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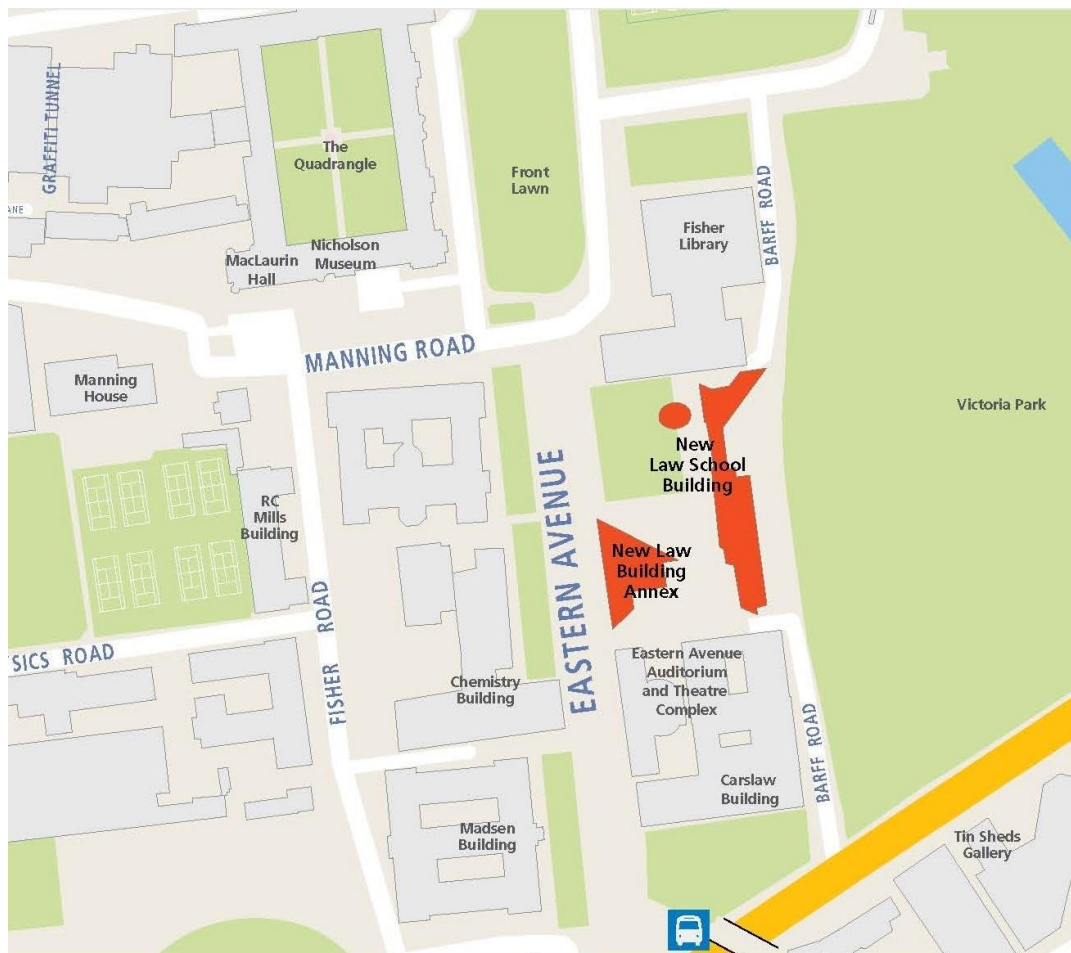
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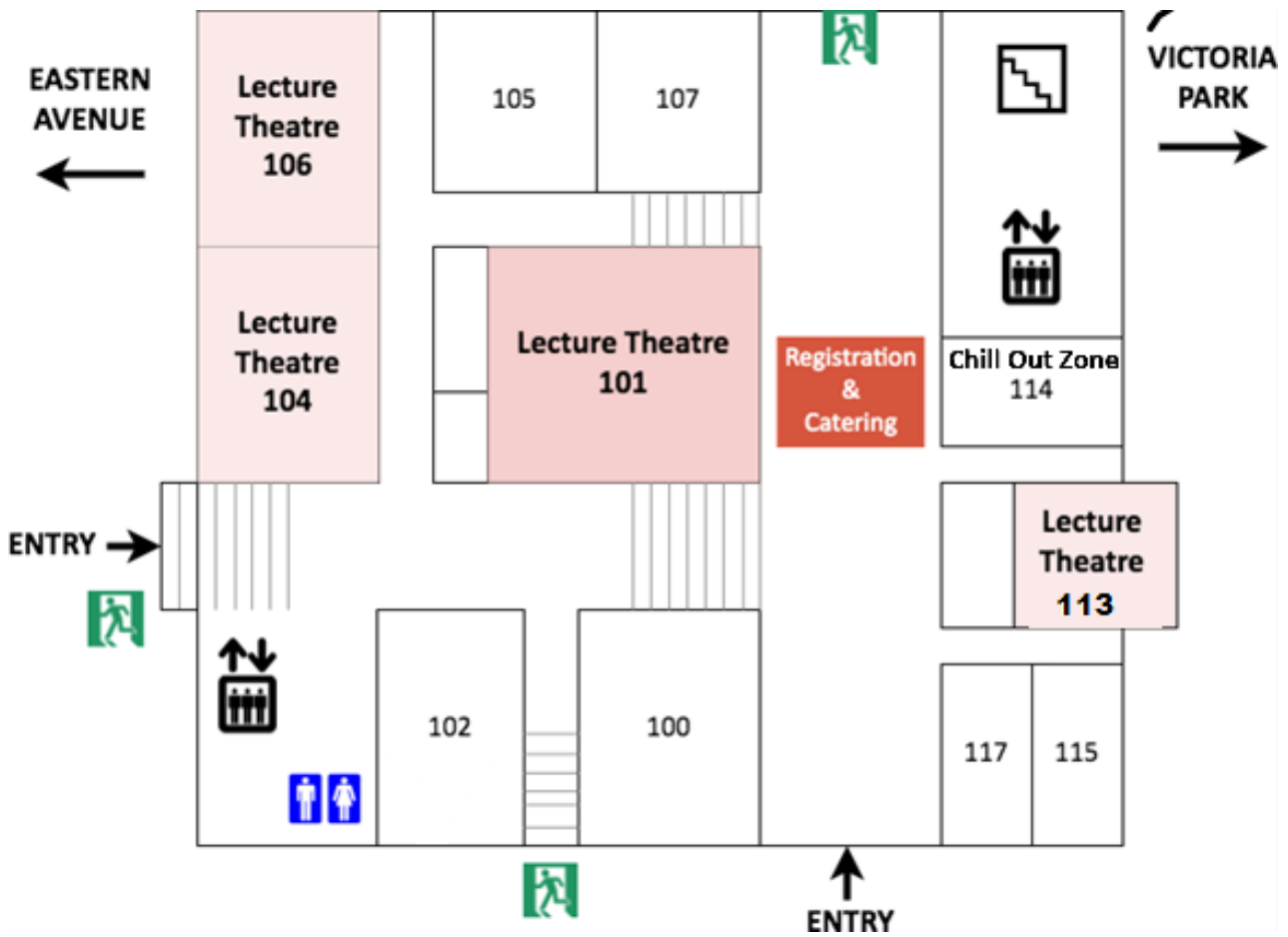
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**GENERAL INFORMATION
AND HOUSE KEEPING**

Level 1, Law Building Annex (F10A) Venue Map



Please note that the Eastern Avenue street level main entrance is on Level 2. You will need to take the stairs or elevator down to Level 1.



