, please contact: Merlin.Osborne@mrc.ac.za. Please register online at: http://www.svri.org/forum2015/registration.htm

Pre-conference workshops: Register for one of the exciting and informative pre-conference workshops to be held on Monday 14 September 2015. Please note that the workshops are not included in your registration and will need to be paid for separately. Workshops are charged at R500 per workshop and can be registered for

II. Journal articles

[Write to the author given as the contact person by the respective publishing house to request a full copy of a journal article]

No. 6, e332–e340, June 2015: Authors' assess the role that women's status and other gender-related factors might have in defining levels of partner violence among settings.

Alcohol use and unintended sexual consequences among women attending an urban sexually transmitted infections clinic. Lewis D, Hutton HE, Agee TA, McCaul ME, Chander G. Women’s Health Issues 2015: Results highlight the link between alcohol use and sexual victimization and the need for intervention development to reduce the emotional and physical harms resulting from the unintended consequences of alcohol use [Source: SafetyLit: 5 July 2015]

Callous-unemotional traits trajectories interact with earlier conduct problems and executive control to predict violence and substance use among high risk male adolescents. Baskin-Sommers AR, Waller R, Fish AM, Hyde LW. J. Abnorm. Child Psychol. 2015: Study findings highlight the utility of identifying subgroups of youth who differ on trajectories of CU traits for understanding the development and maintenance of severe antisocial behavior. [Source: SafetyLit: 5 July 2015]


Early PTSD symptom sub-clusters predicting chronic posttraumatic stress following sexual assault. Carper TL, Mills MA, Steenkamp MM, Nickerson A, Salters-Pedneault K, Litz BT. Psychol. Trauma 2015: This study sought to determine the relative predictive validity of 4 sub-clusters, namely reexperiencing, strategic avoidance, emotional numbing, and hyperarousal, assessed within 1 month of a sexual assault. [Source: SafetyLit: 5 July 2015]


Predictors of attrition for a sexual assault forensic examiner (SAFE) blended learning training program. Patterson D, Resko S. J. Contin. Educ. Health Prof. 2015; 35(2): 99-108: Blending an online course with a brief in-person clinical component may serve as a motivator for completing an online course because it provides the opportunity to develop clinical skills while receiving immediate feedback. [Source: SafetyLit: 5 July 2015]

Sexual violence among middle school students: the effects of gender and dating experience. Levine E. J. Interpers. Violence 2015: Data reveal that, while boys’ violence towards girls comprises a substantial proportion of sexual violence in this population, same-sex violence and girls’ violence towards boys are also prevalent. [Source: SafetyLit: 5 July 2015]

Traumatic episodes and mental health effects in young men and women in Rwanda, 17 years after the genocide. Rugema L, Mogren I, Ntaganira J, Krantz G. BMJ Open 2015: Depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and suicidal attempts are prevalent in Rwanda, with rates twice as high in women compared with men. For women, exposure to physical and sexual abuse was independently associated with all these disorders. [Source: SafetyLit: 5 July 2015]

Concealing campus sexual assault: An empirical examination. Yung, Corey Rayburn. Psychology, Public Policy, and Law, Vol 21(1), Feb 2015, 1-9.: This study tests whether there is substantial undercounting of sexual assault by universities. Study results are consistent with the hypothesis that the ordinary practice of universities is to undercount incidents of sexual assault. [Source: WUNRN]

A self-report study of sexual victimization in Spanish community adolescents and at-risk groups, Pereda N, Abad J, Guilera G, Arch M. Gac. Sanit. 2015: To determine the extent of sexual victimization in four groups of Spanish adolescents based on their own reports. [Source: SafetyLit: 5 July 2015]


From work with men and boys to changes of social norms and reduction of inequities in gender relations: A conceptual shift in prevention of violence against women and girls. Jewkes, R., Flood, M., & Lang, J. The Lancet, 385(9977): 1580-89. 2015: Future interventions should emphasise work with both men and boys and women and girls to change social norms on gender relations, and need to appropriately accommodate the differences between men and women in the design of programmes. [Source: ANROWS]

III. Online publications and resources

BMC Proceedings, Proceedings of the 1st Washington, DC Meeting of the Africa Regional Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Network, 2013, Volume 9 Supplement 4: This volume reflects a culmination of seven years of grounded research and practice-building in the field of SGBV. It summarizes the work of the Africa Regional GBV Network, the interventions they have developed and the effectiveness of their interventions in responding to the needs of survivors. More info on the meeting available

State of the World’s Fathers, MenCare Campaign, 2015: The State of the World’s Fathers defines a global agenda for involving men and boys as part of the solution to achieve gender equality and positive outcomes in the lives of children, women, and men themselves.

