

Femicide: Understanding and Preventing the Murder of Women in Intimate Relationships



Friday, November 7, 2008

Conference Agenda

- 8:00 - 9:00 AM Registration/Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 - 9:30 AM Introductions from Co-Chairs
- Opening Remarks
Jeremy Travis, President, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Beny Primm, President, Urban Resource Institute
- 9:30 -10:00 AM **Keynote Speaker**
Rebecca Block, Senior Research Analyst, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
- 10:00 - 11:00 AM **Panel 1: Threats to Life**
- Moderator: Robert E. Sage, Senior Vice President, Division of Human Services, Urban Resource Institute
- Panelists:
- Tammy Britt, Survivor of Domestic Violence
- Catherine Stayton, Director of the Injury Epidemiology Unit in the Bureau of Epidemiology Services, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- Wanda Lucibello, Chief of the Special Victims Division, Brooklyn District Attorney's Office
- Chitra Raghavan, Associate Professor of Psychology and Director of the BA/MA Scholars Program, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- 11:00 - 11:15 AM **Q & A**
- 11:15 - 11:30 AM **Break**
- 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM **Panel 2: Race, Class, and Gender**
- Moderator: Natalie J. Sokoloff, Professor of Sociology, John Jay College

Panelists:

Janet Lauritsen, Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri – St. Louis, Visiting Scholar, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Ted Bunch, Senior Program Director, Safe Horizon's Domestic Violence Accountability Program

Victoria Frye, Associate Professor of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Hunter College, Urban Public Health Program, Consultant, Center for Urban Epidemiologic Studies, New York Academy of Medicine

Monica Joseph, Vice President, Division of Human Services, Urban Resource Institute

12:45 - 1:00 PM

Q & A

1:00 - 2:30 PM

Lunch: On your own at one of the many near by restaurants

2:30 - 4:00 PM

Workshops

1. Danger Assessment Inventory: Update and Certification Training

Nancy E. Glass, Associate Professor, School of Nursing, Johns Hopkins University

This workshop will provide basic training in the use of the Danger Assessment including weighted scoring and practice scoring, suggestions for advocacy and clinical use, background on accuracy and validity statistics in order to qualify as an expert in court, an overview of use of lethality assessment and risk assessment in domestic violence cases and how they can both be used in a coordinated systematic approach, and information about a short first responder version and protocol being used in 37 jurisdictions in the state of Maryland.

Moderator: Natalie J. Sokoloff, Professor of Sociology, John Jay College

DAI certification available

2. Using Immigration Legal Remedies to Reduce the Risk of Femicide

Survivor of Domestic Violence

Vivian Huelgo, Esq., Director of the Community Law Project of Sanctuary for Families' Center for Battered Women's Legal Services

In light of the high rates of intimate partner violence in immigrant communities, it is imperative that immigrant women are educated about their legal options. This workshop will identify risk factors experienced by immigrant women, such as language and cultural barriers, limited education and financial resources, and fears of deportation. The presenters will discuss how immigration legal remedies, such as the VAWA self-petition, battered spouse waiver, and U visa, can be utilized to empower immigrant survivors and reduce the risks of femicide.

Moderator: Jennifer White, Program Director of Domestic Violence Legal Education and Advocacy Program (LEAP), Urban Resource Institute

CLE accreditation (request pending)

3. Reevaluating Mandatory Arrest

Kathy Ryan, Chief, Domestic Violence Unit, New York Police Department

This workshop is a presentation and discussion of the New York City Police Department's policies and procedures with regard to Domestic Violence. New York State's Mandatory Arrest and Primary Physical Aggressor Laws are included in the discussion. Crime statistics and other indicators are looked at in an analysis of the possible effects of current police intervention in these crimes. The importance of follow-up with victims and offenders, as well as, continued collaboration with partner agencies and victim advocate groups is also discussed as a key factor in ensuring the safety of victims.

Moderator: Valli Rajah, Assistant Professor of Sociology, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

4. The Power of the Media: How the Press Covers Violence Against Women

Cara Tabachnick, Associate Director of Center for Media, Crime and Justice, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Kendra Gentry, Research Associate, Center of Media, Crime and Justice, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Rita Henley Jensen, Founder & Editor in Chief, Women's eNews

This workshop will address the role and responsibility of media when reporting on intimate partner violence against women. The presenters will discuss how women are portrayed in the media, and the impact of race, class and politics on the placement of stories and headlines. A Q&A discussion following the panel will explore how this portrayal may impact the delivery of human services. Presenters will also

explore how the media can balance institutional priorities with responsible, accurate reporting.

Moderator: Cara Tabachnick, Associate Director of Center for Media, Crime and Justice, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

5. Pushed to the Edge

Kathy Williams, Survivor of Domestic Violence, Voices of Women (VOW) Organizing Project

Ashley Hatcher-Peralta, Legal Services Coordinator, STEPS to End Family Violence, Alternatives to Incarceration Program

Jesenia Santana, Senior Court Advocate/ Counselor, STEPS to End Family Violence, Alternatives to Incarceration Program

Participants will hear the experience of someone who believes that she killed her perpetrator in order to protect her life and the lives of her children. The presenter will discuss how the abuse began with verbal abuse, escalated to regular beatings and graduated to the use of weapons. Participants will also hear from an advocate who will describe how the legal system could have helped the presenter.

Moderator: Lorraine Madry, Senior Program Director of Domestic Violence Services, Urban Resource Institute

6. Meeting the Identified Needs of Women in Shelter

Marie Philip, Executive Director of the NYC Human Resource Office of Domestic Violence

Corey Tax, Program Practice Quality Assurance Specialist, Research & Evaluation Department, Safe Horizon

This workshop will discuss the diverse needs of domestic violence victims residing in shelters and explore best practices to ensure that culturally sensitive and relevant services are accessible. The presenters will explore how barriers, such as limited economic resources, immigration status, societal attitudes and prejudices regarding race, ethnicity, religion, gender and sexuality, must be addressed in shelters in order to reduce the risk of femicide.

Moderator: Ida Landers, Program Director, Urban Resource Institute

7. Challenges of Working with Potential Lethal Threats in Urban NYC Schools

Katie Gentile, Director of the Women's Center, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Joe Samalin, Antiviolence Consultant

This workshop will discuss some of the complex issues involved with identifying and assisting students dealing with severe DV and stalking, including the interface of clinical, academic, and security personnel that is required. While every culture practices violence against women, the ways in which this violence occurs can vary. This makes identifying and dealing with dating violence and stalking difficult. Additionally, because young people 16-24 are most at risk for DV and stalking, implementing comprehensive training and outreach in schools is imperative to ending femicide and violence against women.

Moderator: Katie Gentile, Director of the Women's Center,
John Jay College of Criminal Justice

4:00 - 4:15 PM

Break

4:15 - 4:45 PM

Closing Remarks:

Chief Kathy Ryan, Chief, Domestic Violence Unit, New York Police Department

Reception to follow