GENERAL INFORMATION AND HOUSE KEEPING

WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY!

This conference is hosted by the Sydney Institute of Criminology and is supported by the University of Sydney Law School; the School of Psychology; the Women at Sydney Network; Diversity and Inclusion; and Social Work and Policy Studies.

REGISTRATION DESK

The registration desk is located on Level 1 of the New Law School Building (F10A). Staff will register delegates from 8:30-9:00 am. Staff and volunteers will be available throughout the conference to assist with any queries.

CONFERENCE ROOM FACILITIES

The conference rooms are equipped with AV facilities including laptop and projectors for PowerPoint presentations, and internet access. Should there be specific requirements for presentations, please inform AV staff dedicated to each of the conference rooms. Microsoft PowerPoint presentations are the preferred format.

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PRESENTATION TIME LIMITS

Each presentation can be an absolute **maximum of 15 minutes** (including questions and setting up/changing to the next speaker). Please be respectful to your fellow speakers and conference delegates by staying on time.



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CONTENT NOTE

- The content we will talk through today may be confronting. It may be uncomfortable or trigger some emotional responses that are unexpected.
- Even if you have not directly experienced trauma, it is important to look out for your own emotional and mental wellbeing.
- If you feel like you need to take a break during the conference, Law Annex Seminar Room 114 will be available for you to have a quiet moment.
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8:30–9am	Arrival and morning tea
9–9:30am Lecture Theatre 101	Welcome to Country Uncle Allen Madden (Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council representative) Welcome to The University of Sydney Vice Chancellor Mark Scott Conference Logistics A/Prof Helen Paterson
9:30–10:30am Lecture Theatre 101	Session 1
	Ms Emily Dale, Tara Hunter (Full Stop Australia) and Kylie Druett (Survivor-Advocate) Increasing support to families impacted by domestic and family violence homicide Snr Constable Eve Gray and Amelia Wall (NSW Police) Court related mechanisms to support DV Victims and obtain better outcome in judicial proceedings Panel Convenor Liz Snell (Women’s Legal Service NSW) Lessons from the process of criminalising coercive control in NSW and opportunities to strengthen implementation of cultural and systems reform <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Chair:</u> Helen Paterson (University of Sydney)</p>
10:30–10:45am	Morning tea break
10:45–11:45am	Session 2

Stream A
Lecture Theatre 104

Omar Bensaidi (Youth Off The Streets)

Co-designing youth sector responses to DFSV with Young People
Jordan White, Romilly Eiggins, Sharon Luu, Kristian Thierjung (Youth Justice, NSW)

Let's Get Relationship Ready – working with young people who are victims and perpetrators of relational violence

Manda Rochester (Womens and Girls Emergency Centre)

Helping Children Heal

A/Prof Zakia Hossain (University of Sydney)

Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence (DFSV) use among Migrant and Refugee Young people: challenges in seeking support and accessing services

Chair: A/Prof Zakia Hossain

Stream B
Lecture Theatre 106

Ms Yumi Lee (Older Women's Network)

Out of Sight, Out of Mind

A/Prof Yuhong Zhao (Chinese university of Hong Kong)

Victims of Domestic Violence in Divorce Litigations: The Gap Between Law and Practice in China

Carla Ianni and Tiffany Lewin (Westpac)

Data for good: Bank use of data to disrupt financial abuse.

Ms Vivien MacJohn (University of Sydney)

Recognising and responding to the interplay between gambling and domestic and family violence.

Chair: Ms Vivien MacJohn

Stream C
Lecture Theatre 113

Ms. Fermina Agudo (Sydney Law School, Legal Empowerment

Philippines Inc.) From Intimidation to Empowerment: Developing Victim-Friendly Court Manuals for Domestic Violence Survivors – Lessons from Australia

Miss Britney Liu (University of Sydney)

Investigating Interview Techniques to Facilitate Recall of Repeated Event Memory

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How Timing of Awareness of an Unseen Facility Dog Impacts Juror Perceptions and Decision-Making in Sexual Assault Trials

Dr Faye Nitchke (University of Newcastle): Understanding how emotions are perceived from female and male complainants of sexual violence

Chair: Dr Faye Nitchke



11:45am–12pm	Break
12–1:15pm	16 Days of Activism Keynote and Panel Discussion (Lecture Theatre 101) Antoinette Braybrook AM, CEO, Djirra Anna Coutts-Trotter, Co-founder, The Survivor Hub Jade Parker, Acting Manager (Sexual, Domestic and Family Violence), ACON <u>Chair:</u> Dr Victoria Rawlings The University of Sydney Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
1:15–1:45pm	Lunch
1:45–2:45pm	Session 3
Stream A Lecture Theatre 104	Ms Alexandra Havas Why Did You Let Her Overpower You? Mrs Denise Mwenedata (UTAS) Lived experience as a survivor of a genocide/Domestic violence culture awareness and inclusion in the process of helping survivors Miss Tupou Veiongo Koloamatangi-Lamipeti (University of Sydney) Why the little girl never spoke Louise Dever (NSW Health Agency for Clinical Innovation) and Lil Vrklevski: Making Visible: A practitioner podcast about preventing & responding to violence abuse & neglect <u>Chair:</u> Louise Dever
Stream B Lecture Theatre 106	Rayila Maimaiti and Chioma Idam Chukwuma (Safer Communities Office, USyd) Promoting Safe Relationships for International students: Healthy Relationships and Domestic Violence Education Workshop A/Prof Simel Parlak (Deakin University) Male students' perceptions of violence against women Dr Elizabeth Summerell (University of Adelaide) Evolving conceptualisations of masculinity and intimate partner violence: Implications for prevention and intervention Dr Eleanor Cowan (University of Sydney) Domestic Abuse in Ancient Rome - working with confronting material in the classroom <u>Chair:</u> Dr Eleanor Cowan
Stream C Lecture Theatre 113	Dr Madeleine Fraser (Australian Catholic University) Compassion Focused Therapy; capacity for healing and change Kayla Greenstien (University of Sydney)

	<p>MDMA Couples Therapy and Coercive Control Panel convenor Nicole Yade (Women and Girls Emergency Centre) Supporting refuge clients in innovative ways</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Chair:</u> Nicole Yade</p>
2:45–3:00 pm	Afternoon Tea Break
3:00–4:00pm	Session 4 (Lecture Theatre 101)
	<p>Ms Kate Thomas (UTS) Findings from the evaluation of the Women’s Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service Hearing Support Pilot Program in NSW Panel convenor Ms Clare Dixon (Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency) Health practitioner regulation and family and domestic violence A/Prof Ghena Krayem (University of Sydney) and Sal Dennis (Insight Exchange) Responders Lab</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Chair:</u> Ghena Krayem</p>
4:00–4:30pm	Discussion (Lecture Theatre 101)
	<p>Topic: Working together to improve our understanding of and response to Domestic and Family Violence</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Chairs:</u> A/Prof: Susan Heward-Belle A/Prof: Helen Paterson</p>
4:30–5pm	Drinks

Session 1

Emily Dale, Tara Hunter and Kylie Druett

Increasing Support to Families Impacted by Domestic and Family Violence Homicide

In 2024, we have seen a tragic increase in women and children killed in connection with domestic violence. Deaths are often accompanied by a flurry of media reporting and outpouring of distress. But afterwards, what happens for the family members left behind?

