#### **CCLISAR News Stories as of November 16, 2020**

#### News on the Independent Review of Sexual Misconduct Processes at the CPSNS

#### 1. SEXUAL MISCONDUCT COMPLAINTS: INDEPENDENT REVIEW

This article discusses the purpose of the independent review of the CPSNS, how the review was conducted, and 7 of the recommendations found by the panel deemed "key highlights". This article also states that the College has accepted and largely implemented the recommendations.

Nasha Nijhawan "SEXUAL MISCONDUCT COMPLAINTS: INDEPENDENT REVIEW", *College of Physicians & Surgeons of Nova Scotia – Annual Report 2019-2020* <a href="https://annualreport.cpsns.ca/our-work/sexual-misconduct-complaints-independent-review/">https://annualreport.cpsns.ca/our-work/sexual-misconduct-complaints-independent-review/</a>.

#### 2. College Releases Review of Sexual Misconduct Investigations

This press release gives a brief overview of the independent review conducted by CCLISAR. It touches on how the review was conducted, why the review is important, and where to find the full report.

College of Physicians & Surgeons of Nova Scotia, Press Release, "College Releases Review of Sexual Misconduct Investigations" (July 16 2019) < <a href="https://cpsns.ns.ca/college-releases-review-of-sexual-misconduct-investigations/">https://cpsns.ns.ca/college-releases-review-of-sexual-misconduct-investigations/</a> >.

#### 3. Is the doctor shortage stalling the Me Too movement in the medical field?

This article discusses the independent review of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia conducted by CCLISAR. It focuses on some of the simple recommendations raised including the creation of a dedicated phone line for sexual misconduct complaints. It also discusses the concern of complaints leading to a loss of healthcare access.

Carolyn Ray "Is the doctor shortage stalling the Me Too movement in the medical field?", *CBC News* (July 18 2019) <a href="https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/review-sexual-misconduct-college-physicians-surgeons-nova-scotia-1.5217074">https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/review-sexual-misconduct-college-physicians-surgeons-nova-scotia-1.5217074</a>.

#### 4. How #MeToo is changing standards for Nova Scotia doctors

This article discusses the independent review of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia and the context through which it arose, that being a rise in sexual misconduct allegations and calls for accountability. It also goes on to discuss some of the issues pointed out by the CCLISAR report and the recommendations offered for "reducing barriers to reporting sexual misconduct and reducing potential harm to those bringing allegations forward".

Taryn Grant "How #MeToo is changing standards for Nova Scotia doctors", *The Star* (July 19 2019) <a href="https://www.thestar.com/halifax/2019/07/19/how-metoo-is-changing-standards-for-nova-scotia-doctors.html">https://www.thestar.com/halifax/2019/07/19/how-metoo-is-changing-standards-for-nova-scotia-doctors.html</a>.

#### 5. Nova Scotia Independent Review of Sexual Abuse Processes

This blog post discusses the independent review conducted by CCLISAR of the CPSNS and outlines a few of the recommendations made. These recommendations included, closing hearings to protect complainant privacy, written guidelines assessing the relevance of questions asked of complainants, and ensuring the hearing process is considerate and sensitive to those who have experienced trauma.

Rebecca Durcan, "Nova Scotia Independent Review of Sexual Abuse Processes" (August 28 2019) online (blog): *Steinecke Maciura LeBlanc Barristers & Solicitors – Regulation Pro* <a href="https://www.sml-law.com/blog-regulation-pro/">https://www.sml-law.com/blog-regulation-pro/</a>>.

#### 6. Independent Review of Sexual Misconduct Processes at the CPSNS

This article announces that CCLISAR has completed its review of the College of Physicians and Surgeons' of Nova Scotia's process in regard to sexual misconduct complaints and provides a link to the completed report.

admin "Independent Review of Sexual Misconduct Processes at the CPSNS", *The Network* (October 10 2019) <a href="http://www.nsrhpn.ca/2019/10/independent-review-of-sexual-misconduct-processes-at-the-cpsns/">http://www.nsrhpn.ca/2019/10/independent-review-of-sexual-misconduct-processes-at-the-cpsns/</a>.

#### News on CCLISAR Work Regarding the Nova Scotia Shooting

### 7. Group of Dalhousie faculty members sign letter urging McNeil to call public inquiry into Nova Scotia mass shooting

This article discusses the letter signed by 33 out of 40 Schulich faculty members urging Premier Stephen McNeil to launch a public inquiry into the shooting. This article also discusses the back and forth between the Premier and the law faculty regarding this demand. CCLISAR is mentioned alongside comments by Amanda Dale that identify specific benefits of a public inquiry into this incident. This article was also published by the <a href="National Post">National Post</a>, <a href="CTV News">CTV News</a>, <a href="National Newswatch">National Newswatch</a>, the <a href="Red Deer Advocate">Red Deer Advocate</a>, and the <a href="Brandon Sun">Brandon Sun</a> (just to name a few).

