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A Note from Our Directors

Happy 2024!

We hope that your new year is off to a great start. As we begin 2024, we want to reflect on the amazing work of our researchers and community partners. We are collaborating on our campus, within New Hampshire, and beyond. We are thankful for our practitioner and research partners and honor the work that we collectively engage in to create a world that is free of sexual and relationship violence and stalking. New staff members and students have joined the PIRC team, and we highlight them in this newsletter.

Overall, our work continues to be centered around building collaborations with practitioners, developing prevention and response strategies, providing evaluation and technical assistance, and building basic research to create evidence-based tools. We are grateful to our funders for investing in our work and to the communities that have invited us to work with them to address harmful attitudes, behaviors, and environments. We look forward to the year ahead in which we will continue our research and deepen our collaboration with practitioners to create prevention and response strategies that are informed by target audiences.

We wish you the best in 2024 and hope that your work is as meaningful and energizing as our work is to us.

Best,

Sharyn and Jane

PIRC News & Updates

NH RSA -188H Implementation Committee Co-Chairs

For the past three years, Jane and Sharyn have had the honor of co-chairing the Sexual Misconduct at Higher Education Institutions (NH RSA-188H) Task Force. NH is the first state to pass and implement the student-designed and lead [Every Voice Legislation](#). The committee has benefited from the insights, wisdom and knowledge of NH practitioners and researchers with expertise in campus climate, advocacy, law enforcement and prevention strategies. This month, the Task Force will launch the [second campus climate survey](#) at all NH Institutions of Higher Education.



Exciting uSafeUS Updates

As some of you know, uSafeUS® is your ultimate ally in campus safety, providing survivors, friends, family, faculty, and staff at US colleges with instant access to crucial local information and tools for the prevention of and response to sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking and relationship violence. Our interactive features empower students to navigate potential dangers with confidence and connect students to resources the moment they are needed.

We recently released [uSafeUS Version 6](#) and are excited about the updated look and ease of use. Also, we have cool collateral and swag to engage communities that use uSafeUS. Please reach out to [Sharyn](#) if we can jumpstart your prevention efforts this semester.

Additionally, in an effort to address the intersection between campus sexual assault and alcohol misuse, we are thrilled to share that the National Institute of Health has awarded the University of Florida ([Professor Nichole Scaglione](#)) and PIRC an R34 to add an alcohol tracking feature with real-time messaging to uSafeUS. Interviews and focus groups are

underway to design these new features, and we look forward to providing updates over the next year.

Sharon B. Murphy Scholarship

We continue to be grateful for the Professor Sharon Murphy Scholarship (funded by Dr. Murphy's friend and colleague Professor Sharyn Zunz). The Murphy Scholarship provides a UNH Junior or Senior the opportunity to participate as a researcher-in-training in the Susan Schechter Domestic and Sexual Violence Social Justice Lab at UNH's Prevention Innovations Research Center, where they will receive training in data collection, entry, and analysis and in writing professional reports and articles for publication.

We are grateful for our 2023 Murphy scholar, **Naomi Schneider**, and we wish her all the best as she finishes her nursing program and begins her new position at the Concord Hospital in Laconia.

We are in the process of recruiting and interviewing candidates for 2024. You can [find and share the scholarship application here](#), and [reach out to Kayleigh](#) with any questions.



Sohaila Abdulali Visits UNH

UNH recently welcomed **Sohaila Abdulali**, author of [What We Talk About When We Talk About Rape](#), to discuss the higher ed community's role in preventing sexual violence and how to better manage campus rape cases. Her public talk engaged students and other members of the community in a powerful and open forum about her personal experiences with sexual violence, their questions about it and how to push for change.

We were also grateful to join her for a private, small-group workshop alongside members of other UNH departments—including SHARPP, Health and Wellness, the Dean of Students and PACS—that are dedicated to sexual violence prevention and how to better support survivors.

This event was made possible through a grant awarded by the Mellon Foundation to the UNH Women's and Gender Studies Department.

Meet the New Faces at PIRC



Kimberly Hobbs, PIRC's Manager of App Development, brings over 25 years as a senior engineering management professional with experience managing diverse teams. Kim oversees the development of both uSafeUS® and uSafeHS® and all our technology prevention strategies.

Victoria Bryan, PhD, PIRC Post-Doctoral Fellow, is an expert in relationship dynamics and is overseeing the research for our uSafeHS project and our One Love Evaluation.



Kayleigh Merritt, PIRC's Senior Administrative Assistant, comes to us with amazing organizational and management experience and oversees all aspects of PIRC Operations.

Courtney Tomes, the uSafeUS Marketing Communications Coordinator, creates informative and eye-catching posts for our #uSafeUS social media. Follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#), and stay tuned for cool and innovative ways to engage our uSafeUS communities.



Sofia Mann, PIRC Undergraduate Research Assistant, will spend her third semester with us before she graduates. Sofia helps on all PIRC projects with patience and an awesome sense of humor.

We are also excited to have Elizabeth Moschella-Smith back following her maternity leave last fall and to welcome PIRC's latest team member, Elena Smith.

PIRC Projects

Development of Prevention and Response Strategies

- **Expanding uSafeUS© to NH Colleges and Universities** – funded by the American Rescue Plan Act from NH Attorney General's Office
- **Adding alcohol tracking features to uSafeUS** – funded by the National Institutes of Health in collaboration with the University of Florida
- **Developing and piloting a high school safety app, uSafeHS©** – funded by the National Science Foundation Partnership for Innovation Directorate
- **Developing and evaluating a *Comprehensive Approach for Safe, Inclusive, and Responsible Research (CASIR²)*** – funded by the National Science Foundation
- **Adapting Bringing in the Bystander© for STEM** – funded by the National Science Foundation in collaboration with University of New Mexico and University of Georgia

Providing Evaluation and Technical Assistance

- **Evaluation of Dartmouth College Sexual Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)** – funded by a Dartmouth College
- **Evaluation Technical Assistance to New Hampshire’s Rape Prevention Education (RPE) grantees** – Funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in partnership with the NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence and the NH Department of Health and Human Resources
- **Evaluation of One Love’s Teen Dating Violence Prevention Program** – funded by the One Love Foundation
- **Evaluation of the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center’s (BARCC) final literacy program for survivors of intimate partner violence** – funded by the Office on Violence Against Women
- **Centralized data collection for the Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH) RSA 188 H – Sexual Misconduct Climate Surveys** – funded by CCSNH

Building Basic Research

- **Collecting data on the response of high school personnel to Title IX discrimination including sexual harassment and sexual violence** – funded by UNH CORE
- **Developing the case for Hazing as a form of interpersonal violence** – funded by PIRC in collaboration with *StopHazing*

Collaborations

- Collaboration with the **UNH Research Fieldwork Safety Program and participation on the Research Fieldwork Safety Committee**
- Participation in the **UNH Get Inclusive Implementation Team and the NH RSA 188-H Sexual Misconduct Survey Implementation Team**
- Collaboration with **researchers from Georgia State and Brown University to evaluate the impact of a comprehensive, multi-level sexual assault and alcohol misuse prevention protocol**

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