A group of seven surviving family members of domestic and family violence (DFV) homicide have formed an informal support collective, based in Western Sydney, after experiencing challenges accessing formal Government support. Issues experienced by this cohort of survivor-advocates include limited access to counselling and system navigation support, challenges accessing Government financial support for their immediate needs, poor treatment by Police, and invasive and unethical media reporting.

Full Stop Australia met with the survivor-advocates in February 2024. From this meeting, a document was created to record key challenges and make recommendations for improving formal support to secondary victims of DFV homicide.

This presentation will provide an overview of the issues identified by the families, and suggested points for reform.

Bio: Emily is a law reform advocate, public policy expert and lawyer, who is committed to improving the justice system by making it fairer, safer and more trauma informed. She is the Head of Advocacy at Full Stop Australia, where she engages in advocacy aimed at improving how Australia's laws and justice system address sexual, domestic and family violence. Previously, she worked as a lawyer at Minter Ellison and the Public Interest Advocacy Centre, and in law reform for the Department of Communities and Justice. She holds a Bachelor of International and Global Studies and a Juris Doctor in Law.

Snr Constable Eve Gray and Amelia Wall (NSW Police)

Court Related Mechanisms to Support DV Victims and Obtain Better Outcome in Judicial Proceedings

As prosecutors in the NSW Police, the speakers have prosecuted thousands of DV-related matters between them. Should we be invited to speak, we would like to address the audience about three broad topics, focusing on the practical aspects of what occurs on a daily basis in the DV space (focusing on judicial processes), comprising the following general topics:

1. Victim Support (emphasising DV clinics and preparing victims for Court)
2. Court related mechanisms to support victims and obtain better outcomes in DV matters (DVECs, BWV, giving evidence remotely, legislative mechanisms to enhance DV victim experience etc.)
3. Targeting Offenders (measures being used to proactively target DV high risk offenders).

It is intended to do a case study of a serious DV matter. All information will be deidentified to protect the privacy of the victim. Another case study is being considered centring on AVOs and their importance in the process.

The focus of the talk will be on practical aspects of DV-related matters; to inform the audience of many proactive initiatives the NSW Police are currently involved in. It is expected that a PowerPoint presentation will be prepared. The general principles and ideas expressed in this abstract have been approved by the NSW Police to be presented on, should our application be accepted. Thank you

Bio: Both speakers are senior DV prosecutors within the NSW Police. Eve Gray is a solicitor admitted in 2012 and has been prosecuting since 2018; Amelia Wall is a senior DV specialist prosecutor who has prosecuted thousands of DV matters over her 16-year career as a prosecutor and was involved in drafting the DV specialist prosecutor course.

Panel Convenor Liz Snell (Women's Legal Service NSW)

Lessons From The Process Of Criminalising Coercive Control In NSW And Opportunities To Strengthen Implementation Of Cultural And Systems Reform.

This panel discussion will consider the process of criminalising coercive control in NSW. It will share about the joint advocacy of the sexual, domestic and family violence and community legal sectors and academics including to ensure robust monitoring and evaluation of this reform, preparedness and to try and focus on cultural and systems reform. It will also reflect upon implementation to date and explore how cultural and systems reform could be strengthened.

Bio: Christine Robinson is a Bundjalung woman. She has worked in the area of domestic, family, and sexual violence for over 30 years. Christine is CEO of Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Centre a gender and culturally specific community legal centre. Wirringa Baiya provides access to justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, children, and young people, paying special attention to working with victim-survivors of violence. Christine is a member of the NSW Domestic Violence Death Review Team, NSW Domestic, Family, and Sexual Violence Council, and First Nations and Domestic and Family Violence Service Delivery Sector Coercive Control Reference Groups. Jane Wangmann is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Technology Sydney. She has almost 30 years' experience working in the domestic and family violence sector as a solicitor, government policy officer, law reform and now as an academic. Her research addresses legal responses to domestic and family violence covering civil protection orders, criminal law and family law. Her most recent research involved an evaluation of the WDVCAS hearing support pilot project in NSW, and an exploration of self-represented litigants in family law proceedings involving family violence. Jane is a member of the NSW Domestic Violence Death Review Team. Liz Snell is the Law Reform and Policy Co-Ordinator at Women's Legal Service, a state-wide specialist community legal centre that aims to achieve access to justice and a just legal system for women in NSW. Liz has a background in human rights law, policy and education. Liz has advocated for women's rights at the United Nations in Geneva on behalf of Women's Legal Services Australia. Liz has recently been a University of Sydney Law School Social Justice Practitioner-in-Residence. Liz is a member of the NSW Domestic and Family Violence Service Delivery Sector and Legal Sector Coercive Control Reference Groups.

Panel: Panel discussion with Christine Robinson, Assoc Prof Jane Wangmann, Liz Snell and a facilitator, Assoc Prof Miranda Kaye

Session 2 (Stream A)

Mr Omar Bensaidi (Youth Off the Streets)

Co-Designing Youth Sector Responses To DFSV With Young People

This paper explores the critical need to recognise children and young people as victim/survivors of domestic, family, and sexual violence (DFSV) in their own right, highlighting the strong correlation between DFSV and youth homelessness. Despite being disproportionately impacted, young people are often overlooked in interventions which are primarily shaped by adult experiences. Drawing on the Taking Action Creating Change Together (TACCT) Project supported by the NSW Department of Communities and Justice Sexual Violence Prevention Fund, this paper delves into the codesign process employed to ensure youth voices and lived experiences are at the forefront of capacity-building efforts in the youth services sector.

Through engaging with young people and sector professionals, the TACCT project equips youth workers with the skills and knowledge to recognise and respond to DFSV through a trauma-informed, youth-centred lens. This project emphasises the importance of strengthening the sector's capacity to identify, support, and empower young people affected by DFSV, providing practical insights for practitioners, policymakers, and stakeholders committed to supporting youth services in Australia.

Bio: Omar Bensaidi has spent over 8 years working in the youth services sector, specialising in youth homelessness and interventions in the prevention of domestic, family, and sexual violence (DFSV). With experience managing youth crisis refuges, Omar now leads a state-wide project focused on building the capacity of the youth sector to better support young people affected by DFSV. Passionate about creating meaningful change, Omar is committed to developing trauma-informed, youth-centred approaches that empower both young people and the professionals who support them.

Jordan White, Romilly Eggins, Sharon Luu, Kristian Thierjung (Youth Justice, NSW)

Let's Get Relationship Ready – Working With Young People Who Are Victims And Perpetrators Of Relational Violence

Children are present at 40% of DFV call outs that police attend; 72% of YJNSW clients have been victims of or witnessed DFV and a boy who sees his mother being abused is 10 times more likely to abuse his female partner as an adult (YJ 2018). Despite there being much higher rates of adult DFV offenders, juveniles reoffend at double the rates of adults in domestic family violence (DFV) and adolescent family violence (AFV) contexts (YJ 2018). In response to this, Youth Justice NSW Practice & Implementation team have developed, in collaboration with Aboriginal Practice Officers and the Aboriginal Strategic Advisory Committee, Let's Get Relationship Ready (LGRR).

