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Ending Sexual and Relationship
Violence and Stalking

Winter 2020

Message from the Directors

We hope that your 2020 is off to a great start! We are excited to share some of our recent research and research to practice projects with you in our first newsletter of 2020. We are so fortunate to have an amazing team of researchers, practitioners, staff members and interns who contribute to our work. Target audiences continue to inform the development of our prevention and response strategies and we work with practitioners to implement these strategies.

Close to home, our team is on the road in New Hampshire and Maine, conducting focus groups with high school students, school administrators and parents/guardians for our NSF funded project to adapt uSafeUS® for high school students, uSafeHS®. Funding from the NH Attorney General's Office supports our administration and evaluation uSafeUS® on New Hampshire colleges and universities. We are working with the NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence and their 13 member programs to support their evaluation of sexual violence prevention in schools and communities throughout New Hampshire. We are working with Dartmouth College to evaluate their four-year Sexual Violence Prevention Program. Our work throughout the United States includes funding from the US Department of Justice to provide training and technical assistance to over 150 colleges and university throughout the United States and territories. We are collaborating with colleagues at NORC, University of Chicago, to further research the impact of campus sexual assault on survivors' career choices and personal relationships, and we are working with the US Navy on the evaluation of their sexual harassment and sexual assault prevention efforts.

We have been expanding our collaborations over the past year and are so happy to say that 27 researchers and practitioners participate in the PIRC Fellows Program. Our PIRC Fellows come from diverse academic disciplines, fields of practice, types of institutions/organizations and geographic locations throughout North America. In 2020, we will release a series of research to practice publications written by the PIRC Fellows. Whitepapers, blogs and research to practice briefs will highlight our Fellows' research and translate key points for practice. In April, we will release a survey to better understand practitioners' needs and how to best utilize their expertise in our research. Finally, PIRC Fellows are hard at work preparing scholarly articles and grant proposals to continue our collective work.

As we look forward to the year ahead, we are excited to learn from our target audiences, practitioners and researchers on how to effectively respond to and prevent sexual and relationship violence, sexual harassment and stalking. We are grateful for the PIRC staff members, interns and fellows who help us do our important work. Together we are working toward our vision of a world free of sexual and relationship violence and stalking!

Jane and Sharyn

The **UNH (603) Challenge** is just around the corner!



Mark your calendar! The University of New Hampshire's annual online giving challenge will be held from April 3rd through the 7th. We are excited for this opportunity to highlight Prevention Innovations Research Center's work to end sexual and relationship violence and stalking, and we hope that you will consider supporting us during this campus-wide initiative. Donations made during the 5-day event will fund our internship program where we mentor the next generation of researchers and practitioners. We hope that you will rise to the challenge and support PIRC...stay tuned for details!



PIRC Co-directors Jane Stapleton and Sharyn Potter were featured speakers at the Regional Discussion on Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment at America's Colleges, Universities and Service Academies: Achieving Cultural Change Through Data and An Evaluation Mindset. They presented during a session entitled *Assessing Comprehensive Prevention Strategies*. The [event](#) was co-hosted by the Department of the Navy and the University of New Mexico and served as an opportunity for experts from academia, the military, and government agencies to discuss ways to eliminate sexual violence.

PIRC in the Spotlight



Dr. Coy is a Lecturer with the Center for Gender, Sexualities and Women's Studies Research at the University of Florida and has been a practitioner, researcher, lecturer and activist for 20 years. She has worked as a Reader at London Metropolitan University, U.K. and Deputy Director of the Child and Woman Abuse Studies Unit. Dr. Coy is an Associate Editor for Women's Studies International Forum and is on the editorial advisory board for the Journal of Gender-Based Violence. Maddy is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, UK and also serves on the advisory council for the Alachua County Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center. With over 60 publications on violence against women and girls, sexual exploitation and sexualized pop-culture, she is a valuable resource to the PIRC team, and we are delighted to have her as a PIRC Fellow.

Recently, Dr. Coy and a team of U.S. and U.K. scholars including Professor Julie Libarkin, Dr. Anna Bull, Dr. Tiffany Page, and Dr. Heidi Lockwood hosted an NSF funded conference at the

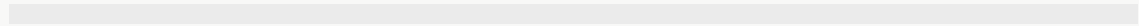
University of Wisconsin-Madison on Faculty and Staff Sexual Misconduct. The conference featured workshops on experiences of sexual violation by faculty and staff, the inadequacy of institutional responses, and how to translate the needs of survivors into policy and action. Keynote speakers included Dr. Kate Clancy (Illinois) and Dr. Purna Sen (UN Women). Briefing papers and journal articles that share the knowledge and insight from the conference can be found [here](#).

Learn even more about Dr. Coy [here](#).



The 22nd Annual MASOC/MATSA Joint Conference, Preventing Sexual Violence Through Assessment, Treatment and Safe Management, will be held April 13-15, 2020 at the Royal Plaza Hotel and Trade Center in Marlborough, MA. PIRC's Sharyn Potter and Elizabeth Moschella will be presenting a workshop entitled "Evaluating a Campus Prevention and Response App Using Data from Students and Campus Leaders" and PIRC Fellow Joan Tabachnick will host a workshop entitled "Taking MASOC and MATSA/ATSA's Knowledge Into the Campus Community". Columbia University's Shamus Kahn will be a featured speaker and will showcase his just released book, *Sexual Citizens: Sex, Power, and Assault on Campus*.

