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The UCF Violence Against Women Research Cluster

Summary for the Public
In the United States, violence against women (VAW) is a serious social problem affecting approximately 33 million (27.3%) women in their lifetimes (Breiding et al., 2014). In addition to significant negative outcomes such as physical, sexual, and emotional injury, and even death, the economic costs of VAW in lost work productivity and healthcare services are staggering, as high as $12.6 billion in the United States (Campbell & Glass, 2009; WHO, 2011). Consequently, to effectively impact this social issue could save countless lives and billions of dollars. To better understand the complexity of VAW, and as a result create innovative responses that transcend any one discipline, we need to further address this far-ranging field of study from an interdisciplinary approach that merges health, social welfare, and social justice perspectives. The proposed UCF VAW FCI offers the golden opportunity to bring together a group of distinctly trained scholars who can attack this problem like no other university can in terms of team diversity, scale, and scope; thereby having tremendous research and community impact. Where we are pushing the needle is to incorporate within our existing efforts a public-health framework that will add a critical dimension and enhancement to our interdisciplinary approaches to practice, research, and evaluation, as well as forging community partnerships that are collaborative, comprehensive, and effective. Since UCF does not currently offer a public health degree, our faculty cluster proposal seeks to hire senior academics within this important field of study to further strengthen our interdisciplinary core.

Summary for the Field of Expertise
While academic and government investigations provide a foundation for better understanding the nature of VAW, we have yet to fully describe the complex physical, mental, personal, and social impacts of the social problem. Consequently, there remain major challenges to understanding and preventing VAW. Although researchers have identified various factors associated with VAW, they often work within their own isolated disciplines limiting the capacity to identify and evaluate comprehensive and effective prevention and intervention programs for this complex social problem. In addition, the current field of VAW is also characterized as “siloed,” with researchers specializing in one narrow area of the issue (e.g., stalking), making the current knowledge base more difficult to interpret and, therefore, preventing more innovative advances across forms of abuse (Auchter & Backes, 2013). Although a body of research exists for intimate partner violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault, there is minimal inquiry that examines each in the context of the others. Forms of violence against women, including their causes and consequences, are not mutually exclusive; consequently, we need to look across them to develop integrative solutions that collectively impact all areas. For instance, according to the Centers for Disease Control’s 2010 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, 36% of intimate partner violence survivors experience a combination of physical abuse, sexual assault, and stalking throughout their lifetimes. A more intensive intervention into VAW scholarship is needed where such improvements are designed and implemented within a consortium of researchers representing multiple disciplines, perspectives, foci and methodological expertise.
The UCF Violence Against Women Research Cluster Objectives

1. Enhance the transdisciplinary research capacity of UCF VAW scholars.
2. Build an interdisciplinary research infrastructure that expands Federal research funding opportunities for VAW research and evaluation.
3. Increase visibility and community awareness of research through knowledge translation, publication, and dissemination.
4. Conduct research and education that is relevant to practice, policy development, and legislative reform across justice, education, health, and social service systems.
5. Establish the first VAW university research and training center in Florida and the Southeast.

Short-Term Cluster Objectives. The UCF VAW Faculty Cluster Initiative (FCI) seeks to hire faculty in public health to complement the social science research expertise of our current core faculty. In doing so, we will exponentially expand UCF’s transdisciplinary expertise in VAW to enhance best practices, outcomes, and policies to improve the lives of victims. Specifically, we will hire two advanced associate or early career Full Professors with extensive NIH and/or CDC funded research on VAW, and recruit three junior VAW scholars to diversify the current UCF faculty. The VAW FCI will engage with community partners (e.g., state coalitions, service providers, policy makers) to identify needs in Florida. In addition, we will synthesize existing UCF investigators’ data on VAW, develop strategies to enhance transdisciplinary collaborations on campus, and initiate the process of applying for a university research and training center. We will also develop our graduate/undergraduate VAW certificate for university approval.

Long-Term Cluster Objectives. The long-term objectives of the UCF VAW FCI are to continue to enhance our contributions to the scientific community and improve and expand our usefulness to survivors, community partners, and policy-makers. In addition, we will develop interdisciplinary research and/or training proposals for external funding, and increase the breadth of our faculty affiliations to include, for example, the Institute for Simulation and Training, Women’s and Gender Studies, medicine, allied health, physical sciences, and other fields as they relate to VAW and its prevention.