LGRR aims to upskill YJNSW workforce in responding to and working with young people in contact with YJNSW in the context of AFV and DFV in a way that is trauma informed, culturally competent, and appropriate. The program focuses on supporting young people to identify and understand unhealthy and healthy behaviours. It promotes a young person's ability to choose and build on healthy behaviours now and into the future by engaging in responsive conversations, activities and behaviour change where appropriate and improve peer, family, and intimate relationships.

Bio: Jordan is Manager, Operational Practice within Youth Justice NSW. Jordan's has front line casework experience across Child Protection and Out-of-Home Care, and with Youth Justice clients. Jordan also has experienced working within Ministerial offices across DCJ relevant portfolios, including Child Protection & Permanency and Youth Justice. Jordan is a current PhD Candidate at UNSW. Currently, Jordan's work focuses on supporting and supervising student placements within the Practice and Implementation team in YJNSW and developing and delivering evidence-based practice initiatives and resources that aim to reduce re-offending and support young people towards desistance from crime.

Manda Rochester (Women's and Girls Emergency Centre)

Helping Children Heal

This presentation explores a pioneering pilot project funded under the National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Children. The pilot aims to support healing and recovery in children aged 6-12 years (and their siblings) who have experienced domestic and family violence.

Every child has the right to be safe at home. Exposure to domestic and family violence, whether indirectly affected, witnessing the abuse, or being directly harmed, can have a lasting impact on every aspect of a child's life, growth and development.

We have put together a new model that uses a survivance-informed approach; helping children and young people to not only survive their trauma but to thrive by accessing the richness of their cultural, personal and relational resources.

By building positive childhood experiences and restoring the relationship with a safe caregiver, we facilitate healing and recovery from adverse childhood experiences. In improving social, educational and emotional outcomes, we can ensure that no child gets left behind.

In this presentation I will present the model, share some of the resources we are using and present a couple of case studies that showcase the work we are doing with incredible children and young people.

Bio: Manda is qualified as a Creative Arts Therapist and has nearly 20 years working in the Human Services sector. She has worked predominantly with women and children experiencing complex needs including Domestic and Family Violence, Homelessness, mental health challenges and child protection concerns. She has worked across early intervention, assertive outreach, and crisis support as well as in her own private practice. She is now managing two teams for WAGEC with a focus on providing supports to children and young people who have experienced DFV. One of those teams provides therapeutic interventions and it is this work that is her passion.

A/Prof Zakia Hossain (University of Sydney)

Domestic, Family And Sexual Violence (DFSV) Use Among Migrant And Refugee Young People: Challenges In Seeking Support And Accessing Services

Within migrant and refugee communities, DFSV prevalence and processes vary by ethnic and cultural groups and by their social norms. Gendered social norms among migrant and refugee communities may explain the reported higher prevalence of the use of domestic violence among CALD communities in Australia compared to the general population 1 & 2. Existing research focuses on sociodemographic factors of survivors of DFSV and less on the contexts and processes for DFSV use and its consequences. These factors have not been examined regarding DFSV perpetration and outcome contexts, processes and consequences.

This project uses a convergent parallel mixed methods design (Creswell and Plano Clark, 2018). The convergent parallel mixed methods design is a participatory action research model, this project employs qualitative focus groups and interviews, concept mapping, and a quantitative survey to explore migrant and refugee youth's perspective and experience of DFSV.

FGDs will identify the experience of trauma, substance abuse, and gambling problems contributing towards perpetrating DFSV. Participant perspectives on DFSV within their communities, knowledge and understanding of DFSV, factors they perceive as contributing to DFSV as well as use of services and barriers and enablers to this access. Findings from focus group discussions will be used to develop and co-design the group concept mapping focusing on the prevention of DFSV.

Bio: Associate Professor Zakia Hossain is a demographer and health sociologist, is a recipient of several international awards, with more than 32 years of teaching and research experience in the areas of health sociology, demography and research methods and statistics. She is a CI of the ARC Discovery project on migrant and refugee young women's reproductive health, also leads the Living in Harmony project and presents her work at the NSW Police, SidWest, and several community organisations. She also leads research projects on breast and cervical cancer among migrant women in Sydney and UAE. She published more than 68 peer-reviewed journal articles and 12 book chapters. Supervised 17 PhD students' completion. She is a co-chair of the Mosaic network at the University of Sydney, and a member of the NSW Police Multicultural Advisory Committee (PMAC), Community Migrant Resource Centre and Metro Assist, Sydney.

Co-authors: Professor Elias Mpofu, University of Sydney; Associate Professor Tinashe Dune, University of Western Sydney; Professor Pranee Liamputtong, Vin University, Vietnam

Session 2 (Stream B)

Ms Yumi Lee (Older Women's Network)

Rethinking Domestic and Family Violence: From System Reform to Structural Change

Bio: Yumi Lee has worked on women's rights and violence against women for over 30 years. She began with advocacy for women's rights in armed conflict and nuclear disarmament. Prior to returning to Sydney and working for the Older Women's Network, she was based in Hanoi with an organisation supporting street children and rescuing women trafficked to the sex trade in China. She has also supported organisations in Nepal working with disadvantaged women when she was living there. As the CEO of OWN NSW she is now advocating and lobbying on issues impacting older women, including housing insecurity and homelessness as well as violence against older women, especially in aged care. Yumi received the Advocacy and Reform Bright Sparks Award of 2021 of the NSW Women's Legal Service for her work in advocating for the safety of older women; and is a member of the NSW Ageing and Disability Commission's Advisory Board and the Federal Attorney General's Lived-Experience Expert Advisory Group on Sexual Violence.

A/Prof Yuhong Zhao (Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Victims of Domestic Violence in Divorce Litigations: The Gap Between Law and Practice in China

Chinese family law (previously the Marriage Law and now the Civil Code) expressly recognizes domestic violence as a legal basis for divorce and one of the faults for an innocent party to claim compensation at the time of divorce. In addition, China has promulgated specialized Law Against Domestic Violence and the Law on the Protection of Women's Rights and Interests to tackle the social problem of domestic violence. This paper examines to what extent victims of domestic violence have acquired such legal protection promised by the laws. By empirical study of judicial decisions, it aims to understand the gap between law and practice, and to explain the tremendous difficulties faced by victims of domestic violence in seeking courts' ruling of divorce and compensation. The paper advocates for fundamental change of the judicial attitude to take domestic violence seriously and fully implement the laws in divorce litigation.

Bio: Professor Yuhong Zhao specialises in Chinese law, environmental law, and climate law and policy. She teaches Chinese civil law and Chinese environmental law on the LLB and the LLM programmes at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Professor Zhao is author of the *Chinese Environmental Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2021) and has published in prestigious peer-reviewed law journals including *Chinese Journal of Comparative Law*, *German Yearbook of International Law*, *Journal of Environmental Law*, *Journal of Comparative Law* and *Hong Kong Law Journal*.

