

FREDA Centre Chronology and Research Project Highlights

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About The FREDA Centre for Research on Violence against Women and Children

The FREDA Centre is one of five gender-based violence research centres established in 1992 with a five-year grant from Health Canada and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). It began as a partnership between Simon Fraser University (SFU), the University of British Columbia (UBC), and the Vancouver Community Research Centre. The FREDA Centre resides within the School of Criminology at Simon Fraser University. The Centre works closely with the grassroots community, especially feminist organizations, including legal and other professional ones, and with academics at SFU. Dr. Margaret Jackson has been the Executive Director of the FREDA Centre since 1993. From 1994 to 1995, Dr. Yasmin Jiwani became a research coordinator for the then named BC/Yukon FREDA Centre for Research on Violence Against Women and Children. From 1995 to 2001, she served as the executive coordinator and principal researcher at the Centre.

Since 1997, the Centre has been operating on the basis of project-specific grants. The FREDA Centre offices are located at SFU's downtown Vancouver campus, Harbour Centre, in close proximity to those of its community partners. The office is located on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), and səliłwətaʔl (Tsleil-Waututh) peoples.

The mandate of the FREDA Centre is to facilitate and conduct research on violence against women and children, in order to raise awareness and affect relevant policy and procedure (including programming).

The Alliance of Canadian Research Centres on Gender-Based Violence

The FREDA Centre is a member of the Alliance of Canadian Research Centres on Gender-Based Violence, formed in 1996 by the five initial violence research centres. Since that time the Alliance has engaged in national collaborative research projects, including a project on Violence Prevention and the Girl Child, funded by Status of Women Canada (now Women and Gender Equality Canada). For more information on the Alliance report, please consult the FREDA Centre. The Alliance now consists of seven gender-based violence research centres across Canada. The mission of the Alliance is to build community and academic partnerships to carry out research and public education to eliminate violence against women and children, and family violence.

The Canadian Observatory on the Justice System's Response to Intimate Partner Violence

The FREDA Centre was also a network participant for the Canadian Observatory on the Justice System's Response to Intimate Partner Violence, directed by Dr. Carmen Gill at the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research. The Canadian Observatory was developed in collaboration with the Alliance, and was launched in September 2007. It expanded to include an international network of researchers, practitioners, and policy-makers who worked in partnership to identify policies and strategies to address intimate partner violence. The mission of the Canadian Observatory was to conduct research that will ensure the uptake of new knowledge by stakeholders and that will encourage a multi-sectoral coordinated effort to reduce and eliminate intimate partner violence and to establish an effective system across Canada.

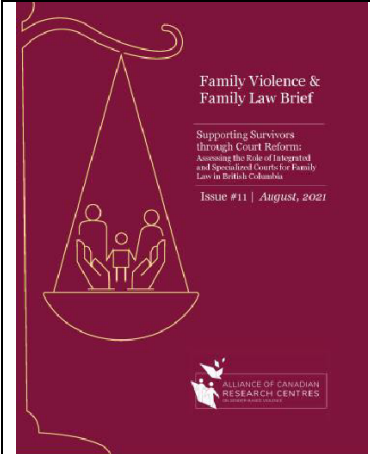
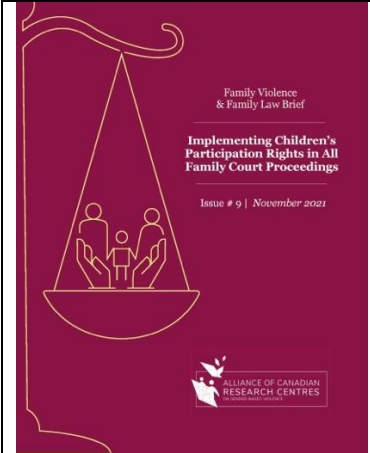
Recent and On-going Research Projects

1. Supporting the Health of Survivors of Family Violence in Family Law Proceedings – November 2020 to November 2024, funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC). The Alliance of Canadian Research Centres on Gender-Based Violence.

The creation of the Communities of Practice research project across Canada has the intent of building the capacity of health and social service professionals to work safely and effectively with survivors of family violence. Funded projects reach children, youth and families affected by violence, as well as professionals and service providers, while helping to learn and share "what works" in this emerging field. This is achieved through the creation of webinars and learning briefs which are disseminated nationally and internationally.



(For more detail on each of these below, please visit our website at fredacentre.com)

1.1 The Family Violence & Family Law Learning Briefs produced by the FREDA Centre

	<p><u>Supporting Survivors through Court Reform: Assessing the Role of Integrated and Specialized Courts for Family Law in British Columbia</u></p> <p>Family Violence & Family Law Brief, Issue #11, August 2021</p> <p>Chelsea Pang</p>
	<p><u>Implementing Children's Participation Rights in All Family Court Proceedings</u></p> <p>Family Violence & Family Law Brief, Issue #9, November 2021</p> <p>The Honourable Donna Martinson, Q.C., and The Honourable Judge Rose Raven</p>

	<p><u>The 2021 Divorce Act: Using statutory interpretation principles to support substantive equality for women and children in family violence cases</u></p> <p>Family Violence & Family Law Brief, Issue #5, June 2021</p> <p>The Honourable Donna Martinson, Q.C., and Dr. Margaret Jackson</p>
	<p><u>Executive Summary of Why Can't Everyone Just Get Along?: How BC's family law system puts survivors in danger</u></p> <p>Family Violence & Family Law Brief, Issue #2, March 2021</p> <p>Haley Hrymak and Kim Hawkins, Rise Women's Legal Centre</p>

1.2 Webinars produced by the FREDA Centre

	<p><u>Implementing Children's Rights in Family Court Cases</u></p> <p>November 2021</p> <p>The Honourable Donna Martinson, Q.C. The Honourable Judge Rose Raven Lauren Irvine Suzette Narbonne Dr. Margaret Jackson</p>
	<p><u>Why Can't Everyone Just Get Along? How BC's Family Law System Puts Survivors in Danger</u></p> <p>March 2021</p> <p>Haley Hrymak, Rise Women's Legal Centre Dr. Margaret Jackson, Moderator</p>

2. Implementing Children’s Participation Rights in Family Law and Child Welfare Proceedings (November 2020), BC Office of the Representative for Children and Youth (RCY). The Honourable Donna Martinson, Q.C.,** and Professor Margaret Jackson, co-coordinated.

