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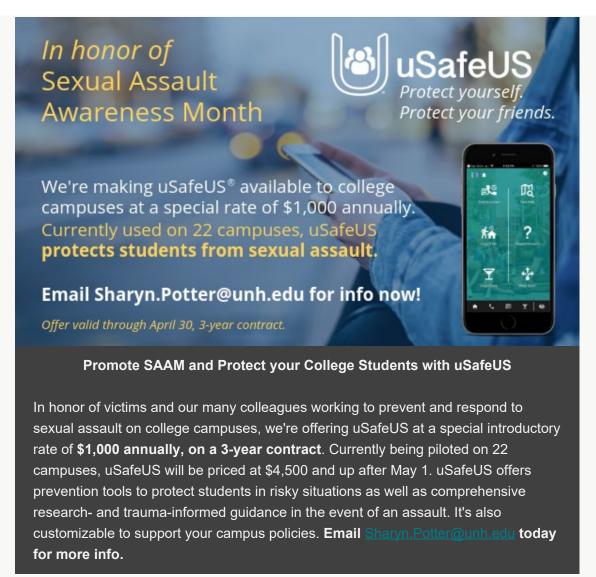
Ending Sexual and Relationship Violence and Stalking

Spring 2019 Newsletter

Message from the Directors

In recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we want to extend our appreciation to all of the individuals and organizations that provide advocacy and support to survivors, prevention in our communities and research on effective strategies to respond to and end sexual violence. We stand with advocates, preventionist and researchers who are all working to raise awareness of the problems of sexual violence in our communities and build skills to stop these preventable problems in our living, learning and work environments. Prevention equals awareness plus skills plus action. We are honored to be able to contribute to the collective prevention efforts and invite you to join millions of people throughout the world in recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Best, Sharyn and Jane



PIRC In the Spotlight



PIRC co-directors Jane Stapleton and Sharyn Potter met with legislators including Senator Maggie Hassan and Representative Annie Kuster to discuss proposed changes to Title IX. <u>Learn more here</u>.



Sharyn Potter, in conjunction with the American Sociological Association (ASA) leadership, has produced an <u>educational video</u> on bystander intervention in the workplace. The ASA is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the discipline and profession of sociology, and this project is part of an effort to address sexual harassment in the profession. This video will be shared with the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS), which is comprised of approximately 75 associations in the humanities and social sciences, for distribution to their members.



Thanks to a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant from the NH Attorney General's office, PIRC has been travelling to all of the colleges and universities in NH to train administrators on the uSafeUS Administrator Dashboard and promote uSafeUS to students, with the goal of evaluating the app. So far, there have been uSafeUS events at most of the NH campuses, with more events planned for the Spring semester. Taylor Flagg, uSafeUS Campus Coordinator, is pictured above with Saint Anselm College Women's Hockey team students at a tabling event this fall. See what's happening with the uSafeUS team on the uSafeUS Facebook and Instagram pages. Learn more about uSafeUS at campus.uSafeUS.org.

PIRC in the News







- PIRC Co-Director, Jane Stapleton, is quoted in this <u>Harvard Business Review</u> article about the importance of bystander intervention in the workplace.
- A new study by Prevention Innovations Research Center in <u>Games for Health Journal</u> finds that two bystander intervention video games had a significant impact on participants' bystander efficacy and attitudes.
- NHPR featured a piece about researchers at Prevention Innovations Research Center and Dartmouth's Tiltfactor Laboratory who have <u>piloted two video games</u> aimed at teaching bystander intervention skills to college students.

PIRC and DVAM in Community Colleges

CSAPP_{NH} is a project organized by <u>Prevention Innovations Research Center</u> and funded by the <u>Office on Women's Health</u>, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

CSAPP_{NH} involves the collaboration of Prevention Innovations staff, a task force of experts from across New Hampshire, and faculty, staff, and students from eight nonresidential post-secondary schools, to institute policies, practices, and prevention strategies that prevent sexual assault from occurring.



In late October, White Mountains Community College (WMCC) presented **Bringing in the Bystander**® to their students. Bringing in the Bystander is a prevention program emphasizing a bystander intervention approach which assumes that everyone has a role to play in ending sexual and relationship violence. Rather than focusing strictly on the roles of perpetrator and victim, this highly interactive curriculum uses a community responsibility approach. According to Melissa LaPlante, the Title IX coordinator at WMCC, the program was well received and will be offered to students each semester. WMCC Student Senate co-sponsored the event, providing pizza for all attendees.



During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, River Valley Community College (RVCC) hosted a variety of programs and events to raise awareness about domestic violence including a clothesline project display, classroom presentations, flyers, and a full glass display with DVAM awareness materials in it. In addition, the RVCC Sexual and Relationship Violence Prevention Taskforce spotlighted the uSafeUS app in their campus newsletter and collaborated with their local crisis center to host "It's Criminal".