Carla Ianni and Tiffany Lewin (Westpac)

Data For Good: Bank Use Of Data To Disrupt Financial Abuse

Every single minute, Westpac processes hundreds of thousands of transactions. These transactions give Banks access to an incredible amount of data but how can we use this for good to disrupt financial abuse?

Westpac has as many as 24,000~ Power of Attorney instruments in place and while the vast majority of principals act legitimately in the best interests of the individual, sadly that's not always the case.

This presentation by Westpac seeks to highlight its industry leading approach to using data and transactional behaviour to identify when a principal of a power of attorney may be misusing its authority to engage in financial abuse.

This presentation will highlight case studies of where we have intervened with potential misuse of powers of attorney instruments, highlight what we have learned and regulatory changes on the horizon.

Bio: Tiffany is a lived-experience advocate and survivor of childhood sexual abuse, family violence and sexual assault. Her 30-year career spanning industry sectors across Australia and Japan informs her deep understanding of leading transformational change in diverse cultural, regulatory, and organisational settings. She leads customer vulnerability strategy and governance for Westpac Group working to maximise financial safety through fair product and service design. She is also a Non-Executive Director of Trajan Group Holdings, a global Analytical Science firm with a mission to deliver scientific solutions that enrich human health. She is based in Melbourne with her partner and two daughters.

Ms Vivien MacJohn (University of Sydney)

Recognising And Responding To The Interplay Between Gambling And Domestic And Family Violence

Gambling and domestic violence are both public health issues which have severe impacts on the wellbeing of Australian families and communities. Through an exploration of contemporary research and qualitative studies, this presentation aims to equip audiences with an understanding of the co-occurrence of gambling harm and domestic violence and provide the knowledge and tools to recognise and respond appropriately to the interplay between them. We will explore how the gendered elements of both gambling harm and domestic violence interact with each other to exacerbate harm, often intersecting with other comorbidities and risk factors simultaneously.

To first identify the scope of the issue, we will provide a brief overview of the gambling landscape in Australia, before exploring the impacts of financial stress and the current cost-of-living pressures on vulnerable families and households. This presentation concludes with a recent de-identified case study from our clinic, to provide a real-world example of the issue of gambling and domestic violence and demonstrate how professionals can work to support clients, uphold their autonomy and minimise risk.

Bio: Vivien is a Community Engagement Officer and Gambling Counsellor at the University of Sydney's Gambling Research and Treatment Clinic (GambleAware Central Sydney). Vivien has a background in healthcare and has worked Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and Blacktown Hospital as a social worker. Her clinical experience includes ICU and emergency departments, drug and alcohol, women and children's health, and surgical wards. She has a special interest in early education as a key harm minimisation strategy, which informs much of her work in the community engagement field.

Session 2 (Stream C)

Ms. Fermina Agudo (Sydney Law School, Legal Empowerment Philippines Inc.)

From Intimidation to Empowerment: Developing Victim-Friendly Court Manuals for Domestic Violence Survivors – Lessons from Australia

Domestic violence survivors often refrain from pursuing legal action due to fear and intimidation in navigating the court system. Survivors frequently face challenges, including complex legal processes and a lack of clear guidance on their rights and procedures. To address this, the legal nuances and processes should be demystified. While resources like the National Domestic and Family Violence Bench Book exist in Australia, they are primarily aimed at legal professionals rather than at victims. There is a significant gap in accessible, victim-friendly materials to help survivors understand the court system and be empowered to file cases, especially in less developed countries like the Philippines.

This paper proposes the development of a victim-friendly court manual that would provide clear, accessible guidance for survivors, making the court system less intimidating and more responsive to their legal needs. By comparing the experiences and legal processes of New South Wales, Australia and the Philippines, this paper highlights how lessons from New South Wales can be adapted to improve legal support for domestic violence survivors in the Philippines.

Bio: Fermina Agudo is an admitted lawyer from the Philippines, specializing in criminal and civil litigation involving women who were victims and survivors of domestic violence. Alongside her litigation work, she serves as the Legal Aid Director in a state university, where she oversees programs that provide crucial legal assistance to the underserved sectors. Her commitment to justice extends to empowering victims and ensuring equitable access to legal representation for all.

Miss Britney Liu (University of Sydney)

Investigating Interview Techniques to Facilitate Recall of Repeated Event Memory

Victims and witnesses of repeated crimes are required to 'particularise' details of one or more specific instance. However, adults and children often struggle to recall and particularise instance-specific details to the correct instance. The current study investigated the lone and comparative effectiveness of the timeline technique and the self-generated cue (SGC) technique to facilitate the recall and particularisation of repeated events, and the moderating effect of working memory capacity (WMC). 75 adult participants watched four highly similar videos online depicting mild domestic violence between the same couple. After one week, participants provided their recounts using the timeline technique, SGC technique, or free recall at the lab. Findings demonstrated that the timeline technique and SGC technique facilitated participants to report more fixed correct details compared to free recall. Comparatively, the timeline technique elicited more fixed correct details than the SGC technique. However, the reporting of variable correct details and internal intrusions was comparable across interviewing techniques. Counterintuitively, the timeline technique increased participant's reporting of external intrusions relative to free recall, but not the SGC technique. WMC did not moderate these effects. Overall, our findings highlight the specific effect of the timeline technique and SGC technique for adults' recall of repeated events.

Bio: Britney Liu is an honours graduate in psychology from the University of Sydney, passionate about forensic psychology and the application of evidence-based science in real-world legal settings. Her honours research focused on investigating interviewing techniques to facilitate the recall and particularisation of repeated events, contributing to memory research within the legal justice system. Alongside her honours work, she has gained experience as a research assistant and volunteers with Lifeline, providing digital crisis support. Britney aims to pursue her academic studies in forensic psychology.

Miss Samantha Hamilton and Dr Hayley Cullen (Macquarie University)

How Timing of Awareness of an Unseen Facility Dog Impacts Juror Perceptions and Decision-Making in Sexual Assault Trials

In some Australian jurisdictions, victim-survivors of sexual violence can testify with a facility dog (i.e., canine companion). In South Australia, where facility dogs can be used, the current recommendation is that they remain hidden. However, it is unclear whether unseen facility dogs can still impact juror decision-making and perceptions of a testifying witness, and whether the time that jurors are informed about the dog has any effect. In this study, participants were shown an animated video depicting testimony given in a sexual assault case and were then asked to complete two sets of decision-making questions (immediate and after a delay). Participants were also asked questions to explore their acceptance of rape myths, and their familiarity with, and beliefs regarding, different types of support dogs. We manipulated the emotional state of the witness, such that they appeared either calm or distressed when testifying. The time participants were told about the unseen dog was also manipulated, with participants being informed either before the video, immediately after the video, or just before the second set of decision-making questions. We will report the findings of this study, which can help inform future decisions about the use of facility dogs during victim-survivor testimony.

Bio: I am a student studying a Bachelor of Cognitive and Brain Sciences and Bachelor of Game Design and Development at Macquarie University. This year I have worked with Dr. Hayley Cullen to conduct research regarding juror perceptions and decision making, as well as factors that may affect jury verdicts. I am excited to pursue a career in forensic psychology research and am passionate about using knowledge of psychology to ensure our legal system works as effectively and fairly as possible.

