QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Before you know who I am as a scientist you need to know who I am as a person. It is my belief that seeing each other as people first leads to a less biased, kinder, more open and inclusive academia.” - Dr Swanne Gordon

SVRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Consultancy: Research Uptake Institutional Approach and Online Course Curriculum Development: The SVRI, with support from Sida and an anonymous donor, plans to deliver an open, publicly available online course on research uptake. The SVRI is looking for a consultant to assist in the development of our institutional approach to research uptake and the development of an online course. Download the Terms of Reference. Closing date: 15 March 2021.

COVID-19 AND GBV RELATED RESOURCES

See below COVID-19 and GBV-related resources that caught our attention this week


Standish, K., Weil, S. (2021): Gendered pandemics: suicide, femicide and COVID-19. Journal of Gender Studies. ePUb: In this study, the authors assert that suicide rates will increase for women and girls to unprecedented levels as a direct result of pandemic public health measures and it is also their contention that the gendered impact of COVID-19 will lead to an upsurge in another harm induced by the global health order to stay at home: femicide. [Source: Taylor and Francis Online].

For more resources, visit SVRI COVID-19 webpage.
FIELDING-MILLER, R., BARKER, K., WAGMAN, J. (2021). Relative risk of intimate partner violence according to access to instrumental social support among pregnant women in Eswatini whose partners do and do not drink alcohol. J. Interpers. Violence. ePub: This study sought to understand how partner alcohol use differentially affected the hypothesized association between a protective role of instrumental social support (in the form of food or financial loans) against intimate partner violence for a clinic-based sample of women in the Kingdom of Eswatini (formerly known as Swaziland). [Source: Safetylit].

DAIGLE, M., MARTIN, S., MYRTTINEN, H. (2021). 'Stranger danger' and the gendered/racialised construction of threats in humanitarianism. Journal of Humanitarian Affairs. 2(3), 4-13: In this article, the authors argue that humanitarianism remains very much dominated by the romanticised figure of the white, male humanitarian – and a space where those questioning exclusionary constructs of danger are quickly silenced and even ridiculed, despite claims to inclusiveness. The study discusses the rising sense of risk in the aid sector in the last two decades and a number of responses to it, most notably HEAT training, before offering observations about how the sector conceptualises security and what that means for its efforts to prevent and mitigate sexual violence in particular. [Source: GBV CoP].

BENDER, A. K., LAURITSEN, J. L. (2021). Violent victimization among lesbian, gay, and bisexual populations in the United States: Findings from the National Crime Victimization Survey, 2017-2018. American journal of public health, 111(2), 318-326: This study uses data from the National Crime Victimization Survey to estimate United States’ nonlethal violent victimization rates for lesbian, gay, and bisexual (LGB) males and females aged 16 years and older and compares disparities among LGB and straight males and females, controlling for other correlates of victimization. [Source: University of Missouri-St. Louis].

CROWLEYA, D. M., SCOTT, J. T., LONG, E. C., GREEN L, ISRAEL, A., SUPPLEE, L., JORDAN, E., OLIVER, K., GUILLOT-WRIGHT, S., GAY B, STORACE, R., TORRES-MACKIE, N., MURPHY, Y., DONNAI, S., REARDANZ, J., SMITH, R., MCGUIRE, K., BAKER, E., ANTONOPOULOS, A., MCCAULEY, M., GIRAY, C. (2021). Lawmakers’ use of scientific evidence can be improved. PNAS. 118 (9), e2012955118: This study is an experimental trial that demonstrates the potential for formal outreach strategies to change congressional use of research. The study results show that collaboration between research and policy communities can change policymakers’ value of science and result in legislation that appears to be more inclusive of research evidence. [Source: Research-to-Policy Collaboration].

KEFALE, B., YALEW, M., DAMTIE, Y., AREFOYINNE, M., ADANE, B. (2021). Predictors of sexual violence among female students in higher education institutions in Ethiopia: a systematic review and meta-analysis. PLoS One. 16(2), e0247386: This systematic review and meta-analysis were conducted to estimate the lifetime and twelve-month prevalence, and predictors of sexual violence among female students in institutions of higher education in Ethiopia. [Source: PLoS One].