This literature review/report addressed a number of gaps and barriers that exist in relation to Canada’s management of children’s legal representation. In particular, the review used as its predominant framework a number of the procedural safeguards and guarantees enshrined in the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child’s General Comments on the CRC. Recommendations were also set out.

**The Honourable Donna Martinson, Q.C., Adjunct Professor in the School of Criminology and a retired BC Supreme Court Justice (she also served as Chair of the CBA committee on Children’s Rights), works with the FREDA Centre on law-related activities and on matters such as, among others, those pertaining to the BC Family Law Act (2013) and the Divorce Act (2021), and in making presentations at such conferences as the National Judicial Institute and Provincial Justice Summits. A few of the specific topics and activities are listed below:

<p>Presentations</p>	<p><i>Judicial Leadership and Domestic Violence Cases – Judges Can Make a Difference</i>, with The Honourable Donna Martinson, Q.C. <i>Managing the Domestic Violence Case in Family and Criminal Law</i>, National Judicial Institute Conference, October 29 – November 2, 2012, Vancouver, British Columbia.</p> <p><i>Judicial Leadership and Multiple Family Violence Proceedings</i>, Presentation to the Federal Provincial Working Group on Family Violence in the Justice System, with The Honourable Donna Martinson, Q.C., Dr. Margaret Jackson, Dr. Darcie Bennett and Dr. Allan Wade, May 2013.</p>
<p>B.C. Community Legal Education (BCCLE) Program topics presented with The Honourable Donna Martinson, Q.C.</p>	<p>Family Violence and the Family Law Act – The Honourable Donna Martinson, Q.C., Organizer, chair and presenter for the B.C. Continuing Legal Education Society interdisciplinary one half day panel presentation on family violence and the B.C. F.L.A, (part of a two day FLA Conference, The F.L.A., Everything you Always Wanted to Know), Vancouver, B.C., January 29, 2013; Victoria, B.C. February 7, 2013; Kelowna, B.C., February 21, 2013, with the Honourable Judge Paul Meyers, Dr. Darcie Bennett, Dr. Margaret Jackson, Colin Millar, Ron Smith, Q.C., Michelle Kinney and Dr. Allan Wade.</p> <p>Protecting the Safety, Security and Well-Being of Children and other Family Members, - Changing Legal Frameworks and Professional Responsibilities, The Honourable Donna Martinson, Q.C., paper. Family Violence and the Family Law Act – Questions and Responses: Nature of Family Violence and its Impact on Parenting; Linking Family Violence to Post-Separation Parenting; Changing Professional Responsibilities, with the Honourable Judge Paul Meyers, Dr. Darcie Bennett, Dr. Margaret Jackson, Colin Millar, Ron Smith, Q.C., Michelle Kinney and Dr. Allan Wade.</p>

	Family Violence and the Family Law Act – Responses to Post-Program Participant Questions: Lawyers’ Obligations to Assess for Family Violence; Parenting Assessments; Protection from Family Violence Orders; Impact of Legal Aid Requirement that Violence Must be Alleged; Family Violence and the Role of Judges; Family Violence Screening Training with the Honourable Judge Paul Meyers, Dr. Darcie Bennett, Dr. Margaret Jackson, Colin Millar, Ron Smith, Q.C., Michelle Kinney and Dr. Allan Wade, July 2013.
Reports emerging from the above presentations /research with The Honourable Donna Martinson, Q.C.:	<p><u>Judicial Leadership and Domestic Violence Cases: Judges Can Make a Difference</u>, The Honourable Donna Martinson, Q.C., & Dr. Margaret Jackson (2012)</p> <p><u>Risk of Future Harm: Family Violence and Information Sharing Between Family and Criminal Courts – Discussion Paper</u>, Dr. Margaret Jackson & The Honourable Donna Martinson, Q.C. (January 2015)</p> <p><u>Risk of Future Harm: Family Violence and Information Sharing Between Family and Criminal Courts – Research Project – Summary of Findings and Conclusions</u>, Prepared for the Fifth B.C. Justice Summit (November 2015) by The Honourable Donna Martinson, Q.C., & Dr. Margaret Jackson (Final Report released in January, 2016)</p>

2.1 Martinson and Jackson

Additional Publications from The Honourable Donna Martinson, Q.C., and Dr. Margaret Jackson	<p><u>Family Violence and Evolving Judicial Roles: Judges as Equality Guardians in Family Law Cases</u>, The Honourable Donna Martinson, Q.C., & Dr. Margaret Jackson, <i>Canadian Journal of Family Law</i> (2017)</p> <p><u>Siloes, Multiple Proceedings and Rights: Justice Reforms Needed Now in Domestic Violence Cases</u>, The Honourable Donna Martinson, Q.C., & Dr. Margaret Jackson, <i>Ending Violence Association of B.C. Publication</i> (2017)</p>
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3. The Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative with Vulnerable Populations (**CDHPVP**) project was a five-year research study (2015-2021) funded by the Social Sciences Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) to conduct research on domestic homicides in Canada, identify protocols and strategies that will reduce risk, and share this knowledge with the wider community.