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Dr Faye Nitchke (University of Newcastle)

Understanding How Emotions Are Perceived From Female And Male Complainants Of Sexual Violence

Sexual violence cases have consistently high case attrition rates and low conviction rates (Jehle, 2012). Research suggests that female adult complainants who show visible distress are perceived to be more credible than complainants who appear to be unemotional, even though emotion is not accurate to inform credibility decisions (Nitschke et al., 2019; 2022). Complainants feel and express a range of emotions when recounting an assault, including anger (Konradi, 2007). Gender identity also shapes expectations for type of emotions decision-makers expect others to show (Brody et al., 2016). We report on several studies exploring the how different emotions effects mock jurors' perceptions of male and female complainants of sexual violence. Results suggest that different emotions may have different effects on mock jurors' perceptions of the credibility of female complainants. In contrast, male complainants are viewed as credible regardless of the emotions they express. Results will be discussed in relation to potential intervention to support jurors to accurately evaluate the complainant's credibility in criminal cases.

Bio: Faye Nitschke investigates effective ways to improve interpersonal and structural responses to anti-social behaviour, specifically gendered violence, using psychology. In her recent research, she has focused on investigating criminal justice system responses to victims of sexual and domestic violence and community responses to perpetrators of sexual harassment. Her current research work draws on person perception and social-cognition approaches to judgement and decision-making.

Co-authors: Cassidy Penfold, Sophie Johnson-Holmes (co-authors will not be presenting)



16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence 2024

This event is co-hosted by Diversity and Inclusion, Safer Communities and Women at Sydney



16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence | Lunchtime Event 2024 Event description

[16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence](#) is an international campaign coordinated by the Center for Women's Global Leadership (UN). It was established in response to the horrific reality that one in 3 women globally has experienced physical violence since the age of 15, and one in 5 has experienced sexual violence.* The campaign runs annually from 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to 10 December, Human Rights Day.

Event Details:

You are invited to a lunchtime event that will give you a chance to hear from advocates, academics and survivors of gender-based violence, as they discuss what more can be done to prevent violence against women and girls in line with this year's theme: *UNITE! Invest to prevent violence against women and girls*.

[Antoinette Braybrook AM, CEO, Djirra](#) will present a keynote speech followed by a panel discussion. Antoinette is an Aboriginal woman who was born on Wurundjeri country. Her grandfather and mother's line is through the Kuku Yalanji. Antoinette is the CEO of Djirra, a position she has held since the service was established in 2002. Antoinette is also Co-Chair of Change the Record, Australia's only national First Nations led justice coalition of legal, health and family violence prevention experts.

Antoinette seeks to give voice and visibility to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who experience family violence. She is a strong advocate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community control and self-determination.

Antoinette's leadership and contribution have been recognised through numerous awards, including being honoured on the UN Gender Justice Legacy Wall in 2017, inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women in 2020, City of Melbourne Awards, Melburnian of the Year 2022, Member Order of Australia Medal - 2023 King's Birthday 2023 Honours List, Deakin Alumni Award for Excellence 2024.

The panel discussion will be facilitated by [Dr Victoria Rawlings](#), Senior Lecturer from The University of Sydney Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and will feature:

- [Antoinette Braybrook AM](#), CEO, Djirra
- Anna Coutts-Trotter, Co-founder, [The Survivor Hub](#)
- Jade Parker, Acting Manager (Sexual, Domestic and Family Violence), [ACON](#)

Date: Wednesday 6 November 2024

Time: 12 noon – 1:15 pm (followed by lunch)

Where: [New Law Building \(F10\), Level 1, Lecture Theatre 101, Eastern Ave, Camperdown NSW 2006](#)

Please note that this is an **in-person** event only. This event will **not be recorded** for the safety of all attendees.

If you need support during the event on site counselling will be available to any participants that may feel distressed during the panel event.

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Session 3 (Stream A)

Ms Alexandra Havas

Why Did You Let Her Overpower You?

This presentation uses the lens of a lived experience of queer femme LGBT+ Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) to identify how unconscious biases around both IPV and LGBT+ communities create further boundaries for victim-survivors. As a queer femme woman who was victimised by a fellow queer femme woman, Alexandra's story does not conform to mainstream portrayals of Australia's gender-based domestic violence epidemic. It can be used as an education tool to highlight how LGBT+ people's experience of IPV is often rendered invisible. Similarly, her expert knowledge can be drawn upon as a resource help those from legal, healthcare, and criminal justice backgrounds identify their own subconscious biases. Alexandra's story is a testament to how gender-based violence inflicted upon one cis woman from another is often fuelled by misogyny. Hers is a face that is just as worthy of being included in mainstream gender-based domestic violence campaigns and awareness is crucial to mitigate unconscious biases against this invisible cohort of IPV victim-survivors.

Bio: Alexandra Havas is a communications professional and survivor-advocate for LGBT+ Intimate Partner Violence (IPV). In 2022, she was co-producing a documentary on LGBT+ IPV with publisher Lesbians on the Loose. Only months after interviewing advocacy groups and survivors, she found herself a victim. Alexandra is passionate about destigmatising IPV in all its forms and platforming the experience of LGBT+ women who are too often rendered invisible in mainstream IPV campaigns.

Mrs Denise Mwenedata (UTAS)

Lived Experience As A Survivor Of A Genocide/Domestic Violence Culture Awareness And Inclusion In The Process Of Helping Survivors

I speak on Trauma, PTSD recovery on lived experience as a survivor of the genocide in Rwanda after losing my whole family(Dad, siblings, grand parents, aunties and uncles)domestic violence as an adopted child who later found her mum. I also speak on discrimination and inclusion.

Bio: My name is Denise Mwenedata, I have been in Australia for 9 years. I worked with trauma survivors especially women, I have been a public speaker in Universities like Wollongong university on culture, language and trauma as a survivor of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. I am currently a student at UTAS in applied health and community support.

Miss Tupou Veiongo Koloamatangi-Lamipeti (University of Sydney)

Why The Little Girl Never Spoke

The following abstract looks at gathering intersectional lived experiences of qualitative data. This initiative focuses on creating emotionally safe channels to allow Pasifika female rugby players who have experienced domestic violence and family violence a space/platform to share their experiences. Participation in female sport and viewership is rapidly growing across the globe. In light of this, so too is the weight of their voices. The oral presentation reflects the voices, perspectives and concerns of female rugby players on the topic of: Domestic violence and family violence, why Pasifika female voices matter.

The purpose of this presentation is to draw attention on the importance of having role models in the sporting space. It brings to life the stories shared by female rugby players but also connects three communities: Rugby, the Pasifika culture and the academic world.

Bio: I am a storyteller, an International Tongan rugby player and a Law student here at the University of Sydney. I completed my undergraduate degree in Health Sciences, graduating with Honours and am seeking to specialise in the area of advocacy. This, is my presentation on connecting to the wider world through the lens of a female rugby player, researcher and Law student.

