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I. Journal articles

Please note, to obtain a full copy of a journal article you may write to the author given as the contact person by the respective publishing house to request a copy.

Violence against children in humanitarian settings: A literature review of population-based approaches. Stark L, Landis D. Social Science & Medicine, 152, 125–137, 2016: In this article, the authors reviewed prevalence studies of violence against children in humanitarian contexts appearing in peer-reviewed journals within the past twenty years. [Source: Columbia University Medical Center].


This article will provide the legal practitioner with a guide to current practice in respect of forensic medical assessment of persons reporting sexual violence in Ireland. The reader will be provided with an overview of what typically takes place when a patient attends an Irish SATU for a forensic medical assessment. Subscribe to a free trial or contact the author kieran.m.kennedy@gmail.com for a copy of this article.

[Source: National University of Ireland Galway]

Sexual violence among youth in New Mexico: risk and resiliency factors that impact behavioural health outcomes. Reed D, Reno J, Green D. Fam. Community Health, 39(2), 92-102, 2016: Research has consistently demonstrated a relationship between history of forced sex and poor behavioural health outcomes. The aims of this study are to describe this relationship among high school students and to explore the impact of resiliency factors.

[Source: Safetylit]

Abuse characteristics and individual differences related to disclosing childhood sexual, physical, and emotional abuse and witnessed domestic violence. Bottoms B. L, Peter-Hagene L.C, Epstein M.A, Wiley T.R.A, Reynolds C. E, Rudnicki A.G. J Interpers Violence, 31 (7), 1308–1339, 2016: This study surveyed 1,679 women undergraduates to understand disclosure of childhood sexual, physical, and emotional abuse, and, for the first time, witnessed domestic violence, which many consider to be emotionally abusive.

[Source: Sage Journals]


[Source: Safetylit]

Discriminant factors for adolescent sexual offending: on the usefulness of considering both victim age and sibling incest. Joyal C.C, Carpentier J, Martin C. Child Abuse Negl, 54, 10-22, 2016: This study examines the value of subgrouping juvenile sexual offenders according to the age of their victim and determining the supplementary value, if any, of considering sibling incest.

[Source: Safetylit]

Childhood sexual abuse and antisocial traits and behaviours: a gendered examination of the factors associated with perpetration of intimate partner violence. Cubellis M.A, Peterson B.E, Henninger A.M, Lee D. J Interpers Violence, 1-17, 2016: This study addresses the relationship between child sexual abuse and perpetration of physical intimate partner violence, examining the possible mediating effect of antisocial traits and behaviours, as well as the differences in these relationships between men and women.

[Source: Sage Journals]

Dimensions of peer sexual harassment victimization and depressive symptoms in adolescence: a longitudinal cross-lagged study in a Swedish sample. Dahlqvist H.Z, Landstedt E, Young R, Gadin K.G. J. Youth Adolesc. ePub, 2016: This study uses a feminist theoretical framework to test competing models in respect of the direction of the relationships between dimensions of peer sexual harassment victimization and dimensions of depressive symptoms from ages 14 to 16 in adolescents.

[Source: Safetylit]
Experiences of intimate partner violence (IPV) among women living with HIV/AIDS: A study of women attending a care and treatment clinic at Singida Regional Hospital, Central Tanzania. Kosia A, Semakafu A, Kakoko D, Frumence G, Nyamhanga T. Journal of Public Health, 2 (2), 1-16, 2016: This study explores the experiences and understanding of IPV among women living with HIV/AIDS attending a Care and Treatment Clinic (CTC) at Singida Regional Hospital in central Tanzania. [Source: Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences, Tanzania].

Lifetime sexual violence and childbirth expectations – a Norwegian population based cohort study. Henriksen L, Schei B, Lukasse M. Midwifery, 2016: Sexual violence against women is a major public health problem that can cause physical and psychological harm to women and lead to pregnancy complications which can also affecting parenting. This study explores the association between lifetime sexual violence and expectations about childbirth. [Source: SafetyLit].

II. Online publications and resources

Clinical protocol on gender-based violence. Government of Nepal, Ministry of Health, Population Division, Jhpiego, UNFPA, 2015 (pdf): This clinical protocol aims to improve the coordination between health sectors, civil society organizations at the centre, district and community levels through the health system to provide quality services as well as enhancing the capacity of the health workers involved in providing health care service to all GBV victims and survivors (women, men and children). [Source: Jhpiego].

Human rights of women living with HIV in the Americas. Luciano D and Negrete M. UNAIDS and CIM/OAS, 2015 (pdf): This report serves to inform discussions among OAS member states and their allies of the challenges that gender inequalities represent for the response to HIV, and of the actions that must be implemented at scale and that are necessary in order to create strategies that will enable HIV-positive women to exercise their rights to decent work, education, housing, healthcare, social protection, information, and social and political participation, and to live free from stigma, discrimination, and violence. [Source: Development Connections].

III. Research opportunities, grants and funding

Call for abstracts: 20th national conference on child abuse and neglect. The Conference theme is “Building Community, Building Hope”, which acknowledges the tremendous power in communities to solve the problem of child abuse and neglect, and reflects Children’s Bureau’s Office goal of providing a multidisciplinary forum to foster conversations about what the society can—and should—do to ensure children grow up to achieve their full potential, free from abuse and neglect. Submission deadline: 06 April 2016. [Source: Friends nrc].