FREDA was a partner organization on this project, and one Co-investigator is an Adjunct Professor in the School of Criminology and an Associate Director of FREDA, Dr. Katherine Rossiter. It was a national project with the other four violence research centres across Canada. Key community-based partners on that project were the Ending Violence Association of BC (EVA BC) and the BC Society of Transition Houses (BCSTH). We were provided with funding each year to support a Criminology Ph.D. candidate (Ph.D. completed in 2021), Dr. Sarah Yercich, who undertook literature reviews, interviews, and data collection, coding, and analysis.

The FREDA Centre engaged in the production of many reports and related projects through CDHPVP, which are detailed below. Three additional articles are in progress.

Book Chapters	<p>Guruge, S., Al Jamal, A., Yercich, S., Dhillon, M., Rossiter, K., David, R., & Kulasinghe, M. (2020). Domestic homicide in immigrant communities: Lessons learned. In P. Jaffe, K. Scott, & A-L. Straatman. (Eds). <i>Preventing domestic homicides: Lessons learned from tragedies</i> (pp. 111-135). Elsevier Publishing.</p> <p>Rossiter, K., Reif, K., & Fischer, O. (2020). Domestic homicides within LGBTQ2S+ communities: Barriers in disclosing relationships and violence. In P. Jaffe, K. Scott, & A-L. Straatman. (Eds.), <i>Preventing domestic homicides: Lessons learned from tragedies</i> (pp. 63-85). Elsevier Publishing.</p> <p>Yercich, S., & Rossiter, K. (2018). Immigrant and refugee populations. In N. Jeffrey, J. Fairbairn, M. Campbell, M. Dawson, P. Jaffe, & A-L Straatman (Eds). <i>Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative with Vulnerable Populations (CDHPVP) literature review on risk assessment, risk management and safety planning</i>. Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative. ISBN: 978-1-988412-27-6</p>
Research Reports	<p>Fairbairn, J., Yercich, S., Al Jamal, A., Rossiter, K., David, R., Bader, D., Straatman, A., Dawson, M., & Jaffe, P. (2017). <i>Domestic Violence Risk Assessment, Risk Management, and Safety Planning with Immigrant and Refugee Populations: Summary of Selected Grey Literature</i>. Produced on behalf of the Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Project Initiative with Vulnerable Populations.</p> <p>Fairbairn, J., David, R., Yercich, S., Al Jamal, A., Rossiter, K., Straatman, A., Dawson, M., & Jaffe, P. (2017). <i>Domestic Violence Risk Assessment, Risk Management, and Safety Planning with Immigrant and Refugee Populations: An Annotated Bibliography</i>. Produced on behalf of the Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Project Initiative with Vulnerable Populations.</p>
Learning Briefs	<p>Rossiter, K., Yercich, S., Boabaid, M., Al Jamal, A., David, R., Fairbairn, J., Dawson, M., & Jaffee, P. (2018). <i>Domestic violence in immigrant and refugee populations: Culturally informed risk and safety strategies (4)</i>. London, ON: Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative. ISBN: 978-1-988412-13-9</p>
Presentations	<p>Rossiter, K., Al Jamal, A., Yercich, S., Dhillon, M., Boaboaid, M., Guruge, S., & Jackson, M. (2021). <i>Immigrant and refugee survivors' perspectives on help-seeking, gaps in services, and strategies for preventing severe domestic violence and homicide</i>. Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative Conference (virtual). May 13, 2021.</p> <p>Al Jamal, A., Yercich, S., Kulasinghe, M., & Rossiter, K. (2021). <i>Service providers' perspectives on the complexity of domestic violence and homicide risk assessments, and its implications for service provision within immigrant and refugee communities</i>. Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative Conference (virtual). May 12, 2021.</p> <p>David, R., & Rossiter, K. R. (2020). <i>Immigrant perpetrators of domestic violence: Unique risks and service needs</i>. Paper presented at The Diverse Voices Family Violence Conference (virtual). November 12, 2020.</p>