Dawson, A., Wijewardene, K. (2021). Insights into preventing female genital mutilation/cutting in Sri Lanka: a qualitative interpretative study. Reprod Health. 18(1), 51: This paper presents the findings of the first large scale research to gain insight into the types of female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) practiced in Sri Lanka, individuals who perform FGM/C, the rationale for the practice and perceived effects, associated rituals and
views of trends and how the practice could be prevented. [Source: NCBI].

Falb, K., Annan, J. (2021). Pre-positioning an evaluation of cash assistance programming in an acute emergency: strategies and lessons learned from a study in Raqqa Governorate, Syria. Confl Health. 15(1),12: In this paper, the authors demonstrate the possibility to conduct ethical and rigorous research in acute emergencies and draw on a recent experience of evaluating the potential effect of a cash assistance program on women’s experiences of violence and wellbeing in Raqqa Governorate, Syria, conducted by the International Rescue Committee (IRC), an international humanitarian aid organization. [Source: BioMed Central].

Touquet, H., Chynoweth, S., Martin, S., Reis, C., Myrttinen, H., Schulz, P., Turner, L., Duriesmith, D. (2021). From ‘it rarely happens’ to ‘it’s worse for men’ dispelling misconceptions about sexual violence against men and boys in conflict and displacement. Journal of Humanitarian Affairs. 2(3), 25-34: In this paper, the authors clarify ten common misconceptions about conflict and displacement-related sexual violence against men and boys based on existing evidence and our collective field experience in twenty-seven countries as humanitarian aid workers and academics. [Source: GBV CoP].

Horn, J. (2020). Decolonising emotional well-being and mental health in development: African feminist innovations. Gender and Development, ePub: This article explores what a decolonial approach to emotional well-being and mental health looks like in development and humanitarian response, using the example of African feminist praxis around the emotional wellbeing and mental health of African women impacted by injustice, and the practitioners that work in solidarity with them. [Source: Oxfam].

MEMBERS REQUESTS

Call for materials: Tracking Funding for Research on Violence against Women (VAW) in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs)
The SVRI is working on a study to track funding for research on violence against women (VAW) in and low and middle income countries (LMICs). As part of this process, we are looking for studies that will help map funding for research on VAW. We would greatly appreciate links to related studies, which can be emailed to Joy Watson at watsonjoyann@gmail.com.

Building knowledge and capacity to address technology-facilitated violence against women and girls in emergency contexts
The GBV AoR Helpdesk with the GBV AoR Community of Practice is seeking to develop resources to build knowledge and capacity to support efforts to prevent and respond to technology-facilitated violence against women and girls (VAWG) in emergency-affected and fragile contexts. To ensure that the resources best meet the needs of the GBViE community and are based on experiences and responses to technology-facilitated VAWG in humanitarian and fragile contexts, GBV AoR helpdesk is:

a) Conducting a short survey to collect information from GBV CoP members and others about technology-facilitated VAWG. The survey will only take 10 minutes to complete and all responses are anonymous. The survey is open until 20 March 2021. You can access the survey here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J83W8C5
b) Interviewing GBV COP members who have knowledge or experience in addressing technology-facilitated VAWG. If you or your organisation have worked directly with survivors, been involved in addressing technology-facilitated VAWG in some other way, or have other knowledge or experience in the area and would like to share it for the purpose of supporting the wider GBV in emergencies community, please contact Sophie Read-Hamilton on sophie_rh@hotmail.com.

Call for information: Using ‘out-of-home’ care and secure facilities in response to child exploitation and trafficking
The Contextual Safeguarding Programme at the University of Bedfordshire (UK) is coordinating a research study titled ‘Securing Safety’, exploring the rate, cost, and impact of relocating adolescents (moving them into out-of-home care or into secure facilities, often at a distance from their home) to protect them from experiences of largely ‘extra-familial’ forms of abuse such as sexual exploitation, trafficking and recruitment into organised crime. They are looking for information about the use of out-of-home care placements to protect young people from exploitation or trafficking to inform one of our research studies. To share examples of work, or if you have any further questions, please contact: Delphine Peace: delphine.peace@beds.ac.uk. We would be grateful if you could share any contribution by the 31st of March 2021.