CrimeSolutions.gov: The Office of Justice Programs’ CrimeSolutions.gov uses rigorous research to determine what works in criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services. On CrimeSolutions.gov you will find: Research on the effectiveness of programs and practices as reviewed and rated by Expert Reviewers, and Easily understandable ratings based on the evidence that indicates whether a program or practice achieves its goals: (Program Review and Rating from Start to Finishhttps://www.crimesolutions.gov/about_starttofinish.aspx and Practice Review and Rating from Start to Finish

Rape Prevention Program for College Students Rated “No Effects” in Impacting Sexual Victimization: The Sexual Assault Risk Reduction Program, a rape prevention program for college students designed to teach about the prevalence of sexual assault, distinguish between rape myths and facts, identify risky situations, and teach techniques that women can use in a risky situation, received an evidence rating of no effects. [Source: Office of Justice Programs Daily Digest Bulletin].

Special Collection: Preventing and Responding to Domestic & Sexual Violence in Later Life. VAWNet.org. Updated June 2015: This special collection brings together selected materials related to preventing and responding to elder abuse and abuse in later life. [Source: NRCDV eNewsletter]

10 Principles for Effective Prevention Messaging, National Sexual Violence Resource Center, 2015: This bulletin provides ten tips for advocates on effective sexual violence prevention messaging. [Source: NRCDV eNewsletter]

IV. Research opportunities, grants and funding

Conference Travel Grant - Canon Foundation: The Canon Foundation for Scientific Research is seeking applications to provide support for scientists and academics from developing countries in the scientific and engineering fields who would like to attend local or international conferences, symposia and workshops or undertake other postgraduate study. The Foundation welcomes applications from researchers who would like to attend local or international conferences, symposia and workshops or undertake other postgraduate study. In most cases, they will meet all or part of travel, accommodation and registration costs. They also consider offering financial assistance to qualified researchers wishing to further their expertise at an internationally recognised overseas institution. [Source: Equinet-news]

V. News
Here’s How You Can Help Stop A Sexual Assault Before It Happens, Huffington Post, 8 July 2015: When she started her work, Edwards said she wasn’t prepared to hear the stories of people who had witnessed sexual violence and failed to act.

So what if your porn is feminist? The collusion of feminism with sexual violence, ABC Online, 8 July 2015: Rather than changing pornography for the better, the misguided and tokenistic idea of ‘feminist porn’ is being used to legitimise the lack of ethics in the wider industry.

Gender is all too relevant in violence statistics, The Guardian, 7 July 2015: Many male victims of domestic violence, and the vast majority of men and boys who suffer sexual violence, are abused by men.

Dispatches: Broken Promise to Colombia’s Women, Dispatches, HRW, July 6, 2015: The government of Colombia should …. make access to health care for rape victims an enforceable right under the law for all victims.

Mennonites apologize for history of sex abuse following theologian John Howard Yoder scandal, RNS, Rich Preheim, July 6, 2015: From seminars to a service of lament to a statement confessing its failure to offer healing for survivors, sexual abuse was a prominent topic at the Mennonite Church USA’s biennial convention.

Transgender victims have few places to turn as LGBT domestic violence climbs, The Guardian, 4 July 2015: As a transgender man, Allan says he had nowhere to go when his relationship became violent and a partner would beat him up and force him to have sex with men for money.

UN Human Rights Council Adopts Resolution to End Child, Early & Forced Marriage, Girls Not Brides Team, 02 July 2015: On Thursday 2 July, the United Nations Human Rights Council unanimously adopted a resolution co-sponsored by over 85 States to strengthen efforts to prevent and eliminate child, early and forced marriage, a practice that affects 15 million girls every year. [Source: WUNRN]

VI. Events

Webinar: Building Movement Synergy: Engaging advocates and movement makers in primary prevention, Tuesday, July 28th, 2pm Eastern / 1pm Central / 11am Pacific: Join PreventIPV as they explore strategies for building prevention capacity and sustaining and expanding prevention-based movements.

SART Interactive Scenario, Pre-Conference, Washington DC, March 21, 2016: Learn how to use evidence to work through a sexual assault investigation from the crime scene to the courtroom.
Course announcement: women’s health, masculinities, and empowerment - advocacy and leadership training, Nairobi, Kenya, 1 September 2015 – 16 September 2015: Sonke Gender Justice and the University of California Global Health Institute’s Centre of Expertise on Women’s Health & Empowerment are partnering to offer a new short course on the intersection of women’s health empowerment and male engagement. Course applications open until filled.

For more events visit: http://www.svri.org/calendar.htm

VII. Vacancies

Research Manager / ANROWS / Australia / Deadline: 16 July, 2015 [Source: AWID]


Research Consultant – Women’s and Girls’ Safety and Mobility / UN Women / Home-based with travel to either the Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Vietnam and/or Cambodia / Deadline: 19 July 2015 [Source: AWID]

Knowledge Building Programme Officer, Musawah Secretariat / Musawah / Rabat, Morocco / 31 July 2015 [Source: AWID]

Associate Professor or Tenure Track Assistant Professor in Gender Studies / Faculté des Sciences Sociales et Politiques de l’Université de Lausanne / Lausanne, Switzerland / Deadline: 31 August 2015 [Source: AWID]

Country Director / Women for Women International / Afghanistan / Deadline: Open until filled [Source: AWID]

Programs Specialist / The Center for Reproductive Rights / New York, USA / Deadline: Open until filled [Source: AWID]

Sexual violence is a global issue that requires coordinated evidence-based responses.

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