	<p>Yercich, S., & Dhillon, M. (2018). <i>Emerging Research: Risk Assessment, Risk Management, and Safety Planning Definitions</i>. Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative with Vulnerable Populations Partnership Meeting. Western University. London, ON. November 1-2, 2018.</p> <p>Yercich, S. (2018). <i>Research Update: Key Informant Interviews</i>. Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative with Vulnerable Populations Partnership Meeting. Western University. London, ON. November 1-2, 2018.</p> <p>Al Jamal, A. & Yercich, S. (2020). <i>One size doesn't fit all: The complexities of risk, safety, and domestic violence within immigrant and refugee communities</i>. Canadian Domestic Violence Conference 6. Halifax, NS. March 3-6, 2020.</p> <p>Yercich, S. (2018). <i>Research Update: Key Informant Interviews</i>. Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative with Vulnerable Populations Research Team Meeting. Western University. London, ON. June 2018.</p> <p>Yercich, S., Bader, D., Nepinak, J., Doherty, D., Campbell, M., DuMont-Smith, C., Guruge, S., Dawson, M., Al Jamal, A., David, R., Rossiter, K., Fairbairn, J., & Jaffe, P. (2018). <i>Safety Planning with Vulnerable Populations</i>. Women's Shelters Canada 2018 National Conference, <i>Shelters of the Future: A National Conversation</i>. Ottawa, ON. June 13-15, 2018.</p> <p>David, R., Rossiter, K., Al Jamal, A., Yercich, S., & Fairbairn, J. (2018). <i>Risk Assessment, Risk Management, and Safety Planning Strategies in Immigrant and Refugee Populations: A Review of the Literature</i>. Canadian Domestic Violence Conference 5. Halifax, NS. March 20-23, 2018.</p> <p>Porteous, T., Yercich, S., Dawson, M., & Jaffe, P. (2018). <i>Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative with Vulnerable Populations</i>. Northern Feminist Institute for Research and Evaluation's (Northern FIRE) Ending Gendered Violence Symposium, <i>Addressing Gendered Violence: Local and Northern Perspectives</i>. Prince George, BC. March 9, 2018.</p> <p>Yercich, S., David, R., Al Jamal, A., Rossiter, K., & Fairbairn, J. (2017). <i>Risk Assessment, Risk Management, and Safety Planning Strategies in Immigrant and Refugee Populations: A Review of the Literature</i>. Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Conference. Western University. London, ON. October 18-19, 2017.</p>
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4. Building Supports Project (2014-2018). Project undertaken in collaboration with the BC Non-Profit Housing Association (BCNPHA) & BC Society of Transition Houses (BCSTH). This study, entitled *Building Supports: Housing Access for Immigrant and Refugee Women Leaving Violence*, was a three-phase project aiming to understand the barriers in accessing short- and long-term housing for immigrant and refugee women leaving violent relationships, and to examine the practices and policies that can facilitate the removal of barriers to safe, secure and affordable housing. The study was funded by the Vancouver Foundation, the Law Foundation, The Office of the Representative of Children and Youth, and the SFU Community Engagement Committee. Phase I involved a survey of transition house workers, interviews

with housing managers, and focus groups and interviews with immigrant and refugee women who have lived experiences¹. Dr. Katherine Rossiter was actively involved in Phase I.

For the third phase, a report entitled, Phase III: Policy Component: Immigration, Refugee, and Settlement, Housing and Health was released in 2018. The results from the policy component were presented at the SFU Women Deliver event at the SFU Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue, by Drs. Margaret Jackson and Sarah Yercich (2018).

4.1 Phase III Knowledge Products

Research Reports	<p>Jackson, M., Yercich, S., Godard, L., & Lee, H. (2018). Building Supports Phase III: Policy Analysis Settlement and Immigration, Housing, and Health. Report prepared for the BC Society of Transition Houses, BC Non-Profit Housing Association, and the FREDA Centre for Research on Violence Against Women and Children.</p> <p>Jackson, M., Yercich, S., & Godard, L. (2018). Building Supports Phase III: Policy Brief Summary. Report prepared for the BC Society of Transition Houses, BC Non-Profit Housing Association, and the FREDA Centre for Research on Violence Against Women and Children.</p>
Presentations	<p>Yercich, S., & Jackson, M. (2019). <i>Health, well-being, and safety for immigrant and refugee women and their children leaving violence and abuse</i>. Women Deliver mobilization event: Gender, power and progress on display. Vancouver, BC. June 2, 2019.</p> <p>Jackson, M., & Yercich, S. (2018). <i>Building Supports Project: Access to Safe and Affordable Housing for Immigrant and Refugee Women and Their Children Leaving Violence and Abuse</i>. Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative with Vulnerable Populations Partnership Meeting. Western University. London, ON. November 1-2, 2018.</p> <p>Yercich, S., Godard, L., & Jackson, M. (2018). <i>The Building Supports Project: Policy, Practice, and Housing Access for Immigrant and Refugee Women Leaving Violence</i>. Women's Shelters Canada 2018 National Conference, <i>Shelters of the Future: A National Conversation</i>. Ottawa, ON. June 13-15, 2018.</p> <p>Yercich, S., Jackson, M., & Godard, L. (2017). <i>Building Supports Project: Safety through Housing Access for Immigrant and Refugee Women Leaving Violence</i>. Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Conference. Western University. London, ON. October 18-19, 2017.</p>

¹An article and presentation also resulted for Phase I: Rossiter, K. R. & Godard, L. (2014). Building supports: Housing access for immigrant and refugee women leaving violence. *Cultures West*, 32(2), 18.

(An Infographic summarizing survey findings can be found at <http://www.bcsth.ca/content/building-supports>)

Rossiter, K. R., Godard, L., Atkey, J., Lee, H., Jackson, M., & Talbott, C. (2015, March). *Housing access for immigrant and refugee women leaving violence: Findings from the Building Supports Project*. Workshop paper presented at the 17th National Metropolis Conference, Vancouver, BC.

Workshops & Webinars	<p>Yercich, S., Godard, L., & Lee, H. (2018). <i>Building Supports: Housing Access for Immigrant and Refugee (IRW) Leaving Violence</i>. Violence Against Women Learning Network Knowledge Hub Webinar Series. February 13, 2018.</p> <p>Jackson, M., Yercich, S., & Godard, L. (2017). <i>Building Supports Project: Housing Access for Immigrant and Refugee Women Leaving Violence (Phase III Policy Component)</i>. Building Supports Advisory Committee Meeting. British Columbia Non-Profit Housing Association. Vancouver, BC. April 11, 2017.</p>
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5. PRIME Study – w/ the Ending Violence Association of BC & RCMP – Dr. Christopher Giles and Dr. Margaret Jackson (2009-2014)

The study examined domestic violence cases in British Columbia over a four-year period (2009-2012) using the BC police PRIME database. Issues of primary interest included cases of dual arrest and/or women who are solely arrested for domestic violence. Factors of interest captured for both the accused and victim include age, race, gender, seriousness of offence, sequencing of victim/offender roles, weapons used, time intervals between offending, and escalation/de-escalation, (a)symmetry issues, other unique patterns of offending. One article from the study has been submitted for review to the journal, *Gender and Society*, December, 2021.

