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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 2017 News](#)

Deadline dates:

The SVRI Forum 2017 will be held at [Sheraton Grand Rio Hotel & Resort](#), Rio, Brazil, 18-21 September 2017. Please take note of the following deadline dates:

Accommodation booking: 1 July 2017
Early registration: 1 July 2017
Workshop registration: 1 July 2017
Late registration: 2 July – 11 September 2017

Introducing Guest Speakers:

The Forum is approaching and we are excited to announce the key note speakers over the next few weeks. To begin with, this week we are introducing to you, **Dr. Colleen Varcoe**.

Dr. Colleen Varcoe is a professor in the School of Nursing at the University of British Columbia. Her research focuses on violence and inequity, with an emphasis on both structural and interpersonal violence. Her completed research includes studies of the risks and health effects of violence, including for rural and Indigenous women. Her current research includes studies to promote equity (including cultural safety, harm reduction, and trauma- and violence-informed care) in primary health care and Emergency and studies of health interventions for women who have experienced

violence, most recently for Indigenous women.

Read more about SVRI Forum 2017 [here](#)

We look forward to seeing you all in Rio!

II. 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.

[Measuring personal beliefs and perceived norms about intimate partner violence: Population-based survey experiment in rural Uganda. Tsai A.C, Kakuhikire B, Perkins J.M, Vořechovská D, McDonough A.Q, Ogburn E.L, Downey J.M, Bangsberg D.R. PLoS Med 14\(5\): e1002303, 2017:](#) This study explores personal beliefs about the acceptability of intimate partner violence and perceived norms about intimate partner violence within the community. [Source: Harvard Medical School].

["A boy, being a victim, nobody really buys that, you know?": Dynamics of sexual violence against boys. Hohendorff J.V, Habigzang L.F, Koller S.H. Child Abuse Negl. 70, 53-64, 2017:](#) This study presents the possible dynamics of sexual violence against boys by interviewing young victims of sexual abuse and practitioners with clinical experience in the treatment of this population. [Source: Safetylit].

[Barriers and facilitators to disclosing sexual abuse in childhood and adolescence: a systematic review. Lemaigre C, Taylor E.P, Gittoes C. Child Abuse Negl. 70, 39-52, 2017:](#) This review identifies the need for developmentally appropriate school-based intervention programmes that facilitate children's disclosure by reducing feelings of responsibility, self-blame, guilt and shame. [Source: Safetylit].

[Women's protection public policies: evaluation of health care for victims of sexual violence. Pinto L.S.S, Oliveira I.M.P, Pinto E.S.S, Leite C.B.C, Melo A.D.N, Deus M.C.B.R. Cien. Saude Colet. 22\(5\), 1501-1508, 2017:](#) This study aims to evaluate public policies, women's rights legislation and health care for victims of sexual violence. [Source: Safetylit].

[Child behaviour problems and parenting skills of mothers in environments of intimate partner violence. Rosser Limiñana A, Suriá Martínez R, Mateo Pérez M.Á. Gac. Sanit. ePub, 2017:](#) This study assesses the behavioural problems of children who have been exposed to intimate partner violence situations, and the moderating effect of mother parenting. [Source: Safetylit].

[The relationships between harsh physical punishment and child maltreatment in childhood and intimate partner violence in adulthood. Afifi T.O, Mota N, Sareen J, MacMillan H.L. BMC Public Health. 17\(1\), e493, 2017:](#) This article examines whether harsh physical punishment (i.e., being pushed, grabbed, shoved, hit, and/or slapped without causing marks, bruises, or injury) is associated with an increased likelihood of more severe childhood maltreatment (i.e., physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, physical neglect, emotional neglect, and exposure to intimate partner violence (IPV) in childhood and perpetration or victimization of IPV in adulthood. [Source: Safetylit].

[Experiencing lifetime domestic violence: Associations with mental health and stress among pregnant women in rural Bangladesh – The MINIMat randomized trial. Ziaei S, Frith A.M, Ekström E, Naved R.T. PLoS ONE. ePub, 2016:](#) This study aims to evaluate associations of specific and multiple forms of lifetime domestic violence and controlling behaviour with distress and cortisol level during

pregnancy in rural Bangladeshi women. [Source: icddr,b].

III. Online publications and resources

[MediCapt in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: The design, development, and deployment of mobile technology to document forensic evidence of sexual violence. Naimer K, Brown W, Mishori R. *Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal*. 11\(1\), 25-35, 2017:](#) This review essay provides an overview of the MediCapt app and the steps Physicians for Human Rights has taken to design, develop, and field-test the app in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It also explores advocacy opportunities that the app's emerging technology may facilitate down the road. [Source: Physicians for Human Rights].

