



**Kathleen Holgerson, MPA**

Kathleen Holgerson is the Director of the Women's Center and former Program Coordinator for the Violence Against Women Prevention Program at the University of Connecticut. Her work focuses on coalition building; creating opportunities for critical reflection and creative education work; addressing barriers to access related to various forms of oppression at the individual and institutional levels; and promoting equity from an anti-racist feminist perspective.

Kathleen has worked on a variety of university initiatives including the President's Task Force on Civility and Campus Culture; the Something's Happening Committee, which addresses workplace climate; the Leadership Development Committee; and the Provost's Commission on the Status of Women. In 2009, she served as the Co-Chair of the Planning Committee for the University Metanoia on Preventing Violence Against Women. She also served as the Co-Project Director for University of Connecticut/Connecticut Consortium's Grant to Combat Crimes of Violence Against Women on campus and the UConn PI for the Connecticut Campus Coalition to End Violence Against Women, both projects that were funded through the Department of Justice's Violence Against Women Office.

Her service on the national level includes serving as the elected Chair of the Anti-White Supremacy Task Force of the National Women's Studies Association (NWSA); co-chairing the Anti-Racism/White Privilege Working Group of the National Women's Studies Association Women's Centers Committee (NWSA WCC); serving on the Pre-conference Planning Committee for the NWSA WCC and on the WCC Women's Center Summit Planning Committee; and being an external reviewer for Women's Centers. She recently co-authored "Where do we enter? How do we stay? The role of consciousness raising in developing Women's Center professionals." in *University and College Women's and Gender Equity Centers: The Changing Landscape*.

*[Bio courtesy of University of Connecticut Department of Public Policy](#)*



### **Rebecca Campbell, Ph.D.**

Dr. Rebecca Campbell is a Professor of Psychology at Michigan State University. She holds a Ph.D. in community psychology with a concentration in statistics, also from Michigan State University. For the past 25 years, she has been conducting community-based research on violence against women and children, with an emphasis on sexual assault. Dr. Campbell's research examines how contact with the legal and medical systems affects adult, adolescent, and pediatric victims' psychological and physical health. Most recently, she was the lead researcher for the National Institute of Justice-funded Detroit Sexual

Assault Kit Action Research Project, which was a four-year multidisciplinary study of Detroit's untested rape kits. Dr. Campbell also conducts training for law enforcement and multidisciplinary practitioners in civilian, military, and campus community settings on the neurobiology of trauma. In 2015, Dr. Campbell received the Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime, Vision 21 Crime Victims Research Award.

[Information from Michigan State University](#)



### **Deputy Chief Andrea Munford**

Deputy Chief Andrea Munford is a member of the Michigan State University Police Department's Special Victims Unit. The Special Victims Unit launched in fall 2014 with the purpose of focusing on cases involving sexual assault, relationship violence, child abuse, stalking, vulnerable adult abuse, missing persons and bias crimes. Members of the unit receive special training in "victim-centered" policing, which emphasizes restoring victims' sense of control and educates officers in the psychological effects of trauma on memory and other functions. This training

builds on the specialized training in trauma-focused investigations that all MSUPD officers receive. At MSU, the SVU team works hand-in-hand with other offices and programs, including the Sexual Assault Program, Office of Institutional Equity, Safe Place and other campus entities. In addition, the MSU Police Department has agreements with community law enforcement agencies to help ensure close coordination and collaboration. The MSU Special Victims Unit was among the first of its kind and since then Munford's expertise has been in high demand by other colleges and organizations interested in establishing similar programs.

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### **Kelly Schweda, M.S.**

Kelly Schweda is Executive Director of the Prevention, Outreach and Education Department at Michigan State University.

She has worked at MSU since 2008 and has been at the forefront of creating and shaping prevention services at the university. Previously, Kelly was the program coordinator of MSU's Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence (SARV) Prevention Program. Kelly has worked with domestic and sexual violence survivor services, and prevention for most of her career. She feels strongly about engaging and

empowering people to become change agents. Kelly graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a master's degree in women's studies.