Survey: A pathway toward a CSO feminist agenda for generation equality
In preparation for the Mexico City Generation Equality Forum, the top priority is to gather input from feminist and women’s movement organizations, especially grassroots and on-the-ground. Please fill out this quick survey for systematizing the contributions made by feminist and women’s rights organizations on the Generation Equality Forum framework. The survey is available in English, French & Spanish. If you would like to send the survey out to your networks, you can use this flyer in English, French and Spanish.

CAMPAIGNS

We, As Ourselves: Many factors leave Black survivors unprotected and vulnerable to sexual violence, including a series of norms and narratives shaped by historical and systemic barriers rooted in a legacy of slavery and the commodification of Black bodies, cultural and societal myths about Black women’s sexuality, misogynoir, and the adultification of Black girls, and the complexities of speaking out within the Black community. Led by the ‘Me Too’ Movement, National Women’s Law Center, and TIME’S UP Foundation, We, As Ourselves is a collaboration to reshape the narrative about sexual violence and its impact on Black survivors.

BLOGS

Lucraft, M. (2021, 3 March). Open Access to academic books creates larger, more diverse and more equitable readerships. LSE Impact Blog: Drawing on findings from one of the largest surveys of its kind to date, Mithu Lucraft demonstrates how Open Access to academic books has resulted in significantly larger and more diverse readerships for these books. As governments globally and in the UK reassess their commitments to OA monographs, she argues the findings make a compelling case for resolving the longstanding funding issues surrounding opening access to academic books. [Source: LSE].

PODCASTS

What we’re listening to

Podcast series: Power of the Streets: Power of the Streets is a youth-centered podcast series focusing

WEBINAR RECORDINGS

Your chance to catch up anytime!

War violence and domestic violence: Understanding the relationship and linkages with forced migration
on the achievements and personal stories of the young people who are fighting gender-based violence and driving Africa’s human rights movement.

**Trauma-informed care and youth resilience:** Dr Christine Wekerle discusses the MAP study on trauma resilience among youth, well-venture interventions, and the JoyPop mobile platform for well-being and recovery support among survivors.

**Movember, Coronavirus and mens mental health:** The year 2020 has proven a unique challenge to the mental health and resilience of many across the globe. Dr Christine Wekerle discusses how, for young people with mental health concerns, the challenges and opportunities of distanced society can be faced and embraced.

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**ONLINE RESOURCES**

**Bakrania, S., Balvin, N., Daidone, S., de Hoop, J. (2021).** Impact evaluation in settings of fragility and humanitarian emergency. Office of Research – Innocenti Discussion Paper: DP-2021-02: This paper seeks to catalyse efforts to implement rigorous impact evaluations and other rigorous empirical research in fragile and humanitarian settings and thus improve the quality of evidence upon which decisions are based. [Source: UNICEF Innocenti].

**Camilletti, E. (2020).** Social protection and its effects on gender equality: A literature review. UNICEF Office of Research - Innocenti Working Paper: WP-2020-16: This paper provides an overview of the latest evidence on the effects of social protection on gender equality. It explores how risks and vulnerabilities are gendered, and the implications of their gendered nature for boys' and girls', and men's and women's well-being throughout the life course. [Source: UNICEF Innocenti].

**WUNRN:** Women’s UN Report Network (WUNRN) addresses the human rights, oppression, and empowerment of women and girls all over the globe. The WUNRN website offers translation into the 6 official UN languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. [Source: WUNRN].

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**RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES & GRANTS**

**Call for Papers:** Special Issue of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) Advisor. Deadline: 15 March 2021.

**Call for Concept Notes:** USAID Collective Action to Reduce Gender-Based Violence (CARE-GBV). Deadline: 17 March 2021.

**Call for Proposals:** Closing the justice gap - A legal empowerment research and learning agenda. Deadline: 22 March 2021.