To learn more about the conference or to register, please [click here](#) or go to <http://masoc.net/conference-information.html>.





Please join our co-directors Jane Stapleton and Sharyn Potter on March 19 as they host a webinar on keeping your student safe on campus. Topics will include conversations to have with your child and questions to ask during your campus tour. Register [here](#) to attend this informative presentation.



Prevention Innovations is evaluating Dartmouth College's Sexual Violence Prevention Project (SVPP), a new comprehensive four-year experience program designed to foster positive behaviors and prevent sexual violence on Dartmouth's campus. PIRC members Jane Stapleton and Caroline Leyva are working with staff members from Dartmouth's [Student Wellness Center](#). PIRC will be measuring SVPP over a 5-year period. SVPP's anticipated outcomes include:

- Increased utilization of resources and supporting those who have experienced harm (i.e. sexual assault, stalking, sexual harassment, and dating violence);
- Increased proportion of students developing positive relationships and sexual behaviors;
- Increased respectful communication and interactions across difference by understanding power, privilege, and identity; and
- Increased acts of bystander intervention across the spectrum of harm

PIRC is currently building the evaluation plan and measures and we will launch data collection at Dartmouth in summer/fall 2020. PIRC will be tracking students' learning, attitudinal and behavioral changes from pre-matriculation to post graduation. The collaboration represents a great opportunity for PIRC to partner with practitioners to identify what works in comprehensive sexual and relationship violence prevention. During this planning year, Jane and Caroline meet weekly with the Dartmouth team and conduct monthly site visits. Pictured below are PIRC and Dartmouth team members at a recent site visit.



PIRC Publications

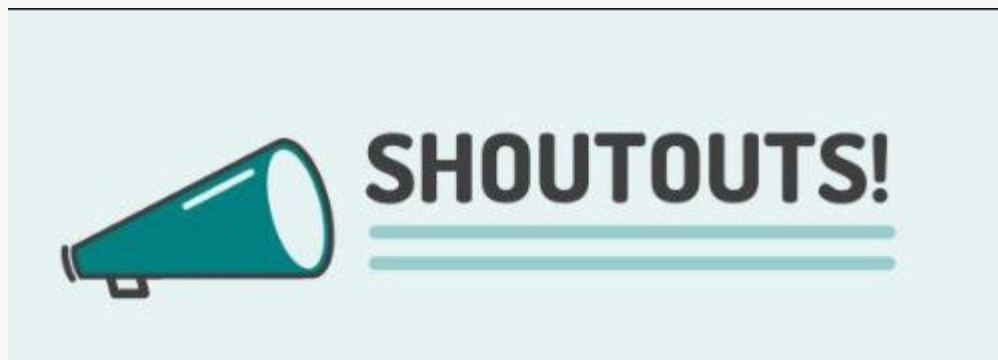
PIRC Fellows Kelsey Medeiros and Jennifer Griffith have published a paper in the Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics entitled [Double-edged scalpel: The trials and triumphs of women surgeons](#). Medeiros and Griffith explore the many ways in which women are harassed from medical school to residency to fellowship and throughout their careers as surgeons. The tactics that these women use to cope are helpful but also hold them back. The authors offer hope for future generations of female surgeons that the path can be different.

PIRC staff members Sharyn Potter, Elizabeth Moschella, Mary Moynihan,



and Delilah Smith have authored a paper titled "[Sexual Violence among LGBTQ Community College Students: A Comparison with their Heterosexual Peers](#)", published in the Community College Journal of Research and Practice. The research findings indicate that almost two-thirds (63.6%) of community college students who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or queer (LGBQ) reported some form of sexual violence since they enrolled at their college, with more than 35% reporting two or more forms of violence. Students who identified as LGBQ and experienced sexual violence also reported lower well-being scores and more negative perceptions of campus climate than students who identified as heterosexual and did not report sexual violence. Suggestions for how to improve campus response to LGBQ students who report victimization are discussed.

PIRC Fellow Joan Tabachnick co-authored a report entitled [Expanding the Frame: Institutional Responses to Students accused of Sexual Misconduct](#). The report is an important reminder of the work that student affairs professionals undertake to ensure fair and equitable processes for all students involved in sexual misconduct cases on campus.



PIRC Fellow Angela Borges shares that she is expecting a baby in May! Angela, her partner Jeff, and their son Miles are excited to welcome their new little one. Best wishes to the whole family.

Sharyn Potter explores the financial toll of campus sexual violence in *The Cost of Campus Sexual Violence*, featured in the Fall 2019 edition of [Rollins Magazine](#) from the Emory School of Public Health.

Welcome PIRC Newcomers



We are thrilled to welcome Hannah Drake to the PIRC team as the uSafeUS Project Manager. Hannah graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 2016 with a degree in English & International Affairs. After spending 4 years managing accounts and projects at digital marketing agencies on the NH Seacoast, Hannah is thrilled to join the PIRC team in working towards a world without sexual or domestic violence. When she isn't in the office, you'll find Hannah teaching adaptive ski lessons, eating M&Ms with friends, cycling in the White Mountains, or reading dystopian fiction.



The PIRC intern Program is thriving! We are delighted to welcome back Julia Bodeck and Tony Nguyen who worked for us last semester. And we are happy to introduce our newest interns, Allie Cross, Emma Bonacci, and Mari Tarantino. These students bring so much to our work here at PIRC, dedicating their time and talent to our efforts, and we are excited to have them on board! (not pictured: Emma Bonacci)

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