Louise Dever and Lil Vrkleviski (NSW Health Agency for Clinical Innovation)

Making Visible: A Practitioner Podcast About Preventing & Responding To Violence Abuse & Neglect

Podcasts have now become core to how we connect with new ideas, current conversation and gain new information. For practitioners, podcasts are how they connect with their professional community, gain new practice ideas and approaches, and find inspiration, particularly if practicing in isolated or sole practitioner roles. Practitioners are often seeking examples of best and innovative practice, wanting their stories of complex interventions to be showcased and shared. Making Visible: Preventing & responding to violence abuse & neglect is a podcast collaboration between NSW Health Agency for Clinical Innovation, the University of Wollongong, and Social Work Media. Making Visible is a podcast for the practitioners working in the fields of domestic violence, child protection, sexual assault and child abuse. It tells the deidentified stories of working with intergenerational violence, and intersectionality throughout the healthcare system. The podcast series was evaluated in 2024 and this presentation will discuss key learnings for both the practitioners who are listening and the university and industry partners.

Bio: Associate Professor Mim Fox is the Social Work Discipline Lead at the University of Wollongong and Louise Dever is the Violence, Abuse and Neglect Network Manager at the NSW Health Agency for Clinical Innovation. Mim and Louise have collaborated previously on podcasts as a means of practitioner storytelling and professional development.

Session 3 (Stream B)

Rayila Maimaiti and Chioma Idam Chukwuma (Safer Communities Office, USyd)

Promoting Safe Relationships for International students: Healthy Relationships and Domestic Violence Education Workshop

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The Safer Communities Office of the University of Sydney is currently piloting a Healthy Relationships and Domestic Education workshop targeted at Usyd-enrolled international students.

This pilot program, co-designed with international students is a response to an identified gap in addressing the unique needs of international students, many of whom are new in Australia and unfamiliar with the cultural and legal terrain in relation to their personal safety and healthy relationships.

Noting that the gendered nature of Domestic Violence broadly captures the experience of many international students, there are additional factors that increase their risk, in particular, language barriers, visa status, lack of community support and networks, and not knowing where to go for support.

This workshop is designed to complement other preventative education programs run by the Safer Communities Office, notably the Respect @Sydney Workshop, Consent matters module; and Ethical Bystander Intervention training all of which are core programs on the University's Strategic Actions for the Prevention of and Response to Sexual Misconduct 2024-2026. Evaluation gathered from the pilot sessions will be utilised to plan for future workshops. The success of this pilot training program will establish it as part of preventative education initiatives of the Safer Communities Office.

Bio: I have worked as Multicultural Specialist worker in Sydney Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Services for about five years, where I provide support to women and children who have experienced and impacted by domestic and family violence. I also have a few years' experience of working with refugees and asylum seekers as case manager. I am a compassionate advocate for the rights of people from vulnerable communities.

Co-author: Janine Yang

A/Prof Simel Parlak (Deakin University)

Male Students' Perceptions Of Violence Against Women

Background:

The frequency of dating violence in terms of developmental periods is higher in emerging adulthood compared to other developmental periods. In this context, this research examined the perceptions of male university students in emerging adulthood living in Türkiye and Australia regarding violence against women.

Method:

Emerging adulthood male university students in Türkiye (20) and Australia (20) participated in individual, semi-structured interviews. Once the interviews were transcribed, themes were created for each participant and collated for the entire sample.

Results:

Interpretative phenomenological analysis was used to analyze the qualitative data. The findings show male students' perceptions of the 'Characteristics of a Woman Who Has Been Subjected to Violence' with further sub-themes: "Who says no" and "Vulnerability". The findings demonstrate that women who reject traditional gender roles are subjected to violence according to the perceptions of male students.

Implications:

It is important to address men's attitudes towards violence against women so that we can engage in age- and gender-appropriate ways to improve their attitudes to create a more equitable society with fairer gender norms. The findings will assist with the creation of culturally appropriate prevention strategies to reduce violence against women.

Bio: Simel PARLAK, PhD, is an Associate Professor (visiting scholar) in the School of Psychology, Deakin University. Her research focuses on planning psycho-educational works and nationwide programs to prevent intimate partner violence targeting conflict resolution skills, communication skills, anger management, healthy romantic relationships, and gender equality with the involvement of several bodies such as families, schools, non-governmental organizations, and social media. She has publications in National and international journals and book chapters. She is working in the field of individual and group therapy. She is interested in psychodrama, narrative therapy, supportive therapy, EMDR, trauma, and violence.

Co-author: Lata Satyen

Dr Elizabeth Summerell (University of Adelaide)

Evolving Conceptualisations Of Masculinity And Intimate Partner Violence: Implications For Prevention And Intervention

Masculine gender socialisation is a well-documented risk factor for men's perpetration of intimate partner violence. However, traditional views of masculinity are increasingly being challenged, and the notion of what constitutes intimate partner violence is continuing to develop. This presentation will examine historical shifts in the way we understand and define masculinity and intimate partner violence and discuss how these shifts can and should inform the strategies we use to address them. We will also review evidence linking masculinity to intimate partner violence, and discuss psychological factors such as insecure attachment, emotion dysregulation, and gender role stress as promising targets for intervention. By viewing masculinity and intimate partner violence through a historical lens, we hope to contextualise our current understanding and inform future prevention and intervention efforts.

Bio: Dr Summerell is a Lecturer in the School of Psychology at the University of Adelaide. Her research seeks to understand the cognitive, social, and neurobiological factors that contribute to the way we experience and regulate anger and aggression.

Co-authors: Siobhan O'Dean; Iana Wong; Thomas F Denson

Dr Eleanor Cowan (University of Sydney)

Domestic Abuse In Ancient Rome - Working With Confronting Material In The Classroom

Our classrooms are radical spaces of possibility (hooks, 1994), and the interactions that take place have enormous capacity to include or exclude others, to listen to or fail to hear myriad voices, to help but also to do harm. The materials we teach with, and the discussions to which they give rise, need thoughtful management. The statistics on domestic abuse reveal that levels are now so high that we should assume that, in every classroom context in which we find ourselves, we will be working with and alongside victim–survivors, their family and friends, and in contexts where perpetrators of abuse are also highly likely to be present.

As part of that awareness it is in our view essential that we also begin to investigate the realities of and attitudes towards domestic abuse and violence in the periods of history we study. This paper explores lecturer and student experiences of teaching and researching with confronting materials from the ancient Roman world.

Bio: Dr Eleanor Cowan is a lecturer in ancient history at the University of Sydney. She is the co-editor of *Domestic Violence and Vulnerability in the Roman World* (2023/2024) BICS, Oxford University Press) <https://academic.oup.com/bics/article/66/2/1/7756247>

Session 3 (Stream C)

Dr Madeleine Fraser (Australian Catholic University)

Compassion Focused Therapy; Capacity For Healing And Change

Compassion focused therapy (CFT) is a robust psychological treatment, which has rapidly gained traction in both psychology research and clinical fields. CFT targets underlying shame and self criticism, which can immobilise its victims and exacerbate poor mental health outcomes. In this talk, I will cover the emerging evidence suggesting CFT can offer an exciting new avenue of improving psychological well-being for victims of domestic violence. I will provide an introduction to the background and implementation of CFT. This talk will lead to a call for action moving forward.