IV. Research opportunities, grants and funding

[Call for papers: Gendered Perspectives on International Development \(GPID\) working papers:](#) Michigan State University invites the submission of article-length manuscripts (6,000 - 9,000 words) for peer review and publication in their GPID Working Papers series. They seek materials at a late stage of formulation that contribute new understandings of women and men's roles and relations amidst social, economic, and political change in the developing world. The goals of GPID are: (1) to promote research that contributes to gendered analysis of social change, (2) to highlight the effects of international development policy and globalization on gender roles and gender relations, and (3) to encourage new approaches to international development policy and programming. If you are interested in submitting a manuscript to the GPID Working Papers series, please send a 150-word abstract summarizing the paper's essential points and findings to Dr. Amy Jamison, Editor, or Kelly Birch Maginot, Managing Editor, at papers@msu.edu. [Source: Michigan State University].

[Call for applications: International Fund:](#) The Astraea Foundation for Lesbian Justice supports lesbian, trans*, intersex and LGBTQI groups that promote racial, economic and gender justice and mobilize communities to challenge oppression and claim their rights. The foundation is accepting Letters of Intent (LOI) through its Astraea's International Fund, which supports LGBTQI groups working to advance progressive social change, address oppression based on sexual orientation and/or gender identity and expression, and promote racial, economic and gender justice. Grants will range between \$5,000 and \$30,000 per year. To be considered for their December 2017 cycle, submit an LOI by 1 July 2017. [Source: WUNRN].

V. News

[Gender-based killings, domestic violence forms of 'arbitrary execution' – UN rights expert, UN News, 7 June 2017:](#) A United Nations-appointed human rights expert today said that gender-related killings and domestic murders or intimate partner violence should be understood as forms of arbitrary execution and thus violates the right to life.

[Aid workers face an underreported sexual violence crisis, The Conversation, 6 June 2017:](#) The world's approximately 450,000 humanitarian aid workers operate amid armed conflicts and natural disasters, often in some of the world's most dangerous countries. They're not immune to the poor conditions, insecurity and violence surrounding them. Indeed, 287 of them were victims of major violent attacks in 2015, according to the Aid Worker Security Database.

[Families can drive gender equality, but only if we help them evolve, The Conversation, 15 May 2017:](#) Women are increasingly the breadwinners of their families, a shift in domestic roles that has upsid

and challenges.

VI. Events

[Webinar: Community accountability for safety: Building capacity to make sexual and domestic violence a community responsibility, 26 June 2017](#): This web conference will explore the role of strong social networks, inclusion and community accountability in sexual and domestic violence prevention and highlight innovative local efforts. Register [online](#). [Source: Prevent Connect].

[Training: The Women's Leadership Institute on Peace and Security, 24-28 July 2017, Uganda](#): The Women's Leadership Institute on Peace and Security is designed to strengthen the transformative leadership of activists in fragile and conflict-affected areas in Africa and Asia. This year the training covers global peace and security discourse, combating violent extremism and movement building strategies; Practical skills and tools to monitor development progress using a gendered, peace and security lens. To register, you need to fill out and submit the [application Form](#), and send a scanned copy of your recent passport size photo and the latest annual report of your nominating institution by 19 June 2017 to prossy@isis.or.ug. [Source: AWID].

For more events visit: <http://www.svri.org/event-calendar>

VII. Vacancies

[Press Officer](#) / The International Campaign for Women's Right to Safe Abortion / London, UK / Closing date: 12 June 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Young Feminist Movement Building Advisor](#) / TGNP MTANDAO / Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania / Closing date: 15 June 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Consultant: women's leadership pathways research](#) / International Women's Development Agency / Home-based / Closing date: 29 June 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Chief Human Resources Officer](#) / The Center for Reproductive Rights (the Center) / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Communications Strategist for Reproductive Rights](#) / American Civil Liberties Union / New York, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Learning, Evaluation and Grants Operations Fellow](#) / The Global Fund for Women / San Francisco, California / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

[Protection Manager](#) / International Rescue Committee / Misrata, Libya / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: IRC].

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

The Sexual Violence Research Initiative is hosted by the Medical Research Council, South Africa. The SVRI aims to increase awareness and promote research on sexual violence and its linkages to other forms of violence to influence policy and practice, particularly in low and middle income countries.

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