We will also provide wide-impact dissemination of the faculty’s research collaborations to: 1) advance our understanding of the factors associated with the extent, nature, dynamics, and trends in violence against women, 2) identify the types of VAW interventions that most effectively reduce the experience and impact of violence, increase awareness, and change attitudes, 3) contribute to the methodological literature regarding data and measurement on VAW, 4) encourage institutions and jurisdictions to implement evidence-based policies that can decrease the incidence of VAW, and 5) encourage policies that increase help-seeking and reporting of VAW to ensure victim recovery, while also evaluating criminal justice interventions that hold perpetrators accountable.
National or International Prominence

Although scholarly research on the social problem of VAW has a history of more than fifty years, it remains a significant social issue locally, nationally, and globally. Our proposed FCI offers five substantial ways of moving the needle forward on VAW inquiry and impact, thereby, creating pathways toward national and international prominence: 1) offer a new conceptual framework for impacting the social problem, 2) provide a collaborative transdisciplinary research partnership across departments and colleges, 3) offer inter-professional education of VAW, 4) study the intersectionality of abuse forms, and 5) enhance inquiry of understudied populations.

Conceptual Framework. Refer to Figure 1 for our multi-faceted approach toward VAW inquiry and impact. It consists of an interdisciplinary focus that merges social justice, social welfare, and health perspectives, inclusive of inter-professional education among researchers, students, and community partners, that examines abuse forms within the context of the others. As a result, comprehensive prevention and intervention strategies are developed to promote the safety and well-being of millions of women impacted by violence. The addition of a public health perspective will strengthen our VAW investigation and influence in the areas of health, community partnerships, and prevention.

Transdisciplinary Research Partnership. As no department of study for VAW exists at any university, interdisciplinary work in general, and transdisciplinary in particular, is at a disadvantage. Multiple disciplines conduct inquiry in the area of VAW, and this is a strength in the field. Yet these efforts are not typically transdisciplinary: where collaboration and active engagement (e.g., sharing of epistemologies, methodologies, and methods) occurs (Auchter & Moore, 2013; Jordan, 2011). Instead, inquiry is often limited to the research interests or the disciplines of the faculty that compose the VAW interest group, rather than a broader look at VAW across individual, interpersonal, organizational, community and public policy systems (Auchter & Moore, 2013). In contrast, UCF VAW FCI proposes emphasizing social problem inquiry first, followed then by the bridging of disciplines and blending of perspectives that allows for a reimagining of solutions. As a result, investigators will be challenged to look at their data and research interests in new ways, through the lenses of other disciplines, which yields novel perspectives and questions for solving problems of violence against women. By bringing together a cluster of diverse and interdisciplinary minded professionals, we will finally be able to bridge the transdisciplinary nature of this problem and transcend the current disciplinary boundaries in order to answer heretofore un-conceptualized questions for solving the problems of VAW.
The UCF VAW FCI will leverage our current social and behavioral science strengths by integrating public health and prevention perspectives. No university in Florida and the southeast region (Jordan, 2011) includes the scale and scope of research that we propose: the merging of social justice (Criminal Justice, Legal Studies), social welfare (Social Work, Sociology, Education), and health (Public Health, Nursing) disciplines. This bridging of work allows for tremendous innovation in studying the multi-faceted problem of VAW, all the while leading to promising state-of-the-art -- and previously unexplored -- areas of scholarship. In addition, the UCF VAW FCI will provide an interdisciplinary infrastructure for developing Florida’s first VAW university research and community outreach training center. Our transdisciplinary research partnership spans several departments and four colleges that includes faculty with methodological and substantive expertise ranging across the spectrum of VAW.

*Inter-Professional Education (IPE).* The UCF VAW FCI will consist of academic and community partnerships to enhance the education and training of students. In practice, multiple disciplines (e.g., police, nurses, social workers) often work together in response to cases of violence against women. However, in academia we do not typically focus on inter-professional student training. Through our expanded VAW graduate/undergraduate certificate, we plan to offer an inter-professional student training model, allowing students in different fields of study to learn from each other and effectively collaborate. As a result, an interdisciplinary focus is extended to student learning that prepares them to identify forms of abuse and an array of resources, along with developing skills to effectively engage with victims to meet their diverse needs.

*Intersectionality of Abuse Forms.* The UCF VAW FCI will address the intersectionality of abuse forms within an interdisciplinary framework to expand the scope that currently exists in the field; thereby, broadening implications for prevention and intervention. For instance, although research indicates that women experiencing IPV likely experience multiple forms of abuse across their lifetimes, the mental and physical health effects of victimization often address only one singular form of violence (e.g., sexual assault) absent of the context of the others (Jordan, Campbell, & Follingstad, 2010). An interdisciplinary effort would yield a more complex and nuanced understanding thereby creating pathways for comprehensive health and well-being service responses. This is also needed within our criminal justice systems, where victims, regardless of type of violence experienced, often face barriers to feeling supported and are re-traumatized throughout the investigative, judicial, and correctional process. It is crucial for health, social justice, and social welfare systems to collectively impact all victims of violence by offering an integrative trauma-informed response to them. The addition of a public health perspective to the UCF VAW FCI helps to expand our foci beyond understanding the social patterns and sources of and best interventions for VAW to include health and educational prevention. Public health and educational prevention strategies aim to stop violence before it happens by promoting awareness and sharing of information in the community.