Every Thursday during DVAM, Nashua Community College (NCC) held tabling events in the campus cafe to promote Domestic Violence Awareness Month and highlight the uSafeUS app as a campus resource. NCC walked students through the app using an iPad so that they could explain to students how the app works on a bigger screen. Students loved the app and NCC's efforts really paid off--the uSafeUS administrator dashboard analytics show that they tripled their uSafeUS active user base from September to October. Community College administrators can contact Delilah Smith at delilah.smith@unh.edu to schedule uSafeUS events.

PIRC Faculty Fellows

We have made some organizational structure changes to Prevention Innovations Research Center and would like to offer a warm welcome to our faculty fellows.

This remarkable group is comprised of faculty members and researchers who are developing and conducting innovative research to prevent and respond to sexual and relationship violence, stalking, and harassment in a variety of environments, including elementary, secondary, and higher education institutions, workplaces, the Military, and community organizations.

Faculty fellows work throughout the year with their PIRC colleagues on research projects, collaborate on scholarly articles and other publications, and share, review, and provide feedback to one another. PIRC faculty fellows include:

- Victoria Banyard, Professor in the School of Social Work at Rutgers University whose
 research focuses on the long-term mental health consequences of interpersonal violence
 including resilience in survivors. She is a founding member of Prevention Innovations
 Research Center.
- Laura Boyle, Post-Doctoral Associate in Psychology at the University of New Hampshire with expertise in Qualitative Social Research and Social Policy.
- **Maddy Coy**, Lecturer at the University of Florida's Center for Gender, Sexualities and Women's Studies Research. She has worked in the field of violence against women as a practitioner, researcher, lecturer and activist for 20 years.
- **Jennifer Demers**, Assistant Professor of Psychology and director of the Social Action, Violence, and Inequities Research Group at Wichita State University.
- Nora Draper, Assistant Professor in the Department of Communications at the University
 of New Hampshire whose research examines the complexities of authenticity, privacy,
 identity, and reputation in the digital era through frames of cultural theory, critical
 institutionalism, and public policy.
- Katie Edwards, Assistant Professor of Psychology and Women's Studies and faculty
 affiliate at the Carsey School of Public Policy at the University of New Hampshire whose
 research focuses broadly on better understanding the causes and consequences of
 interpersonal violence, primarily intimate partner violence and sexual assault among
 adolescents and emerging adults.
- **Nicole Fox**, Assistant Professor in the Division of Criminal Justice College of Health and Human Services at Sacramento State University. Nicole researches how communities recover after mass violence, paying particular attention to how gender based violence shapes reconciliation efforts and participation.
- Jennifer Griffith, Assistant Professor of Organizational Behavior at the University of New Hampshire's Peter T. Paul College of Business and Economics where she teaches undergraduate- and MBA-level courses in organizational behavior and human resource management.
- **Tyler Jamison**, Assistant Professor at the University of New Hampshire, where she teaches classes on adult development, human services fieldwork, and race, class, and gender in families.
- **Kelsey Medeiros**, Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of Texas at Arlington where she teaches courses in the Industrial-Organizational Psychology graduate program on topics such as Leadership, Psychometric Theory, and Employee Selection.
- Mary Moynihan, Affiliate Associate Professor of Women's Studies at the University of New

- Hampshire, *Prevention and Evaluation Consultant*, and co-creator and evaluator of Bringing in the Bystander.
- **Sharon Murphy**, Associate Professor Emerita in the Social Work Department at the University of New Hampshire with extensive clinical experience working with women victims of domestic and sexual assault, conducting graduate level classes on the subject, presenting in international and national conferences, and conducting qualitative research.
- Charlene Senn, Professor in the Applied Social Psychology Graduate Program within the Department of Psychology at the University of Windsor and holds a Canada Research Chair in Sexual Violence.
- Amy Vorenberg, Director of the Legal Writing Program at the University of New Hampshire Law School. Amy's research and scholarship focus is legal writing, juvenile and criminal law.
- Emily Waterman, Post-Doctorate Researcher at the University of New Hampshire whose
 work focuses on adolescent development and intervention, specifically sexual violence
 prevention, on the translational spectrum from discovery science to large scale
 dissemination of effective interventions.

Open House





Thank you very much to all of our wonderful friends and colleagues who joined us for our Open House! It was a terrific event and allowed us to share news about the latest PIRC happenings and give guests a tour of our new space at 9 Madbury Rd. We appreciate all who came to celebrate with us and hope that those who could not attend will stop by and say hello soon.







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