6. Anti-Violence Service Delivery Study – w/ Ending Violence Association of BC (2013-2014) – Drs. Katherine Rossiter and Sarah Yercich. This study, entitled *Assessing the Complexities and Implications of Anti-Violence Service Delivery in British Columbia*, was funded by EVA BC and explored how changes to domestic and sexual violence policy, legislation, and procedures over the past 30 years affected the demands on anti-violence workers, and the time it takes to respond to cases of sexual and domestic violence. The study involved interviews and focus groups with key informants (e.g., program managers, advocates) and front-line anti-violence workers throughout BC. The final report can be accessed [here](#).

7. Court Watch Yukon – w/ Yukon Status of Women Council – Charlotte Hrenchuk, Director, Yukon Status of Women Council, and Reem Girgrah, Yukon, with Dr. Katherine Rossiter (2013-2014), Cristine Pastia (2014-2015) and Dr. Margaret Jackson, SFU (2013-2015). The study involved the creation of data entry forms, focus groups with involved staff at the Yukon Status of Women Council Office in Whitehorse, and site visits to Whitehorse. It also incorporated academic advising and support for the Court Watch program in order to monitor cases of sexual and domestic violence against women in trial and Domestic Violence Treatment Option (DVTO) courts to promote best practices and victim-centered approaches in Yukon courts.

Not as Recent Research Projects

1. Domestic Violence Policy Library – w/ Canadian Observatory – Dr. Michelle Lawrence, Dr. Chantal Faucher, and Dr. Margaret Jackson. A comprehensive development of a national policy document. It involved the creation of the policy library, an online repository of relevant domestic violence legislation

and policy collected from the provinces and territories. The library allowed for cross-jurisdictional comparisons of the various elements contained within those documents (most of which were live linked).

2. Victim Context and Court Outcomes – w/ Canadian Observatory & Victim Services – Dr. Katherine Rossiter and Dr. Margaret Jackson. This was a pilot project to collect victim information from a relatively small sample of domestic violence cases (25) through structured interviews with victims and information provided by the Victim Services Court Program. All cases included were closed files. The intent was to test a coding instrument for its viability for a subsequent national study of DV victims. Manitoba was the other province undertaking the project, under Dr. Jane Ursel.

3. Myths and Stereotypes about IPV Update – FREDa website (2014). This report was an update to the original 1998 document, *Myths and Realities of Custody and Access* (Denike, Huang, & The FREDa Centre). In this updated version, we revisit the myths that were identified in the original text and apply current approaches to family law, relevant legislation, and recent scholarly literature to provide a contemporary assessment of those myths and the current realities. We have also included and addressed new myths and stereotypes that emerged since 1998.

4. Experiences with Homelessness and Shelters for Abused Women in Canada (2011) – Leslie Tutty and Cindy Ogden, Alberta principal researchers. Title of report: *I built My House of Hope – Abused Women and Pathways into Homelessness* (2013). This study describes the needs, trauma symptoms and safety issues of 368 women as they enter and leave emergency shelters in ten Canadian violence against women shelters. For the project and report, BC women were interviewed who had been abused by partners and were homeless at some point. The women were asked for their perspectives on what more is needed to adequately provide housing for themselves and their children.

5. Project of Collaborative Health Initiatives to Prevent and Intervene in Violence against Women in China (2007-2009) – Dora Tam, PI. University of Calgary. This CIHR project was based upon data collection from the Women's Project in Guangzhou, China. It was initially presented at symposium on Feb 15, 2009 in Guangzhou.

Two focus groups were conducted, one in Toronto and the other in Vancouver in late March 2009 to present some preliminary findings and gather feedback on the relevance and applicability of such findings in working with abused women in the Chinese community in Canada. The first focus group was conducted with four staff from the Chinese Family Services of Ontario in Toronto, which is the largest social service agency provides crisis intervention and counseling services to abused Chinese women in greater Toronto area. The second one was conducted by Margaret Jackson and Dora Tam with seven service providers, who provide crisis intervention and counseling services to abused Chinese women in Greater Vancouver and Richmond area in BC. The participants found that the information is useful for them to understand more about the stages of violence and pattern of help seeking among abused women. Moreover, additional challenges in working with immigrant women and suggestions for prevention and intervention were discussed.

In addition, a paper titled, "Justice and Community Responses on Intimate Partner Violence in Canada and Their Transferability in China" was presented to the International Conference on Social Work and Counseling Practice in Hong Kong in June 2009. The paper was based on the jointly developed paper by Dawson, Thurston, Jackson, and Kwok on a comparison of domestic violence in Canada and China, which was presented to the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences in June 2008.

Tam, D.M.Y., Dawson, M., Jackson, M., Kwok, S.M., and Thurston, W.E., “Comparing Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence in Canada and China”, accepted for publication in the *Journal of Violence Against Women* (2009).

6. The Costs of Exposure to Intimate Partner Violence Among Children and Youth (2014) (with Dr. Sibylle Artz of the School of Child and Youth Care, University of Victoria, and Dr. Margaret Jackson, Dr. Katherine Rossiter, and Dr. Alicia Nijdam-Jones). This study involved a comprehensive review of the literature on the effects of children’s exposure to domestic violence (e.g., neuropsychological, physical and mental health, behavioural, academic/employment outcomes) and an estimate of the economic costs of children’s exposure to domestic violence. The infographic can be found [here](#).