*Understudied Populations.* Comprehensive solutions to violence against women remain unlikely if the social issue is visualized through a singular demographic lens (e.g., sexual orientation, immigration status). Victims of violence often experience several sectors of oppression (e.g., gender, race, class) (Lockhart & Danis, 2010). Therefore, intersectionality is a necessary analytical tool (Collins & Bilge, 2016). For instance, African-American women continue to
suffer from domestic violence at disproportional levels compared to other women, and for African-American women living in poverty the situation is compounded (Bent-Goodley, Chase, Circo, & Rodgers, 2010). Consequently, effective practice, policy, and advocacy responses must be sensitive to and inclusive of diverse factors that impact women’s experiences with violence and help-seeking efforts. Disparities in domestic violence service utilization need further investigation, and may suggest access barriers for victims regarding cultural expectations around help-seeking and knowledge of resources, and/or staff language differences and discriminatory decision-making regarding service allocation. For example, in Florida during 2015 regarding the use of emergency shelters, Caucasian and African-American individuals sought crisis housing in equal numbers. Yet in regard to outreach services, Caucasian service utilization doubled that of African-Americans (http://fcaadv.org/resources/floridas-domestic-violence-statistics). Such ethnic differences in help-seeking for abused women are not fully understood nor are they unique to domestic services. They can also be found in health and social justice systems serving abused women, warranting further inquiry.

There are many social and economic factors that create barriers for abused women, particularly those who are immigrants. They face not only the barriers of women who are citizens, but also a number of unique cultural, economic and legal barriers to seeking safety that need further exploration (Bhuyan, Shim, & Velagapudi, 2010). For instance, they often may not work and often face deportation threats from their abuser, which for those who are mothers could also mean losing their children. Often, immigrant families in the United States are “mixed-status” families that include both citizen and non-citizen members. The majority of Caribbean immigrants (69%) reside in New York and Florida, with the latter having the largest number of resident Caribbean immigrants (see http://www.fairus.org/states/florida). In regard to abused immigrant women, little attention in general has been paid toward this population, thus no specific estimates exist on prevalence for immigrant women in particular, and Caribbean in particular. This provides a unique opportunity for UCF VAW FCI to advance VAW inquiry and impact for this population.

**Integration with the UCF’s Collective Impact Strategic Plan**

The primary goal of the UCF VAW FCI is to achieve international prominence in key programs of graduate study and research via innovative VAW research activities that will generate and/or apply knowledge to impact the lives and livelihoods of women and their families. Our clear understanding of the key gaps in the field of violence against women, together with our faculty scholars crossing departments and colleges, underscores our ability and readiness to establish a new transdisciplinary faculty cluster to move the field to the next level, thereby, developing innovative and creative solutions toward eliminating violence against women.

*The following cluster objectives align with the university, college, and departmental plans:*

1. To foster innovative VAW research activities generating and/or applying knowledge that positively impacts the lives and livelihoods of women locally and globally.
2. To develop and promote a distinctive vision- and mission-driven identity for the university with respect to VAW research, prevention, and intervention.
3. To promote and support the development and provision of state-of-the-art undergraduate, master's and doctoral education and professional continuing education for those directly serving women impacted by violence.

4. To integrate diversity and globalization into all aspects of our VAW research, education, and community outreach, including our faculty and students.

5. To expand on the core faculty’s current cutting edge scholarship via increased sponsored research that will lead to wide reaching impacts in our community.

6. Actively engage with community partners (criminal justice, non-profit, public and allied health, social and behavioral services, schools) to launch a multi-prong health and safety initiative that will change the lives of women and their families.

Scholarly and Creative Works to Address VAW in the Coming Century

The UCF VAW FCI will be an academic, research, and community partnership with the goal of fostering long-lasting social change through leadership development, education, research, and community collaboration. The nature of VAW and the evaluation of interventions require researchers to bring together a diverse body of data, including law enforcement records, data from clinical settings, and self-report victimization surveys. Though these are complementary sets of data, they have most often been framed within a criminal justice perspective, lacking information on the complex health and social impacts of VAW (Auchter & Backes, 2013; Auchter & Moore, 2013). As the UCF VAW FCI will examine the effectiveness of social welfare, public health, and criminal justice interventions, new data collections via rigorous methodological designs and analyzed with advanced statistical strategies will be necessary.