#### [Information provided from Michigan State University](#)



### **Dorothy Espelage, Ph. D.**

Dr. Espelage is the William C. Friday Distinguished Professor of Education at the University of North Carolina. Her expertise includes prevention science, school-based interventions, social-emotional learning interventions, bullying prevention, teen dating violence and sexual harassment and violence. Her research focuses on translating empirical findings into prevention and intervention programming and she has secured over twelve million dollars of external funding. She advises members of Congress and Senate on bully prevention legislation. She conducts regular webinars for CDC, NIH, and NIJ to disseminate research. [Information provided from University of North Carolina](#)



### **Jennifer Hirsch, Ph. D.**

Dr. Hirsch is Co-Director of the Columbia Population Research Center. Her research includes the anthropology of love; gender, sexuality and migration; sexual, reproductive and HIV risk practices; social scientific research on sexual assault and undergraduate well-being, and the intersections between anthropology and public health. She has published in journals such as American Journal of Public Health, Studies in Family Planning, AIDS, and Culture Health and Sexuality. She is the co-author, with sociologist Shamus Khan, of the Sexual Citizens: A Landmark Study of Sex, Power, and Assault on Campus, which was

named an NPR best book of 2020. Her other books include A Courtship After Marriage: Sexuality and Love in Mexican Transnational Families (University of California Press, 2003), The Secret: Love, Marriage and HIV (Vanderbilt University Press, 2009), which analyzes the social organization of extramarital sexual practices in Mexico, Nigeria, Uganda, Vietnam, and Papua-New Guinea and the implications of those practices for married women's HIV risk. Along with Dr. Claude Ann Mellins, Hirsch co-directed the

Sexual Health Initiative to Foster Transformation (SHIFT), a study supported by Columbia University that examines sexual health and sexual assault among Columbia and Barnard undergraduates. Hirsch has been involved in many state-level legislative advocacy campaigns. She is currently working with the Caring Majority on Fair Pay for Home Care workers, and with a statewide coalition to pass legislation ensuring access to comprehensive sexuality education. Bio courtesy of Columbia University College of Public Health.



### **Anne Kearns Devoran, Ph.D.**

Dr. Davoren is a senior research scientist with the Higher Education Analytics Center at NORC at the University of Chicago. In her role, she engages in technical and analytic activities and conducts substantive research in social science for governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, universities, and private foundations. Dr. Davoren was recently awarded an NSF grant to develop a first-of-its-kind matrix of metrics to assess the efficacy of sexual harassment interventions within STEM. She also has led study design and instrument development and administration for NORC's professional climate

association work. To more broadly understand the cultural climate within a field, it is important to determine the social dynamics within physical and virtual spaces and within other spaces, including the research ecosystem as a whole. Along with her climate work, Dr. Davoren also has a large portfolio of research focusing on mental well-being of college students. Recent published work examines nonsuicidal self-injury, suicidal ideation, and suicide attempt among college students and mental health and substance use of sexual minority students. She earned her bachelor's degree from Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN, her MPA from Indiana University, Bloomington, and her PhD in research methodology from Loyola University, Chicago. [Information from NORCC at the University of Chicago](#)



### **Elizabeth Miller, Ph. D.**

Liz Miller is professor of pediatrics, public health, and clinical and translational science and holds the Edmund R. McCluskey Chair in Pediatric Medical Education at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. She is also Director of the Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine and the Medical Director of Community and Population Health. She serves as the Academic Co-Director of Community PARTners (the community engagement core) for the Clinical and Translational Science Institute.

Trained in internal medicine, pediatrics and medical anthropology, she has over 20 years of practice and community-partnered research experience in addressing interpersonal violence prevention among adolescents and young adults in clinical and community settings. With diverse funding from National

Institutes of Health, National Institute of Justice, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office on Women's Health, and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Programs, she has developed and tested clinical and community-based interventions in collaboration with youth, patients, health care providers, victim service advocates, public health administrators, educators, and school administrators.

Her published works include over 280 peer-reviewed articles, numerous book chapters, commentaries, and clinical guidelines. As an advocate, she has participated in numerous legislative hearings related to protecting adolescent confidentiality, adolescent reproductive health, and adolescent relationship abuse and intimate partner violence prevention. Her work on reproductive coercion and birth control sabotage has resulted in changes in national clinical practice guidelines. [Information from the University of Pittsburgh](#)



### **Lisa Brush**

Lisa D. Brush, Ph.D., holds appointments as Professor of Sociology and of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies at the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, PA. Her first book, *Gender and Governance*, documents and explains the ways contemporary capitalist welfare/workfare states and social polices produce and position women and men as different and unequal, and the ways gender difference and inequality organize states and social policies. Her second book, *Poverty, Battered Women, and Work in U.S. Public Policy*, investigates

what happens when "work/family conflict" becomes literal; how men's control, coercion, and sabotage trap women in poverty and abuse; and the failure of women's waged work to end poverty and abuse. Current collaborations investigate primary prevention of violence and abuse by engaging high school and middle school boys and their athletic program coaches in transforming gender. [Information from University of Pittsburgh, Department of Sociology](#)