Presentations

Artz, S., Jackson, M., Andresen, M., & Rossiter, K. R. (2015, November). *In harm’s way: The impacts and costs of witnessing intimate partner violence*. Paper presented at the Together! BC Collaborates to Stop Sexual & Domestic Violence multi-sector training forum, Vancouver, BC.

Artz, S., Géczy, I., Jackson, M., Rossiter, K. R., Wong, J., & Nijdam-Jones, A. (2012, November). *A comprehensive review of the literature on the impact of exposure to intimate partner violence for children and youth*. Paper presented at the National Research Day conference, Vancouver, BC.

Publications

Kassis, W., Artz, S., Moldenhauer, S., Géczy, I., & Rossiter, K. R. (2015). A dynamic and gender sensitive understanding of adolescents’ personal and school resilience characteristics despite family violence: The predictive power of the family violence burden level. *International Journal of Child, Youth and Family Studies*, 6(3), 388-420.

Artz, S., Jackson, M., Rossiter, K. R., Nijdam-Jones, A., Géczy, I., & Porteous, S. (2014). A comprehensive review of the literature on the impact of exposure to intimate partner violence for children and youth. *International Journal of Child, Youth and Family Studies*, 5(4), 493-587

7. Domestic Violence Prevention and Reduction in British Columbia (2011) – The FREDA Centre and the [Justice Institute of BC](#) (JIBC) launched a landmark report in 2011 on the subject of domestic violence prevention and reduction in BC. In the report titled, *Domestic Violence Prevention and Reduction in British Columbia*.

The FREDA Centre’s Dr. Katherine Rossiter reviewed domestic violence prevention and reduction initiatives in BC, from 2000-2010, and made the case for primary prevention strategies that address the root causes of crime and promote strategic investments in children and families. The review was undertaken to support the work of the Violence Reduction Circle, a collaborative group of researchers, policy makers, clinicians, and service providers, hosted by the Centre for the Prevention & Reduction of Violence (CPRV) within JIBC’s Office of Applied Research. Funding for the study was provided by CPRV through generous donations from the R. Howard Webster Foundation and the British Columbia Institute for Family Violence.

8. The 4th R project (2008) – interviews with youth about their experiences of violence pre- and post- 4th R curriculum exposure. FREDA supervised the interviews and collated them for British Columbia. (Ray Hughes & David Wolfe, UWO, PI’s). UWO Education spearheaded the nation-wide study which examined the effectiveness of 4th R (Relationships) programming for youth in school. It had the aim of reducing violent/aggressive behaviours in the school classroom and in other school activities.

Doctoral & Post-Doctoral Research Completed by FREDA members

<p>Fathers Investing in Fatherhood: A Qualitative Examination of Contemporary Fathering in Fatherhood Groups in Canada (2021)</p>	<p>The existing literature and research on fathers in movements demonstrate differing approaches to understanding fatherhood, men’s engagement in the family pre/post separation, family law, and fatherhood/fathers’ rights activism. However, these approaches often fail to address the experiences of fathers, as well as fatherhood activists and movements, that exist outside the narrative created by the fathers’ rights-based approaches and pro-feminist responses that currently dominate the dialogue surrounding the issues of fatherhood movements/groups and the rights of fathers. Based on this problematization of the existing frameworks for and examinations of fatherhood movements, this two-part study examined the social engagement and experiences of fathers who belong to fatherhood groups across Canada, with a strong focus on British Columbia (BC). Phase one was an investigation of the parallel fathers’ rights movement (FRM) and involved fatherhood movement (IFM) Canada-wide. I conducted a qualitative content analysis of these two discourses through their online presence and activism, such as blogs, websites, and online resources. Phase two dovetailed off this analysis through in-depth interviews with fathers engaged in the FRM and IFM in BC, including a few fathers who reside outside of BC but were active in national groups engaged in this province. Together, the two phases provide an examination of fatherhood and fatherhood movements within a critical masculinities framework. The full dissertation is here.</p> <p>Principal Investigator and Dissertation Author: Dr. Sarah Yercich Supervisor: Professor Joan Brockman Supervisory Committee: Dr. Margaret Jackson and The Honourable Donna Martinson, Q.C.</p>
<p>Intimate Partner Violence Against Women with Serious Mental Health Concerns: The Justice System Response (2012)</p>	<p>The purpose of this study was to explore the justice system’s response to intimate partner violence against women with serious mental health concerns, and to identify solutions to improve women’s access to the justice system, strengthen the justice system’s response, and enhance the safety of women with serious mental health concerns. The study elicited the perspectives of victim service workers (community- and police-based), justice system representatives, and women with serious mental health concerns who have experienced intimate partner violence. This postdoctoral research was supervised by Drs. Margaret Jackson (SFU) and Myrna Dawson (University of Guelph) and was funded by the Canadian Observatory on the Justice System’s Response to Intimate Partner Violence.</p> <p>Principal Investigator: Dr. Katherine Rossiter (post-doctoral research)</p>
<p>Victimization, Trauma, and Mental Illness: Women’s Recovery at the Interface of the</p>	<p>This study explored the trauma-related experiences and needs of women receiving forensic psychiatric services in British Columbia, the challenges faced by forensic mental health professionals in addressing victimization and trauma with female clients, and women’s experiences as participants</p>

<p>Criminal Justice and Mental Health Systems (2012)</p>	<p>in a trauma-focused study. Qualitative interviews with 16 women receiving forensic mental health treatment services and 13 forensic treatment staff explored the need and potential for trauma-informed forensic psychiatric services. The doctoral research was supervised by Dr. Simon Verdun-Jones, along with Drs. Margaret Jackson and Marina Morrow. The research would not have been possible without the cooperation of the Forensic Psychiatric Services Commission (FPSC) and BC Mental Health and Addiction Services (BCMHAS), and support from the Research in Addictions and Mental Health Policy and Services (RAMHPS) Program, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Women’s Health Research Network (WHRN), and the School of Criminology at Simon Fraser University. The complete dissertation is available online through SFU’s Research Repository: Trauma Recovery Study.</p> <p>Principal Investigator and Dissertation Author: Dr. Katherine Rossiter</p>
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Other Dr. Margaret Jackson/FREDA Related Activities

Forum interprovincial sur le traitement judiciaire de la violence conjugale - Montreal Interprovincial Forum on the Justice System Response to Domestic Violence (May 2015) – co-presenting with The Honourable Donna Martinson, Q.C.