Community partnerships, in collaboration with a university-based interdisciplinary research cluster, will use evidence-based research and data-driven decision-making to prevent violence against women. By coming together as an interdisciplinary group and joining with community partners (e.g., Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking, Florida Immigration Coalition, UCF Victim Services) and practitioners (e.g., doctors, nurses, social workers, advocates, police, lawyers), we will be able to develop creative solutions useful to helping professionals working on the front lines as they will be informed by a broader range of knowledge, experience and expertise than is currently unavailable in the single researcher–practitioner collaborations that currently distinguish the field.

Enhanced Capacity to Develop Robust, Diverse, and Recurring Funding Base

The UCF VAW FCI will foster collaborative partnerships and cross-fertilization of mental health professionals, health care providers, criminal justice personnel, educators, and VAW researchers whose united expertise can create cutting-edge solutions for improving the safety and well-being of women victimized by violence. Funders are increasingly attuned to the need for multilevel interventions to effectively attack social problems including violence against women. As such, the UCF VAW FCI will attract new and sustainable resources from diverse sectors, including Federal grant agencies and foundations to sustain the scholarship of the cluster. For instance, the National Institutes of Health, the National Institute of Justice, and the National Science Foundation have encouraged the growth of interdisciplinary research centers within higher education because they advance a more holistic and innovative approach to problem solving.
Additional VAW funding sources include the Centers for Disease Control, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and the MacArthur, Avon, and All-State foundations.

The current UCF VAW core faculty have demonstrated clear success in translating research to practice via the implementation of both social service and criminal justice interventions. The work of core faculty has been published in academic journal articles and presented to numerous academic and practitioner audiences. For instance, core faculty have over 250 peer-reviewed publications and over $10 million in research funding. Drs. Kaukinen, Jasinski, Mustaine, and Yegidis have extensive academic administrative experience – managing, scheduling, and evaluating large teams of faculty and staff along with large budget responsibilities. Our hiring plan will complement our social and behavioral scientists with senior and junior faculty with a public health focus to maximize our ability to secure and sustain funding.

Scholarly Output Influence across Multiple Disciplines

The UCF VAW FCI will bridge disciplines, and thus merge perspectives, to address this complex social problem. As a result, a more comprehensive view and understanding than currently exists in academic research will be developed to guide policy and social service innovations toward ending VAW. Specifically, our UCF VAW FCI aims to:

1. Educate individuals and communities to develop and provide a holistic social justice, social welfare and healthcare response to victims of and populations affected by VAW.
2. Expand the role of researchers, educators, criminal justice workers, social service and healthcare providers to resolve regional to international gaps in knowledge and caring for victims.
3. Strengthen local, regional, national, and global collaborative networks to address VAW both in the United States and across the world.
4. Collaborate with community agencies regionally, and throughout Florida and the Southeast, to address individual and structural antecedents of violence against women, including an emphasis on the needs of understudied populations.
5. Identify issues and solutions related to victims of violence against women and help to implement or coordinate statewide or multijurisdictional programs and services.

The collaborative efforts of our UCF VAW FCI will be to disseminate our work to encourage policies that increase interventions to address all forms of VAW. The UCF VAW FCI will pursue at least five major avenues of dissemination (all under the UCF VAW FCI) to maximize the impact of the research for the greatest policy effect. First, faculty will participate in all relevant professional conferences. Second, manuscripts will be submitted to peer-reviewed journals. Third, our research will be communicated directly to practitioners in which there are immediate implications for practice within Central Florida. Fourth, the VAW FCI will host colloquia to exchange ideas and research with the broader community. Fifth, we will maintain an Internet and social media presence in order to disseminate such findings to a wider audience.

Strengthen Undergraduate/Graduate Education at UCF
The UCF VAW FCI will focus on student professional development and education through the implementation of a graduate/undergraduate certificate in VAW. Such curricula will apply multiple sociological, psychological, economic, and criminological theoretically derived ideas and concepts, and describe public health and prevention implications of those perspectives. Interdisciplinary coursework will allow for an enhanced critical evaluation and integration of disparate violence related topics. Furthermore, the proposed cluster will strengthen the preparation and success of UCF students through conducting monthly Inter-Professional Education (IPE) opportunities in collaboration with our community partners, inclusive of social justice, social welfare, and health care perspectives, to incorporate transformative learning opportunities into the curricula.