Bio: Dr Madeleine Fraser (Registered Clinical Psychologist and Senior Lecturer) Maddie is a researcher, senior lecturer, and registered clinical psychologist. In her academic role, she is course coordinator of the Clinical Masters in Psychology program and works with future generations of clinical psychologists. She is an active self-compassion researcher, and her published findings inform her work as a clinical psychologist and educator.

Kayla Greenstien (University of Sydney)

MDMA Couples Therapy and Coercive Control (Part II)

This presentation is a "part 2" of my previous work on coercive control and MDMA-assisted couples therapy. Last year, I highlighted the lack of attention to coercive control in current MDMA couples therapy research, as outlined in my article "Let Go and Surrender: Considerations on MDMA Couples Therapy and Coercive Control" (<https://blog.petrieflom.law.harvard.edu/2024/02/23/let-go-and-surrender-considerations-on-mdma-couples-therapy-and-coercive-control/>). In this follow-up, I will discuss the response to my article as demonstration of the field's understanding of issues associated with IPV. I will also delve deeper into the modality of Cognitive-Behavioral Conjoint Therapy (CBCT), which is currently used in conjunction with MDMA and in standard couples therapy. I argue that CBCT, and other therapeutic models for couples therapy, fail to adequately address coercive control. Finally, I will offer recommendations for improving both MDMA-assisted and traditional couples therapy, emphasizing the need for better recognition and intervention around coercive control. These recommendations aim to ensure that therapeutic interventions are safer for couples seeking conjoint therapy.

Bio: Kayla Greenstien is a PhD candidate researching the ethical considerations around psychedelic and MDMA-assisted therapies. Before starting her PhD, Kayla worked in front-line services at the Canberra Rape Crisis Centre and Canberra Domestic Violence Crisis Services.

Panel Convenor Nicole Yade (Women and Girls Emergency Centre)

Supporting Refuge Clients In Innovative Ways

Every night the Women and Girls Emergency Centre supports over 200 women and children who are fleeing domestic violence and who are experiencing homelessness. In refuge, WAGEC has been trialing innovative approaches to assist clients and staff to manage stress and experience calm and relaxation. The use of acupressure and acupuncture, meditation and trauma informed yoga and somatic practices has been found by frontline staff to work well with clients across cultures.

Bio: Nicole Yade has over 25 year's experience leading, designing and delivering services for marginalised people in the NGO sector. Much of this work has involved working across cultures with traumatised populations, including extensive work with victim survivors of violence, refugees and Aboriginal communities.

Panel: Nic Yade CEO of WAGEC, Beth Eager from Transcendental Meditation Centre, Kata Japuncic from Acupuncture for Community, and Brianna Attard- from Body Wisdom.

Session 4

Ms Kate Thomas (UTS)

Findings from the evaluation of the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service Hearing Support Pilot Program in NSW

This presentation will report on the findings from our evaluation of the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service Hearing Support Pilot Program in NSW. The Pilot was funded by the NSW and Commonwealth Governments under the National Partnership Agreement on Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses 2021-23 and administered by Legal Aid NSW's Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Program (WDVCAP). Under the Pilot, WDVCAP provides non-legal court support to women who are victims in domestic and family violence matters that proceed to a defended hearing in the Local Court of NSW. This includes hearings for criminal charges and/or Apprehended Domestic Violence Order (ADVO) matters. In 2023, the presenters were commissioned to independently evaluate whether the Pilot was implemented as intended and achieved its objectives, and to provide advice on whether the Pilot should be continued and/or expanded. This paper outlines the key findings of our evaluation, including whether it met its primary objectives to reduce the stress and trauma that victims may experience as part of the court process; improve victims' engagement with the court process; reduce the likelihood that victims may disengage from the court process; assist victims to give better quality evidence in a defended hearing; and assist victims to obtain ADVOs with appropriate conditions to ensure their safety. We will also discuss whether the secondary objectives of the Pilot were met, including increasing successful prosecutions, reducing withdrawals, reducing the negative impact of court delays, and increasing the efficient and effective administration of justice.

Bio: Kate Thomas is a doctoral researcher with the UTS Law Faculty and was a Research Associate on the Evaluation, led by Associate Professors Jane Wangmann and Miranda Kaye. Her primary research interests are in legal responses to domestic and family violence and her doctoral research is examining risk considerations for NSW ADVOs. She currently provides research assistance to the Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration and UTS Law Faculty, and was previously a Senior Research Officer at Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety, and Research Assistant at the Monash Gender and Family Violence Prevention Centre and UQ Law Faculty.

Co-authors: Associate Professor Miranda Kaye; Associate Professor Jane Wangmann

Panel Convenor Ms Clare Dixon (Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency)

Health Practitioner Regulation And Family And Domestic Violence

Whilst levels of family and domestic violence remain unacceptably high, societal attitudes have shifted in the direction of condemning any form of family or domestic violence. The bodies regulating the health professionals of Australia are very invested in playing their role in bringing an end to family and domestic violence. Accordingly, they are taking steps both on an organisational level, and in day-to-day decision making, to do what they can to send a message to health practitioners that committing acts of family and domestic violence is unacceptable. Panellists from Ahpra, the Health Professional Councils Authority and the Health Care Complaints Commission will discuss how they are responding to reports of family and domestic violence being perpetrated by health practitioners. As well as discussing broader policy considerations, they will discuss various cases in which the various agencies or Boards have taken regulatory action against health practitioners charged or convicted of family and domestic violence offences and how these decisions have been treated by the respective State and Territory Tribunals.

Panel: Clare Dixon and Elizabeth O'Neill (Ahpra), Brianna Butt (Health Care Complaints Commission), Christine Campbell (Health Professional Councils Authority)

A/Prof Ghena Krayem (University of Sydney) and Sal Dennis (Insight Exchange: Responders Lab)

The use of violence and abuse continues to be a serious problem globally and locally. National, state and territory definitions of domestic, family and sexualised violence and criminal codes vary, however violence and abuse is never acceptable in any community, family, institution, place or context. There is no one preference or path for support. Every responder, community and industry matters.

To support an uplift in responses across the ecosystem, we are pleased to share a preview of the Responders Lab <https://www.insightexchange.net/responders-lab/>, an important initiative developed by the team at Insight Exchange. The content has been developed with local and international input. It has been shaped by listening to lived and learned expertise about responses to violence and abuse. The Responders Lab session gives participants an opportunity to reflect and exchange insights by:

- Drawing on their own thinking and contextual expertise
- Critically thinking about their assumptions, observations, actions, and inactions as a responder
- Reflecting on what these insights (content & conversations) reveal to them

We will give an overview of the Responders Lab and share with conference participants some of the digital resources that have been developed with an invitation to consider how these resources might support their responses to domestic, family and sexualised violence.

Bio: Ghena Krayem -Ghena is a legal academic with over 20 year's experience in researching, teaching and writing in the areas of public law, family law and family violence. Her work often focuses on culturally and religiously diverse communities in Australia. She is also a registered Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner. She has authored several books and peer reviewed journal articles including *Muslim Women and Agency in the Australian Context* (2021). Sal Dennis -Sal has worked in strategy and development roles in human services in London and Sydney. With colleagues and collaborators, she has been involved in the initial conception and ongoing design of Insight Exchange - to listen to lived expertise and inform social, service and systemic responses to domestic, family and sexualised violence.



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