The Family Law Act, Invited Lecture, UVIC Advance Law class (February 2016) (Jackson alone)

The Family Law Act, Invited Lecture, UBC Family Law class (March 2016) (with The Honourable Donna Martinson, Q.C.)

RISK Report (FLA) – LEAF workshop with family court lawyers (April 2016) (Jackson alone)

Protection Orders (FLA) – Trial Lawyers Association of BC (May 2016) (Jackson alone)

Multiple Proceedings: *Dangerous Disconnects: Multiple Court Proceedings in Family Law Cases (Family, Criminal, Child Protection) (April 2017)*, with The Honourable Donna Martinson, Q.C., and Katherine LeReverend, “When the Home is not a Haven”, Trial Lawyers Association of B.C.

Risk of Harm Report BC Justice Summit (Fifth) – co-presenting with The Honourable Donna Martinson, Q.C., on RISK Report (The Honourable Donna Martinson, Q.C., also presented on the same topic at the 4th BC Justice Summit)

“DV in BC Court Processes: Challenges and Promising Directions” (January 2020), invited NEVR Committee Zoom Presentation, Margaret Jackson.

BC Coroner’s Death Review Committee membership – in both the 2010 and 2016 Death Review Committees – Dr. Margaret Jackson.

Assisting BC Institute against Family Violence in the development of its internal policies (Dr. Jackson was also the Director of the SFU Criminology Justice Policy Institute).

Federal Department of Justice, invited to join committee to develop Federal Strategy to deal with Domestic Violence cases, ending in September 2021. Development of a Tool Kit for legal advisors who make assessments in family law cases.

One Other Dr. Jackson Related Research Project

Immigrant and Refugee Women Study of services available for women in the province in domestic violence cases (2016), with Dr. Wendy Chan, SFU Sociology and Anthropology. Department of Justice funding. Jackson assistance with proposal development, ethics approval and focus group interviews.

Past FREDa Research/Activities

1. Youth survey on the experiences of violence in their lives – quantitative component of Helene Berman (PI) project on intersecting factors of violence in girls' lives. Jocelyn Proulx, Manitoba, primary researcher.
2. Observatory project – assisting with the evaluation component for the overall project for the five centres, and specifically for the FREDa Centre component (Carmen Gill, PI).
3. Comparative Justice Policy Study with Belgrano University in Buenas Aires, Argentina, with Professor Liliana Alvarez and Diana Fiorini, family court lawyer.
4. Girls groups – two of them developed: Girlz Group – a group of Indigenous young women led by Dr. Margaret Jackson, Janet Haley, Shelley MacDonald and Andrea Canales, and GoGo Girls - a more ethnically-diverse group of young women, led by Dr. Margaret Jackson.
5. Girls and Aggression – CIHR project with Marlene Moretti in Psychology

FREDa component: Three studies with Aboriginal young women are described and analysed in a book chapter by Margaret Jackson:

Chapter Title: *“Race, Gender, and Aggression: The impact of sociocultural factors on girls”*, pp. 85-99.

Book Title: *Girls and Aggression: Contributing Factors and Intervention Principles* (2004). Springer publications. Marlene Moretti, Candice Odgers and Margaret Jackson (Eds).

6. As a member of the second BC Death Review Panel in 2016, Dr. Margaret Jackson contributed to the following report emerging from that committee:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/birth-adoption-death-marriage-and-divorce/deaths/coroners-service/death-review-panel/intimate-partner-violence2010-2015.pdf>

Early FREDa Reports

(most available online from the fredacentre.com website)

Bourassa, Fran and Mary M. Sharma. (1997). *The Second Stage Support Group: Moving On from the Abusive Relationship.* Details of the progress and outcome of a second stage group conducted at Emily Murphy Transition House.