Graduate and Undergraduate Curriculum Statement

The UCF VAW FCI will develop cross-college graduate and undergraduate certificates (and minors) that will examine the prevalence, nature, extent, and impact of violence against women. The educational component of our VAW cluster will draw on expertise in criminal justice, sociology, social work, legal studies, education, nursing and public health disciplines. This will include an examination of the distribution of violence against women, an assessment of the risk factors that contribute to violence, and evaluation of VAW intervention and prevention initiatives.

With the hiring of public health faculty we will also develop a series of courses that examine the extent, impact, and response to violence against women related injuries and death. Public health draws on a science base that is multi-disciplinary. It relies on knowledge from a broad range of disciplines including medicine, epidemiology, sociology, psychology, criminology, education, and economics. This broad knowledge base has allowed the field of public health to respond successfully to a range of violence problems through primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention. The field also emphasizes input from diverse sectors including health, education, social services, justice, and policy. Collective action on the part of these stakeholders can help in addressing VAW. This certificate and series of courses will explore the causes and consequences of violence within developmental, socio-economic contexts, and barriers to violence prevention. It draws on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP) Public Health Framework to understand violence and violence prevention including: Step 1: Define and Monitor the Problem, Step 2: Identify Risk and Protective Factors, Step 3: Develop and Test Prevention Strategies, and Step 4: Assure Widespread Adoption.

By the end of the course sequence, students can expect to:

- Apply multiple sociological, psychological, economic, and criminological derived ideas and concepts, and describe public health implications of those perspectives.
- Articulate a social determinants perspective on violence against women, including an understanding of key questions of structure and agency, context and composition, risk and protective factors.
- Describe and critique multiple social determinants of violent offending and victimization risk currently described in the social, behavioral, and public health literature.
- Recognize some of the difficulties and challenges associated with operationalization of theoretical and social determinant constructs for measurement and intervention.
• Critically evaluate the legal procedures and policies relevant to VAW in criminal as well as marital, divorce, and child custody cases.
• Appreciate the importance of planning for the sustainability of evidence-based interventions, and understand how to apply a planning for sustainability framework to a public health intervention.
• Learn specific strategies for developing and implementing evidence-based interventions.

UCF Undergraduate and Graduate Student Interest:
• Allied health professions, Nursing, Education, MPA, MCJ and MSW within COHPA, along with Psychology and Sociology within COS.

Proposed Recruiting Strategy for the UCF VAW FCI

UCF has existing strengths in the social and behavioral science areas with faculty who have distinct but complementary skill sets in the VAW research arena. What we are lacking currently are faculty with significant scholarship and sponsored research in the public health area specific to VAW. Therefore, we will add to our existing core of social and behavioral VAW researchers with five new faculty. Specifically, in year one our plan is to hire two public health faculty to include advanced Associate or Full Professors with extensive funding from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and/or the National Institutes of Health (NIH). We will target faculty recruitment in the area of public health itself and/or professions with a public health focus such as nursing, family and emergency medicine, biogenetics and neurophysiology. These faculty will anchor our cluster and will be involved in the hiring of an additional Assistant professor in the public health area and two Assistant Professors in Year Two from complementary academic fields (e.g., Criminal Justice, Sociology, Social Work, Education, Legal Studies, etc.) with either evidence of acquiring external funding or the strong potential to do so. Our plan to hire at the Assistant Professor level for three of the five positions is to ensure the sustained future of the VAW cluster of faculty. We are also committed to a balanced hiring plan that includes a strategic vision for attracting diverse faculty (ethnicity, gender, rank, life experiences, etc.). All participating units share similar values with respect to evaluating interdisciplinary research and we expect the five hires will also share in these values.

The VAW cluster is committed and prepared to mentor, develop, and evaluate faculty whose research edges of a discipline, or crosses over traditional disciplinary boundaries. The disciplines of Sociology, Criminal Justice, Social Work, and Legal Studies are by their nature integrative, drawing on theory and methods from diverse perspectives. Cluster faculty will likely sit in different tenure homes. The research and teaching expectations will be clearly communicated to the faculty of the units with which the cluster faculty members are involved. If needed, the research and scholarship criteria will be appropriately reviewed and revised to accommodate these transdisciplinary faculty. The departments/schools within the cluster have a willingness to accept research outside the traditional purview of their home disciplines. In looking at the faculty vitas in each department, many faculty members across these departments have published articles in journals that are not considered as home discipline journals. Indeed, the core faculty has published in a number of academic journals that are not considered to be traditional home discipline journals. This commitment to scholarship that transcends any single discipline demonstrates the potential to have a strong impact in this area of proposed excellence.
Space and other needs will therefore be shared across the participating colleges (COHPA, COS, CON, CEHP). The departments who house the tenure line will share in the costs of faculty members’ computers, software, stipends for research travel, and private or shared research space. Our public health hires may be housed in the College of Nursing or COHPA. In addition, both the departments of legal studies and social work are scheduled to move to the new downtown campus in 2019. To ensure effective collaborations across different campuses, we will need to equip an existing large conference room or small classroom at both sites with technology such as a Surface Hub that will allow team members to communicate in real time and share documents and presentations. Equipping a small classroom with this technology will also provide access to students from multiple locations to participate in courses that are part of the graduate certificate program. Our UCF VAW FCI is unique and will offer direction for other universities in how to bring together groups of diverse university researchers across a wide range of disciplines.
References