Michael Tutton "Group of Dalhousie faculty members sign letter urging McNeil to call public inquiry into Nova Scotia mass shooting", *Globe and Mail* (May 15 2020) <a href="https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-group-of-dalhousie-faculty-members-sign-letter-urging-mcneil-to-call/">https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-group-of-dalhousie-faculty-members-sign-letter-urging-mcneil-to-call/</a>.

#### 8. N.S. law profs call on premier to commit to inquiry into April's mass shooting

This article discusses the letter issued to the premier calling for an open investigation of the Nova Scotia massacre. CCLISAR member Elaine Craig is quoted explaining why the investigation is undeniably a provincial matter and also states that the shooting is a matter that goes beyond policing. To this end Professor Craig states "to refuse to act on this in a moment when we are understandably being asked to endure enormous economic and social hardship in the name of public safety and the well-being of our families and our neighbours is appalling."

Emma Smith "N.S. law profs call on premier to commit to inquiry into April's mass shooting", *CBC News* (May 15 2020) <a href="https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/portapique-">https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/portapique-</a>

mass-shooting-gunman-premier-stephen-mcneil-dalhousie-professors-open-letter-1.5572070.

#### 9. The Nova Scotia Killings Demand an Inquiry. Politicians Won't Call One

This article provides a broad overview of the impacts of the Portapique massacre on the local community before discussing what can be done to begin the process of healing. Harris cites several sources on what approach to investigation will be most effective and discusses the calls for a transparent public inquiry by several law professors. Professor Elaine Craig is quoted stating that the Premier's actions thus far are "an abdication of both moral and legal responsibility."

Michael Harris "The Nova Scotia Killings Demand an Inquiry. Politicians Won't Call One", *The Tyee* (June 2 2020) <a href="https://thetyee.ca/Analysis/2020/06/02/Nova-Scotia-Killings-Demand-Inquiry/">https://thetyee.ca/Analysis/2020/06/02/Nova-Scotia-Killings-Demand-Inquiry/</a>.

#### 10. Province owes Nova Scotians public inquiry into mass shooting: lawyer

This article covers the governmental response to the Nova Scotian mass shooting and the elements required for an adequate handling of the situation. The article mentions the call from Schulich law professors for a transparent public inquiry and names Professor Elaine Craig as a leading force in the call for a critical review of the decisions made by the RCMP before and after the incident.

Andrew Rankin, "Province owes Nova Scotians public inquiry into mass shooting: lawyer", Saltwire Network (June 16 2020) <a href="https://www.saltwire.com/news/province-owes-nova-scotians-public-inquiry-into-mass-shooting-lawyer-462971/">https://www.saltwire.com/news/province-owes-nova-scotians-public-inquiry-into-mass-shooting-lawyer-462971/</a>.

#### 11. Justice minister says details on mass shooting review to be released this month

This article discusses the timeline of events leading to the announcement of details regarding the provincial/federal review of the Nova Scotia mass shooting. The article touches on the push from both Canadian senators and Dalhousie professors, including CCLISAR member Elaine Craig, for transparency and decisiveness. It mentions the letter issued by the Schulich School of Law faculty calling for a review of RCMP procedures leading up to and during the shooting as well.

Andrew Rankin "Justice minister says details on mass shooting review to be released this month", *The Chronicle Herald* (July 2 2020)

<a href="https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/news/provincial/justice-minister-says-details-on-mass-shooting-review-to-be-released-this-month-469096/">https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/news/provincial/justice-minister-says-details-on-mass-shooting-review-to-be-released-this-month-469096/</a>.

### 12. NAWL signs letter on the use of a restorative approach to an inquiry into the Nova Scotia mass shooting

This article publishes the letter sent to the ministers regarding the use of a restorative approach in the inquiry on the Nova Scotia mass shooting. It raises several concerns on the use of restorative justice towards this offence including potential breach of a moratorium, a disregard for the need for an independent inquiry, lack of involvement of the public, lack of transparency, etc. CCLISAR is mentioned among 27 other organizations as signatories of this letter.