IV. News

15-year-old girl raped, set on fire in India, SMH, 9 March 2016: The attack is just one of several recently reported cases of rape against women or children in India - underlining the persistence of such violence despite a public outcry three years ago that led to stronger laws
to prevent sexual assault.

**Senegal's anti-FGM campaigner: 'My child won't be cut', Aljazeera, 9 March 2016**: Activists in the West African country raise awareness among children and adults about risks of centuries-old tradition, female genital mutilation.

**Obama could help victims of rape around the world with one simple move, HuffPost Politics, 8 March 2016**: There is growing pressure for President Barack Obama to change a policy that blocks foreign aid from going toward abortion care for women raped in conflict zones and developing countries.

**International Women's Day: 85% of younger women have been sexually harassed in public, Independent, 08 March 2016**: A shocking proportion of women under the age of 25 have been sexually harassed in public places, leading many of them to plan their daily life in order to avoid situations where they feel unsafe.

**NHRC decries high rise of sexual violence on women, calls for ‘special court’, Daily Post, 8 March 2016**: The National Human Rights Commission, NHRC, has decried the high rise in complaints on violence inflicted on women, saying there is need for ‘special courts’ for women-related violence to ensure diligent prosecution of such cases.

**Statisticians found one thing they can agree on: it’s time to stop misusing P-values, FiveThirtyEight, 7 March 2016**: How many statisticians does it take to ensure at least a 50 percent chance of a disagreement about p-values? According to a tongue-in-cheek assessment by statistician George Cobb of Mount Holyoke College, the answer is two ... or one. So it’s no surprise that when the American Statistical Association gathered 26 experts to develop a consensus statement on statistical significance and p-values, the discussion quickly became heated.

**V. Events**

**Every hour matters: A call to ensure all survivors have access to post-rape care, 16 March 2016, New York, USA**: With the Every Hour Matters campaign, Together for Girls aims to increase awareness of the importance of rapid access to comprehensive post-rape care given the benefits to reduce HIV infection, other sexually transmitted infections, unintended pregnancies, and psychological trauma. [Source: Together for girls].

**Webinar: Sports and rape culture - Transforming athletics into prevention partners, 5 April 2016**: The Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs hosts this webinar in order to explore the engagement of athletes and their coaches as potentially powerful partners in prevention of sexual, dating, and domestic violence; and the present academic research that highlights evidence based programs currently in use by prevention experts and advocates around the country and explore critical components of successful engagement strategies. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

**Monash University Criminological Horizons annual lecture: Sexual violence - New and persistent challenges, 6 April 2016, Victoria, Australia**: This forum, facilitated by TV and radio
broadcaster, and social connector and satirist, Libbi Gorr, brings together leading sexual violence and gender researchers, support advocates and practitioners, to reflect on the new and persistent challenges inherent to sexual violence and exploitation in a contemporary, technology-facilitated world. [Source: Monash University].

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

VI. Vacancies

**Gender and Program Quality Manager** / CARE Australia / Dili, Timor-Leste / Closing date: 13 March 2016. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

**Expert Prise en Charge des Victimes de Violences Sexuelles** / BTC, Belgian Development Agency / Kisangani, DRC / Closing date: 14 March 2016. [Source: BTC].

**Resource Development Coordinator** / JASS / Washington, DC (preferable) or New York City, USA / Closing date: 17 March 2016. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

**Communications Assistant** / Promundo-US / Washington DC, USA / Closing date: 17 March 2016. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

**Women’s Rights Policy and Advocacy Specialist** / Oxfam Canada / Ottawa, Canada / Closing date: 18 March 2016. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

**International Consultant** / UN Women Tunisia Office / Tunis, Tunisia / Closing date: 18 March 2016. [Source: UN Women].

**Forum Registration Coordinator** / AWID / Global / Closing date: 20 March 2016. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

**Technical Advisor, Gender** / The Global Fund / Global / Closing date: 25 March 2016. [Source: UN].

**Junior Consultant Digital Fundraising Assistant (Technical)** / The World Food Programme / Rome, Italy, WFP Headquarters / Closing date: 25 March 2016. [Source: UN].

**Women’s Protection and Empowerment Manager** / International Rescue Committee / Kaga Bandoro, Central African Republic / Closing date: 05 April 2016. [Source: IRC].

**Protection Monitoring and Evaluation Manager** / International Rescue Committee / Serbia / Closing date: 10 April 2016. [Source: IRC].

**Protection Coordinator** / International Rescue Committee / Serbia / Closing date: 10 April 2016. [Source: IRC].

**Head, Information and Communications Technology Division** / International Court of Justice / The Hague, Netherlands / Closing date: 22 April 2016 [Source: UN].
**International Psychologist Trainer** / Warvin Foundation for Women's Issues / Duhok, Iraq / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

**Director of Business Development** / Women for Women International / Washington DC, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

**Senior Associate, Operations** / The Center for Reproductive Rights / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

**International Project Manager** / ActionAid / London (UK), Johannesburg (RSA) or Nairobi (Kenya) / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

**Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Coordinator** / ActionAid / Johannesburg (RSA), Nairobi (Kenya) or London (UK) / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID jobs eNews].

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

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