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A. Personal Statement- your value to the cluster
I am a nationally and internationally known violence against women scholar with a specialization in intimate partner violence. I bring over twenty years of research experience on violence against women and nearly as many years of community based partnerships in the Central Florida area. I also have significant project management experience, and experience in community based research, serving for seven years as the Associate Director of the UCF Institute for Social and Behavioral Sciences. My work crosses various disciplines including medicine, sociology, and criminal justice. Administratively I have experience hiring and developing faculty.

B. Contribution to Scholarship and Creative Activities
My research has made a significant impact on the field, locally, nationally, and internationally I am the lead author on a research monograph that is one of the first studies to use a multi-method approach to examine the intersection of homelessness and experiences of violence, including intimate partner violence. My publications on racial and ethnic differences in risk for intimate partner victimization are also noteworthy as they are among the first to include Latino/a populations and different ethnic groups within the larger Hispanic population. Several key publications are noted below.


C. Evidence of Impact & Support
I have been a sole investigator and co-investigator on violence against women research funded by the National Institute of Justice. My work on pregnancy is policy relevant and has been cited by the World Health Organization in their World Report on Violence and Health, the Centers for Disease Control, and the National Institute of Justice. My research papers have also been requested by the National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women for their resource library. My work has also been cited in top journals. I also have significant community based research experience having served on an applied research team that has brought in more than $1.4 million in contracts since 2004 to conduct research in the Central Florida community. Key examples are listed below:

Federally funded Violence Against Women Research


Community Based Applied Research


**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

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**A. Personal Statement- your value to the cluster**

Dr. Kaukinen is a nationally and internationally known violence against women researcher. Throughout her academic career in public affairs, sociology, criminal justice and criminology, she has examined the social and theoretical implications of gender, race, and social stratification on issues related to crime, violence, and health and social service interventions. Her research has focused on the developmental antecedents and long-term physical and mental health consequences of violent victimization for women, including sexual violence, dating violence, intimate partner violence, and stalking. Administratively she has experience recruiting, hiring, developing, and mentoring faculty. She also has experience in Ph.D. student recruitment, mentorship, and community and practitioner collaboration activities and dissemination.

**B. Contribution to Scholarship and Creative Activities**

She remains active publishing her research in top tier, peer-reviewed Criminology, Sociology, Public Health, and Policy-Oriented journals. [Several key publications are noted below, last five years] Kaukinen has served as an expert witness for the Attorney General of Canada and the Canadian Justice Department in a Supreme Court case. Recently, she received completed a book on the prevention of violence against women on college campuses that will be released by Temple University Press in July 2017. She is currently serving as an expert witness on a Title IX case in Federal Court. Dr. Kaukinen has prepared a written report and will be called for depositions and court in the Jane Doe v. University case on behalf of the complainant.


C. Evidence of Impact & Support

Research and scholarship is in the area of intimate partner violence, family violence, violence against women and college campus violence. Her research includes over $2.2 million dollars in research funding, with $1.5 million dollars in federal grant funding to develop and evaluate violence against women interventions. Kaukinen has secured two three-year grants from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), totally more that $1.1 million to develop and coordinate campus resources, services and programs to reduce sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. The awards support violence prevention, outreach and awareness. In addition, she has received multiple grants from the National Institute of Justice, the Canadian Embassy, and the Colorado Department of Corrections and Adult Parole. The primary goal of her research is the articulation of “best practices” within violence prevention, intervention, and education that have the opportunity to reach the widest audience. Key grants are listed below:


BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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NAME: Kim Anderson  
Cluster Lead: NO

POSITION TITLE, DEPT, & UNIT and or COLLEGE: Professor in the School of Social Work and in the Public Affairs Doctoral Program

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A. Personal Statement - your value to the cluster

I am nationally and internationally known in the domestic violence field for my extensive experience in blending academic and applied research to bridge the gap between scholars and practitioners with empirical results that are accessible to diverse audiences. Through community-based participatory research, I have identified strategies abused women use to protect themselves from intimate partner violence (IPV), assessed their psychosocial functioning, and developed a conceptual model of recovery, including supporting post-traumatic growth and resilience, along with intervention options. I have partnered with mental health and health care providers within Cherokee Nation, OK, to further study ways to mitigate the effects of domestic violence for daughters of abused women and, ultimately, impact the trauma cycle. Our findings are being translated into prevention and intervention programs to impact IPV in Cherokee Nation.

