Dear SVRI List Members

Please note that the next SVRI Update will be published on 28 September 2017 due to hosting of the SVRI Forum 2017 next week. 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.

Today’s SVRI Update includes the following:
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I. #SVRIForum2017

Only few days left to kickstart the SVRI Forum 2017 at the beautiful Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Please note that registration for the conference is now closed. View the SVRI Forum 2017 programme online. Registered delegates are invited to download the Whova app to access the programme, network with others and create their own agenda.

If you are unable to attend the Forum this year, please follow our social media platforms for updates on sessions, special events and more – simply search the hashtag #SVRIForum2017 on Twitter and Facebook to connect!

II. SVRI Member’s Request

Did you experience sexual assault while in university? I am interested in hearing your life story.

My name is Katherine Stewart, a PhD Candidate at the Rehabilitation Sciences Institute at the University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada under the co-supervision of Drs. Janice Du Mont and Helene Polatajko. My research explores life after sexual assault in university; specifically, how an experience of sexual assault in university shapes the activities that women do in their everyday lives. I am
looking to recruit women who experienced sexual assault while enrolled in a university program (undergraduate or graduate) to participate in my research. In particular, I am currently looking to speak to women who are 40 years of age or older, and who live in the Greater Toronto Area, or surrounding areas. Download flyer.

If you are interested in participating, or if you would like to know more, please contact me at ke.stewart@mail.utoronto.ca

III. New SVRI Publications and Reports

Assessing the effectiveness of violence prevention strategies in Nicaragua between 1995 and 2015. SVRI, Global Women’s Institute, George Washington University, 2017: Violence against women and girls can be prevented and substantially decreased over a generation through a coordinated effort to increase women’s access to justice, comprehensive services for survivors.

IV. 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.

List randomization for soliciting experience of intimate partner violence: Application to the evaluation of Zambia’s unconditional child grant program. Peterman A, Palermo T.M, Handa S, Seidenfeld D, on behalf of the Zambia Child Grant Program Evaluation Team. Health Economics. ePub, 2017: In this study, authors utilize the technique of list randomization to collect measures of physical intimate partner violence in an experimental impact evaluation of the Government of Zambia’s Child Grant Program. [Source: UNICEF Office of Research].

Women’s and men’s reports of past-year prevalence of intimate partner violence and rape and women’s risk factors for intimate partner violence: a multicounty cross-sectional study in Asia and the Pacific. Jewkes R, Fulu E, Tabassam Naved R, Chirwa E, Dunkle K, Haardörf er R, Garcia-Moreno C. PLoS Med. 14(9), ePub, 2017: In this study, authors compare the population prevalence rates of past-year male-perpetrated intimate partner violence and non-partner rape from women’s and men’s reports across 4 countries in Asia and the Pacific. [Source: Safetylit].

Supporting female survivors of intimate partner violence with disabilities: recommendations for social workers in the emergency department. Ballan M.S, Freyer M.B. Soc. Work Health Care. ePub, 2017: This article explores the critical role emergency department social workers can fill in addressing the needs of female survivors of intimate partner violence with disabilities. [Source: Safetylit].

In search of modifiable risk and protective factors for teen dating violence. Smith-Darden J.P, Kernsmith P.D, Reidy D.E, Cortina K.S. J. Res. Adolesc. 27(2), 423-435, 2017: This study explores the additive and interactive effects of anger or hostility, acceptance of violence, and constructive conflict resolution strategies (CRS) on the perpetration of physical and sexual teen dating violence. [Source: Safetylit].

The relationship between childhood adversity, attachment, and internalizing behaviors in a diversion program for child-to-mother violence. Nowakowski-Sims E, Rowe A. Child Abuse Negl. 72, 266-275,
2017: This study explores the relationships between childhood adversity, child-mother attachment, and internalizing behaviours among a sample of 80 youth who have been arrested for domestic battery against a mother. [Source: SafetyLit].