**Call for Expression of Interest:** World Health Organization – Mega-maps on the consequences of, and risk and religious beliefs (vimeo.com): This webinar presented preliminary results from an ongoing scoping literature review that was initialised since the war outbreak in Ethiopia to identify the evidence on the relationship between political violence and domestic violence, with a particular interest in identifying intersections with religious parameters where these have been reported.

**Short films: Working together to enhance police responses to child sexual exploitation and related vulnerabilities:** These short films are aimed at anyone in the police. They provide learning from the latest research on child sexual exploitation (CSE) and associated vulnerabilities in a short accessible form.
protective factors for elder abuse. Interested organizations and applicants should send an email to Christopher Mikton (miktonc@who.int). Deadline: 26 March 2021.

**Call for Submissions:** Best of UNICEF Research 2021. Deadline: 31 March 2021.

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**EVENTS**

- **International Women's Day - The Global Pandemic of Femicide, 8 March 2021, 4pm-6pm GMT:** Join SVRI’s Leadership Council member, Professor Heidi Stöckl, as she presents on intimate partner violence from a global perspective at the virtual International Women’s Day event to be hosted by The Israel Observatory on Femicide. Register [online](#).

- **United Nations Observance of International Women's Day 2021, 8 March 2021, 10:00am - 12:30pm EST:** Aligned with the priority theme of [CSW65](#), the theme for the United Nations Observance of International Women’s Day 2021 is “Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world, on the way to the Generation Equality Forum.” In addition to celebrating the tremendous efforts by women and girls around the world in shaping a more equal future and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, the event will also ‘lift the curtain’ and

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**VACANCIES**

- **Associate Director, Partnerships, Co-Impact, Sub-Saharan Africa (preference for Nairobi) or Europe – Closing date: 8 March 2021.**

- **Individual Contractor – Transfer Project evaluation and research uptake specialist, UNICEF, Nairobi, Kenya – Closing date: 9 March 2021.**

- **Qualitative Gender-based Violence Research Consultant, NORC at the University of Chicago, 2 experts needed in each of the following Latin American and Caribbean countries: Barbados, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago – Closing date: 12 March 2021.**

- **Regional Gender-Based Violence Impunity Expert Reference Group, NORC at the University of Chicago, Latin America –**
bring increased attention to this year’s Generation Equality Forums in Mexico City (29-31 March 2021) and Paris (June 2021). Register online.

- **We Hear You! High Level Side Event on the Margins of the 65th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women: An inter-generational dialogue on child, early and forced marriage, 17 March 2021, 8am ET:** This session will create a space where like-minded individuals, member states and other stakeholders can come together to work towards a greater good and develop processes to drive change through inter-generational dialogue, leadership and action to help address child marriage. Register online.

- **COVID-19 research in low and middle income countries, 29 and 30 March 2021, 12pm – 4pm BST:** This meeting will bring together global research funders, including those who are funding research on COVID-19 within low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), with the community of researchers who are actively undertaking this research across LMICs. Register online.

- **Technical assistance for GBV service mapping and response protocol Consultancy,** Project Concern International, Washington DC, USA – Closing date: 12 March 2021.

- **Bloomberg American Health Initiative—Tenure track Faculty,** Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA – Closing date: 15 March 2021.

- **Expert on Security for Women’s Rights Organisation in the MENA Region,** medica mondiale e.V., Dohuk, Iraq – Closing date: 11 April 2021.

- **Bloomberg American Health Initiative—Professor of the Practice,** Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA – Closing date: 16 April 2021.

- **Executive Director,** No Means No Worldwide, Not Specified – Closing date: Open until filled.

### NEWS

Karageorgos, E., Boyle A. (2021, 2 March). Australian media is failing to cover domestic violence in the right way: new research. The Conversation.


Violence against women and violence against children are global issues that require coordinated evidence-based responses and prevention programmes

Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI)

The SVRI is the world's largest network on research on violence against women and violence against children, providing a space where global role players in the field connect with one another, share and promote their research, work to influence policies and practice, particularly in low and middle income countries.

SVRI Strategic Plan 2020-2024.

Email svri@svri.org by Wednesday each week if you would like to include something in the SVRI Update