I have been a research mentor for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholars program. I have also served as chair, methodologist, or committee member for several doctoral dissertations related to violence against women and girls. In such capacities, I have oversaw dissertation work in several disciplines, from conceptual framework to data analysis, regarding methodological rigor and soundness along with cultural relevance. The Public Affairs (PAF) doctoral program at the University of Central Florida is an interdisciplinary program (e.g., criminal justice, social work, public administration, and health management) where I teach qualitative methods, social inquiry and public policy across fields of study.

B. Contribution to Scholarship and Creative Activities

I have translated my research findings into contextually-driven practice tools for victim service providers, child welfare workers, and mental health professionals to uncover sources of risk and expressions of resiliency for use in assessment, case formulation, and treatment planning for women and children experiencing IPV. I authored the book, Enhancing Resilience in Survivors of
Family Violence (2010), which is informed by my 25 years of research and practice in the field of family violence; its findings are included in the on-line manual: Trauma-Informed Care: Best Practices and Protocols for Ohio's Domestic Violence Programs, 2013.


C. Evidence of Impact & Support

I have secured external funding to more fully examine women’s experiences with IPV, along with developing programs and policies to better serve them.


I partnered with the Coalition Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV), a rural victim services provider, to secure foundation funding ($155,000) to develop, implement, and evaluate the agency’s Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy program for youth exposed to violence.

Anderson, K. M. (2012). A process and outcome evaluation of the first and second years of Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) for youth exposed to domestic violence. Coalition Against Rape & Domestic Violence (CARDV), Fulton, MO.

I have provided numerous trainings on trauma-informed practice for community and state organizations. I have also presented at several national and international conferences, including keynote speaker:

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POSITION TITLE, DEPT, & UNIT and or COLLEGE: Chair and Professor, Department of Sociology, College of Sciences

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A. Personal Statement- your value to the cluster
I am known both nationally and internationally for my work on violence against women, particularly stalking and sexual assault. My policy work on sex offenders is also known across the globe (I have been interviewed by journalists in Sweden, Namibia, and Australia, for example). I have nearly twenty-five years of research experience on violence against women, criminal victimization, and policy analysis/development. I have worked with educational institutions to develop violence prevention programs and I have developed training programs for community agencies that intervene with families experiencing violence. Intuitively, I am interdisciplinary, and have worked with scholars in Chemistry, Sociology, Criminal Justice, Social Work, and Educational Leadership to name a few. I have developed and implemented criminal justice programs that address victim needs and I have assessed their effectiveness. Administratively I have experience hiring and developing faculty. I also have familiarity with developing and creating team strategic plans, then implementing both short- and long-term goals in order to achieve these plans.

B. Contribution to Scholarship and Creative Activities
My research on criminal victimization and sex offender policy has made deep in-roads in the relevant theoretical and applied literature. My work on criminal victimization highlighted particular behaviors that work to increase or decrease individuals’ risks for criminal victimization. In this body of research I empirically showed that victimization risks vary across populations, locations, crime types and domains of everyday life. This was the first such research to point out these important complexities and nuances that all scholars now consider. My publications on sex offender policy have been cited by scholars, legislators, appellate court
actors, and journalists alike. I have been asked to write policy essays that inform the development of state and local statutes. Several key publications are noted below.


**C. Evidence of Impact & Support**

I have been a co-principal and co-investigator on violence against women research funded by the National Institute of Justice. My work on female crime victims is available on the National Criminal Justice Clearinghouse webpage. My work has also been cited in top journals and top selling Criminology textbooks. I also have significant community based research experience having partnered with the Brevard and Seminole County Sheriff’s Offices to implement the most effective law enforcement practices in the Central Florida community.

Funded Research:
2007 “Violence in Orange County, Florida.” Jay Corzine, Lin Huff-Corzine, and Elizabeth Mustaine. Awarded contract to study increase in violence crime in Orange County and Orlando Florida by the Orange County Office of Public Safety. Amount $27,793.75.