"NAWL signs letter on the use of a restorative approach to an inquiry into the Nova Scotia mass shooting", *National Association of Women and the Law* (July 7 2020)

<a href="https://nawl.ca/nawl-signs-letter-on-the-use-of-a-restorative-approach-to-an-inquiry-into-the-ns-mass-shooting/">https://nawl.ca/nawl-signs-letter-on-the-use-of-a-restorative-approach-to-an-inquiry-into-the-ns-mass-shooting/</a>

#### 13. The Nova Scotia murders: End the farce. Call the inquiry.

This article discusses the letter penned by "dozens of women's organizations" which states that precisely because of the element of gender in the murders, a restorative justice approach is completely inappropriate. Wells' expresses a common sense of frustration given the lack of movement in the investigation and discusses the inaction of key political figures.

Paul Wells "The Nova Scotia murders: End the farce. Call the inquiry.", *Macleans* (July 9 2020) <a href="https://www-macleans-ca.cdn.ampproject.org/c/s/www.macleans.ca/politics/ottawa/the-nova-scotia-murders-end-the-farce-call-the-inquiry/amp/">https://www-macleans-ca.cdn.ampproject.org/c/s/www.macleans.ca/politics/ottawa/the-nova-scotia-murders-end-the-farce-call-the-inquiry/amp/</a>.

### 14. From The Canadian Centre for Legal Innovation in Sexual Assault Response (CCLISAR)

This post publishes the same letter mentioned in the previous article but attributes the entire article to CCLISAR stating it is, "A letter from The Canadian Centre for Legal Innovation in Sexual Assault Response (CCLISAR) for signing and endorsements."

adminnwowc "From The Canadian Centre for Legal Innovation in Sexual Assault Response (CCLISAR)", *Northwestern Ontario Women's Centre* (July 13 2020) <a href="https://nwowomenscentre.org/from-the-canadian-centre-for-legal-innovation-in-sexual-assault-response-cclisar/">https://nwowomenscentre.org/from-the-canadian-centre-for-legal-innovation-in-sexual-assault-response-cclisar/</a>.

#### 15. The Nova Scotia shooting 'review' and the deafness of government

In this article Wells discusses the inadequacies of the provincial government's reactions to the Nova Scotia shooting. He states that the call for a public inquiry is backed by several prominent women's groups, dozens of senators, and much of the Schulich law faculty. In discussions of a public inquiry and it's benefits seemingly disregarded by the government Wells comments on the feeling of being "heard, understood—and ignored—by government".

Paul Wells "The Nova Scotia shooting 'review' and the deafness of government", *Macleans* (July 23 2020) <a href="https://www-macleans-ca.cdn.ampproject.org/c/s/www.macleans.ca/politics/ottawa/the-nova-scotia-shooting-review-and-the-deafness-of-government/amp/">https://www-macleans-ca/politics/ottawa/the-nova-scotia-shooting-review-and-the-deafness-of-government/amp/</a>.

#### 16. Advocates decry lack of feminist lens in N.S. shooting review

This article discusses the call for a feminist examination of the Nova Scotia mass shooting that occurred in April 2020. It focuses on the link between misogyny and violence and shares the argument of Jeanne Sarson that leaving the review to the police, and not including the gender equality department, does not nearly go far enough. CCLISAR is mentioned through the comments of Amanda Dale as she calls for a public inquiry of the incident.

Alex Cooke "Advocates decry lack of feminist lens in N.S. shooting review", *CBC News* (July 24 2020) <a href="https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/ns-shooting-review-feminist-analysis-1.5661593">https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/ns-shooting-review-feminist-analysis-1.5661593</a>.

# 17. <u>Legal experts, senators raise concerns over independent review into N.S. massacre</u> This article discusses the criticism of the independent inquiry originally announced by the Nova Scotian government into the Portapique massacre. Davie discusses the push for a public inquiry and quotes Professor Craig with reference to timeline concerns, the purported "independence" of the inquiry, and whether it is too late to pursue a public inquiry instead.

Emma Davie "Legal experts, senators raise concerns over independent review into N.S. massacre", *CBC News* (July 24 2020) <a href="https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/legal-experts-concern-independent-review-portapique-1.5661589">https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/legal-experts-concern-independent-review-portapique-1.5661589</a>.

#### **CCLISAR Members as Sources/Experts**

### **18.** Government of Canada announces major investment in Toronto women's organizations

This article discusses the funding that is proposed by the Department for Women and Gender Equality to women's organizations in Toronto. Deepa Mattoo is quoted discussing the ways in which this funding will help women and allow organizations to, "take a more proactive approach to predict the risk of violence to the lives of the women...[and] better ensure their safety.