- Brockman, J. and D. Chunn, editors.* (1997) Proceedings of the No Disclosure Workshop. A discussion of strategies designed to ensure the successful implementation of Bill C-46 (the production of records in sexual offence proceedings).
- Chambers, Susan.* (1998) An Analysis of Trends Concerning Violence against Women: A Preliminary Case Study of Vancouver. This report outlines the assumptions and methodological issues underlying the recent decline in police statistics on cases involving violence against women. It contrasts these statistics with others, and with the views of front-line workers.
- Charlesworth, Sonya.* (1999) Constructing Abuse: The Experiences of Mothers and Court-Ordered Child Custody and Access Assessments. A study that examines how the presence of abuse within a parental relationship is investigated by mental health professionals in child custody matters.
- Dempster, Helen.* (1995) The North Island Network to Resist and Heal from Violence. This report documents the lack of resources available for women survivors of violence living in the Comox Valley and nearby rural areas of BC.
- Denike, Margaret and Sal Renshaw.* (1999) Legislating Unreasonable Doubt: Bill C-46, Personal Records Disclosure and Sexual Equality. An analysis of the impact on health and social service providers of legislation concerning the production of records in sexual offence proceedings.
- Dosanjh, Raminder, S. Deo and S. Sidhu.* (1994) Spousal Abuse in the South Asian Community. A research report focusing on the experiences of immigrant and refugee South Asian women who have experienced violence. The report draws from interviews with 15 South Asian women and identifies the barriers that women face in accessing services and support.
- Enarson, Elaine.* (1998) Responding to Domestic Violence and Disaster: Guidelines for Women's Services and Disaster Practitioners. This report summarizes a study of disaster preparedness in domestic violence programs.
- Ericksen, Janet, et al.* (1997) Breaking the Cycle: A Parenting Guide for Single Mothers of Children Who Have Witnessed Domestic Violence. This, the first of two reports, suggests techniques to achieve a healing and supportive environment.
- The 411 Seniors' Centre.* (1998) The Feasibility of Seniors Counselling Seniors Experiencing Abuse: A Community Needs Assessment. A research project on ways the 411 Seniors' Centre could better serve the needs of abused seniors.
- Frank, Sharlene.* (1996) A Needs Assessment for an Aboriginal Women's Transition House. A report documenting the need for a First Nations transition house serving Northeast Vancouver Island.
- Hare, Jan.* (1997) Building Healthy Communities: An Aboriginal Family Violence Resource Guide. An analysis, outline, and directory of resources available to BC First Nations peoples.
- Henderson, A., J. Ericksen and S. Ogden.* (1997) The Parenting Support Group for Women Who Have Experienced Abuse: Facilitator's Manual. This, the second report in the series, is directed to facilitators of support groups for single mothers whose children have witnessed violence.
- Hopkins, Jon Leah.* (1995) A Yukon Pilot Project on Men's Violence against Women. This report focuses on the lack of services and the barriers to accessing services for Aboriginal women in Whitehorse, Yukon, and nearby rural communities.
- Jiwani, Yasmin.* (2001) Erased Realities: The Violence of Racism in the Lives of Immigrant and Refugee Girls of Colour A juxtaposition of Canada's obligations as defined by international human rights

instruments, with the lived realities and impacts of policies in Canada on the lives of racialized immigrant and refugee girls.

- Jiwani, Yasmin.* (2001) *Intersecting Inequalities: Immigrant Women of Colour, Violence & Health Care* A report focusing on racialized immigrant women who have experienced intimate violence, and their access to, and encounters with, the health care system.
- Jiwani, Yasmin.* (2001) *Mapping Violence: A Work in Progress.* An examination of the dimensions and realities of violence in intimate and systemic contexts, with an emphasis on factors that contribute to the vulnerability to violence of specific groups of people.
- Jiwani, Yasmin.* (1998) *Violence against Marginalized Girls: A Review of the Current Literature.* An outline of commonalities that structure and impact the lives of marginalized girls.
- Jiwani, Yasmin, with the assistance of Susan M. Brown.* (1999) *Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Girls and Young Women: A Review of Select Literature and Initiatives.* Second Revised Edition. This literature review suggests there are many factors that facilitate the trafficking and sexual exploitation of young women, both internationally and within Canada itself.
- Jiwani, Yasmin and Lawrence Buhagiar.* (1997) *Policing Violence against Women in Relationships: An Examination of Police Response to Violence against Women in British Columbia.* Front-line workers' experiences of police response are used to outline the inadequacies of existing policies on violence against women.
- Ladha, Azmina N., editor.* (2003) *Re-Righting Reality: Young Women on their Search for Self.* An anthology of experiences written by girls of all ages.
- Moore, Shelley.* (1998) *Mapping Resistance on the Body: Intersections of Violence, Anorexia, and Bulimia in Girls.* A review of the current literature on anorexia and bulimia in relation to the gender-specific experiences of girls during childhood.
More: <http://www.harbour.sfu.ca/freda/pubs/anthol.htm>
- Philippine Women Centre of BC.* (1997) *Trapped: Holding on to the Knife's Edge – Economic Violence against Filipino Migrant/Immigrant Women.* This report profiles the plight of Filipina domestic workers, and the factors that contribute to their vulnerability to violence and exploitation.
- Purvey, Diane B.* (1995) *Not so Peaceable a Kingdom: A Preliminary Guide to Selected English-Canadian Theses on Violence.* The historical changes in how violence has been framed, understood and researched are documented.
- Purvey, Diane B.* (1996) *Violent Matters: An Annotated Guide to Selected Canadian English Language Magazines, 1945-1960.* Magazine articles dealing with domestic violence are reported on and analyzed in this guide.
- Sniderman, Barbara.* (1996) *Research in Action.* (Video – \$35) This video documents a gathering of community-based researchers and advocates from around the province, working on issues concerning violence against women. The participants discuss the barriers they have encountered in raising awareness and mobilizing their communities around violence issues.
- Suleman, Zara and Holly McLarty.* (1997) *Falling Through the Gaps: Gaps in Services for Young Women Survivors of Sexual Assault.* This study examines the experiences of young women survivors of sexual assault who face the failure of service agencies to provide meaningful assistance.
- Wilmshurst, Susan.* (1997) *The Violence against Women in Relationships Policy: A Pre- and Post-Policy Examination of the Outcomes of Spousal Assault Reports in Penticton, British Columbia.* A

comparison of outcomes of spousal abuse reports one year before and one year after the implementation of British Columbia's 1993 Violence Against Women in Relationships Policy.

Funding Agencies for FREDA Research

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Vancouver Foundation (BC)

Status of Women Canada (now Women And Gender Equality, or WAGE Canada)

Department of Justice Canada

BC Ministry of Justice (now Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General)

BC Representative for Children and Youth (RCY)

BC Office of the Human Rights Commission

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