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# MEDIA ADVISORY: UNH Hosts International Conference on Family Violence July 13-16

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DURHAM, N.H. -- More than 325 researchers from around the world will participate in the University of New Hampshire's Eighth International Family Violence Research Conference July 13-16, 2003, at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel and Conference Center in Portsmouth.

Sponsored by UNH's Family Research Laboratory (FRL) and Crimes Against Children Research Center (CCRC), the conference will feature ground breaking research on date rape, domestic violence, post traumatic stress disorder, the consequences of family violence and many other topics.

Following are some of the featured speakers:

- **Offender Outcome Studies:** What the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Fields Can Learn from Each Other. Although sexual assault and domestic violence are different crimes, researchers in those fields can learn to collaborate more effectively in treating those who offend. Daniel Saunders, University of Michigan, is the conference's keynote speaker. Sunday, July 13, 5:30 p.m., Ballroom.
- **The Role of Betrayal Trauma in Family Violence: Memory, Awareness and Distress.** Betrayal has a unique role in the trauma associated with childhood abuse, and can compound its negative effects. Jennifer Freyd, University of Oregon. Monday, July 14, 8:30-9:45 a.m., Ballroom.
- **Prevalence and Consequences of Psychological Intimate Partner Violence.** Violence between intimate partners damages body and soul. While physical intimate partner violence has been studied extensively, the psychological form has not. Ileana Arias, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, examines what we know, and what we still need to know about this form of violence. Monday, July 14,

10-11:15 a.m., Ballroom.

- **Family Violence: Rethinking Elder Abuse from a Family Perspective.** Elders are significantly more likely to be abused by family members than in institutions, yet this type of family violence is the least studied of all types. Rene Bergeron, University of New Hampshire, highlights the implications of elder abuse for families, the community and social policy. Monday, July 14, 1-2:15 p.m., Ballroom.

- **Research on Dating Aggression among Teens: Implications for Prevention.** Teenage dating couples are often violent, but this violence can often be prevented. David Wolfe, University of Toronto, talks about which approaches work in stopping teen dating violence, and which don't. Tuesday, July 15, 8:30-9:45 a.m., Ballroom.

- **Emerging Evidence on the Physical Health Consequences of PTSD.** Traumatic events change the body, and can lead to a number of physical and health symptoms. Paula Schnurr, Dartmouth Medical School, talks about her research into why this happens and what to do about it. Tuesday, July 15, 10-11:15 a.m., Ballroom.

- **Family Violence and Psychopathology: Results from the National Comorbidity Survey.** This collaborative study looks at psychiatric problems and life circumstances, such as family violence, that make them more likely to occur. Beth Molnar, Harvard School of Public Health. Tuesday, July 15, 1-2:15 p.m., Ballroom.

On Wednesday, July 16, at 10 a.m., Cheryl Meyer, Wright State University, will lead a panel on "Examining the Impact of Past and Present Abuse on the Lives of Mothers Who Kill Their Children."

For more information on the conference in general or other presenters and topics, log on to <http://www.unh.edu/fri/conference2003/index.html>.

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