1999, 2000 Mustaine, Elizabeth Ehrhardt (PI) and Ida J. Cook (Co-PI). Awarded contract from The Center For Drug Free Living, Orlando FL to evaluate their drug treatment programs. Amount $20,000.00.
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Provide the following information for all the core cluster personnel. Follow this format for each person.

NAME: Bonnie L. Yegidis

POSITION TITLE, DEPT, & UNIT and or COLLEGE: Professor and Director of the School of Social Work, COHPA

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A. Personal Statement- your value to the cluster

Dr. Yegidis is a researcher in the area of intimate partner violence (IPV), dating violence (DV), and sexual assault (SA). She has studied the financial and physical abuse of women over 50 using social media websites. She has examined police responses to victims of IPV. She is the author of the Abuse Risk Inventory, a screening tool to identify female victims of IPV, which was published by the Consulting Psychologist Press (1989), and cross-validated by an early version of the Conflict Tactics Scale. Dr. Yegidis has extensive academic administrative experience – managing, scheduling, and evaluating large teams of faculty and staff along with large budget responsibilities. Within the cluster, Dr. Yegidis will take the lead in Ph.D. and post-doctoral student recruitment, mentorship, and community and practitioner collaboration activities and dissemination.

The profession of social work is concerned with providing assistance, social and economic support, and advocacy on behalf individuals, families and communities. Through our practice Social Work faculty and scholars help to empower those in need, especially vulnerable populations. Her role as professor and chair of Social work will be key to the educational mission of the cluster. Dr. Yegidis will participate in curriculum development that will lead to community change and the policy-making processes that affect will provide positive impacts for our communities.

B. Contribution to Scholarship and Creative Activities

Dr. Yegidis’ IPV publications examine psychosocial factors, police interventions, victim’s experiences with preferred arrest policies, and an analysis of the IPV gun ban. She has also conducted primary research on SA among college students. Dr. Yegidis has been active in leadership and advocacy organizations addressing interpersonal violence. She is currently a member of the Orange County Domestic Violence Task Force which makes policy
recommendations on IPV issues to the leadership of Orange County. Dr. Yegidis has particular expertise in developing and evaluating measuring instruments and tools, as well as survey research and quantitative methods. Dr. Yegidis is the senior author of a research methods textbook currently in press by Pearson for its 8th Edition (Yegidis, Weinbach and Myers, 2016).


C. Evidence of Impact & Support
Dr. Bonnie Yegidis has experience in responding to the victims, as illustrated by the response of Dr. Yegidis and her School in their response to the victims and their families of the Pulse Nightclub attack in Orlando. The primary victims were from the LGBTQ+ community as well as from the Hispanic community. Within two days of this traumatic event, faculty in the School of Social Work, under her direction, had organized to provide crisis intervention, psychological first aid, and grief support to the family members of the deceased. We identified over 500 clinical practitioners in the community who were licensed to provide services in a culturally competent manner. We also participated with leaders in the city of Orlando and Orange County to ensure that there would be a system of appropriate responses, including a communications plan among service providers. We are also working with leaders in the community to develop more of a long-term strategy to help victims, families and community health from this hate crime. These plans include providing trauma services to the community, including grief support, and evidenced based interventions from the National Center for Traumatic Informed Care (NCTIC) to individuals who suffer from traumatic events.

Dr. Yegidis was the Principal Investigator on a $5.3 million contract with the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families to develop, provide and monitor a Child Welfare Stipend Program to social work students across the state of Florida (2015-2017). The purpose of the contract is to prepare an educated work force to decrease child abuse and neglect in the state of Florida. She is responsible for the implementation of the program, as well as ensuring timely completion of all program deliverables, including curricular materials, faculty appointments, tracking of student progress, and providing quarterly reports to the Department of Children and Families. In her administrative appointments spanning 15 years, she has been responsible for administering and monitoring budgets up to $70 million per year, ensuring that all federal and state policies and regulations were carefully followed, consistent with the goals of academic programs and priorities of the institution(s).
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NAME: Alisa Smith  
Cluster Lead: No

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POSITION TITLE, DEPT, & UNIT and or COLLEGE: Chair, College of Health and Public Affairs

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A. **Personal Statement- your value to the cluster**

I bring my experience as a legal practitioner and social science researcher, who has worked with communities to integrating evidence-based practices to improve procedural justice. My early work primarily focused on domestic violence.

B. **Contribution to Scholarship and Creative Activities**

My early work was some of the first research that focused on the perceptions of domestic violence victims on the varying mandatory laws and policies being implemented around the country.