Is economic dependence on the husband a risk factor for intimate partner violence against female factory workers in Nepal? Dhungel S, Dhungel P, Dhital S.R, Stock C. BMC Women's Health. 17(82), ePub, 2017: This study assesses the association between several socio-economic factors and intimate partner violence in Nepal. [BMC Women’s Health].

V. Online Publications and Resources

Prevention Navigator, RAINN: This webpage offers resources to help colleges find and review sexual assault prevention programs. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

Fact sheet: The economic cost of intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Institute for Women’s Policy Research. 2017: This fact sheet summarizes findings from research literature on the economic consequences and costs of intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and stalking for victims and survivors. [Source: WUNRN].

Seeking help for domestic and family violence: Exploring regional, rural, and remote women’s coping experiences – Final report. ANROWS. 2017: This study contributes to the limited evidence on how geographical and social isolation shapes women’s coping with and decisions to seek assistance for domestic and family violence, and their efforts to live safely. [Source: ANROWS].

INSPIRE: seven strategies for ending violence against children. WHO. 2016: This report describes INSPIRE – an evidence-based resource for everyone committed to preventing and responding to violence against children and adolescents – from government to grassroots, and from civil society to the private sector. The report is also available in Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish. [Source: WUNRN].

VI. Research Opportunities, Grants and Funding

Call for proposals: Awareness raising campaigns on the effects of, and how to address, harmful gender stereotypes (Only for Albania): The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) in Albania is inviting civil society organizations (CSOs) or CSO networks working on gender equality and ending violence against women to undertake capacity building and awareness raising campaigns on the effects of, and how to address, harmful gender stereotypes with the involvement of communities and community based organizations, government, media, private sector, National Human Rights Institutions and human rights advocates. Deadline: 17 September 2017. [Source: UN Women].

Call for applications: Health policy fellowship program: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is seeking applications for this program in order to provide the most comprehensive learning experience at the nexus of health, science, and policy in Washington, D.C, United States of America. It is an outstanding opportunity for exceptional midcareer health professionals and behavioural and social scientists with an interest in health and health care policy. Deadline: 15 November 2017. [Source: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation].

VII. News
Rio, Brazil: A convergence to place sexual violence, intimate partner violence, child abuse and maltreatment at the heart of resolve, SAMRC, 13 September 2017: On 18-21 September 2017, over 450 delegates will be gathered in Rio, Brazil discussing innovative ways to understand, prevent and respond to sexual and intimate partner violence.

Sex education for the blind helps women with disabilities smash stigma, News Deeply, 12 September 2017: Sexuality education is not common in Indian school curricula, and the subject is banned in many states. However, an Indian NGO is recently providing consistent sexuality education to women with disabilities for the first time.

Why did contraception top being common ground in the abortion wars? Huffington Post, 27 June 2017: An administration firmly opposed to abortion is taking steps that will only assure more unintended pregnancies, said Carole Joffe.

VIII. Events

Contemporary practices in the treatment of youth who have sexually abused, 4-6 October 2017, New York, USA: This course is for clinicians and case managers at all levels of experience working with youth who have sexually abused, although the course does not cover basic tools and principles of sexually abusive behaviour. Instead, the course is designed to ensure clinicians and case managers understand current perspectives and practices in the assessment and treatment of sexually abusive youth. Early registration close: 29 September 2017. [Source: NEARI Press and Training Centre].

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

IX. Vacancies

National Consultant for Economic Affairs / UN Women / Kabul, Afghanistan / Closing date: 17 September 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Human Resources Intern / International Alert / London, UK / Closing date: 19 September 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Director, Gender (maternity cover) / Girl Effect / London, UK / Closing date: 24 September 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Officer for Philanthropic Partnerships / Mama Cash / Amsterdam, Netherlands / Closing date: 30 September 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

Administrator and Research and Policy Officer / The Women’s Budget Group / London, UK / Closing date: 2 October 2017. [Source: AWID Jobs eNews].

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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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