Our Mission

Faculty, staff, and students affiliated with the Center for Research on Violence Against Women conduct and disseminate research to improve the quality of life of those affected by forms of violence that disproportionately involve women with the ultimate goal of preventing such violence.

Research Expertise

The Centers endowed faculty focus their expertise on intimate partner violence and other forms of violence against women in the following research areas:

- Evaluation of the effectiveness of interventions to prevent violence
- Designing interventions regarding violence against women
- Measurement of different forms of violence against women
- Screening for women at-risk for intimate partner violence (IPV)
- Identification of factors associated with the use of IPV against women

Current Funding

The faculty at the Center for Research on Violence Against Women currently have $6 million in active grants which have allowed continuous research to be conducted in this necessary field.

Our Faculty

Diane R. Follingstad, Ph.D. Director & Endowed Chair
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C.A.T.S. Initiative

At the direction of UK’s President, the Center for Research on Violence Against Women developed the Campus Attitudes Toward Safety survey (C.A.T.S.) to provide administration with data about campus safety as an internal quality improvement project. The information collected covered students’ perceptions of campus safety, students’ knowledge of and inclination to use campus resources, bystander attitudes and behaviors, and students’ experience of violent or adverse incidents. Multiple UK services and departments collaborated on this project, and the resulting information will be widely distributed in order to acknowledge the current campus climate and suggest directions for improving campus safety.

Dr. Claire Renzetti, Endowed Chair, is the editor of the journal, Violence Against Women (VAW). Peer-reviewed and published monthly, this is an international, interdisciplinary journal dedicated to the publication of research and information on all aspects of the problem of violence against women. VAW assumes a broad definition of violence: topics covered include, but are not limited to, domestic violence, sexual assault, incest, sexual harassment, female infanticide, female circumcision, and female sexual slavery.

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