"Government of Canada announces major investment in Toronto women's organizations" *Government of Canada* (2019) <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/women-gender-equality/news/2019/05/backgrounder---government-of-canada-announces-major-investment-in-toronto-womens-organizations.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/women-gender-equality/news/2019/05/backgrounder---government-of-canada-announces-major-investment-in-toronto-womens-organizations.html</a>.

### 19. Minster Monsef establishes new Advisory Committee to support efforts to end gender-based violence at post-secondary institutions

This statement outlines the mission of the Advisory Committee on the Framework to Prevent and Address Gender-Based Violence at Post-Secondary Institutions. CCLISR member Joanna Birenbaum is mentioned in the list of current members of the committee.

"Minster Monsef establishes new Advisory Committee to support efforts to end gender-based violence at post-secondary institutions", *Newswire* (January 16 2019)

<a href="https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/minster-monsef-establishes-new-advisory-committee-to-support-efforts-to-end-gender-based-violence-at-post-secondary-institutions-863638529.html">https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/minster-monsef-establishes-new-advisory-committee-to-support-efforts-to-end-gender-based-violence-at-post-secondary-institutions-863638529.html</a>.

# 20. <u>Murdered and missing honoured at Stolen Sisters Memorial March in Victoria</u> This article covers the annual Stolen Sisters Memorial March to honor missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and 2-spirit individuals. Coles discusses several statistics on the topic of Indigenous women, making note that between 1980 and 2012, a total of 1,181 Indigenous women and girls were murdered or went missing. Professor Val Napoleon is quoted as she points

to the ways in which Indigenous law needs to be used to create "safe and inclusive communities".

Keri Coles "Murdered and missing honoured at Stolen Sisters Memorial March in Victoria", *Victoria News* (February 17 2019) <a href="https://www.vicnews.com/news/murdered-and-missing-honoured-at-stolen-sisters-memorial-march-in-victoria/">https://www.vicnews.com/news/murdered-and-missing-honoured-at-stolen-sisters-memorial-march-in-victoria/</a>.

Also published here: <a href="https://www.nelsonstar.com/news/murdered-and-missing-honoured-at-stolen-sisters-memorial-march-in-b-c/">https://www.nelsonstar.com/news/murdered-and-missing-honoured-at-stolen-sisters-memorial-march-in-b-c/</a>.

#### 21. Emotional gathering in Victoria for Stolen Sisters Memorial March

This article discusses the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Stolen Sisters Memorial March. Graeme shares several quotes from individuals who have lost family members and discusses the realities of the law's failing Indigenous women, one of which being that Indigenous women are over three times more likely to be victims than non-Indigenous women. Professor Val Napoleon is interviewed and asks the question, "How is it that Indigenous women and girls are in spaces of lawlessness in this land called Canada?".

Mike Graeme "Emotional gathering in Victoria for Stolen Sisters Memorial March", *Martlet* (March 4 2019) <a href="https://www.martlet.ca/emotional-gathering-in-victoria-for-stolen-sisters-memorial-march/">https://www.martlet.ca/emotional-gathering-in-victoria-for-stolen-sisters-memorial-march/</a>.

### 22. #MeToo: In Canada, rape myths continue to prevent justice for sexual assault survivors

This article discusses the gaping holes in the Canadian justice system regarding justice for sexual assault survivors. Puddister and McNabb discuss the current issues including the ineffectiveness of "rape shield" laws in the courtroom and the direction that the law is moving in regard to solving some of these issues. Professor Elaine Craig's work on making these issues known is mentioned with particular interest in the "justice gap" between what the rape shield says and how it actually functions.

Kate Puddister & Danielle McNabb "#MeToo: In Canada, rape myths continue to prevent justice for sexual assault survivors", *The Conversation* (March 5 2019) <a href="https://theconversation.com/metoo-in-canada-rape-myths-continue-to-prevent-justice-for-sexual-assault-survivors-110568">https://theconversation.com/metoo-in-canada-rape-myths-continue-to-prevent-justice-for-sexual-assault-survivors-110568</a>.

#### 23. Should Canada restrict the use of gag orders in sexual abuse cases

In this article Gerster discusses the banning of non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) to cover up claims of harassment. Elizabeth Grace is consulted and discusses the #MeToo movement's effect on the use of NDAs in sexual violence contexts. Elizabeth Grace states that while can be benefits to NDAs there is potential for their use to be "troubling and problematic."

Jane Gerster "Should Canada restrict the use of gag orders in sexual abuse cases?", *Global News* (March 24 2019) <a href="https://globalnews.ca/news/5080002/sex-assault-nondisclosure-agreements/">https://globalnews.ca/news/5080002/sex-assault-nondisclosure-agreements/</a>.

#### 24. Insight: Feminists rebalance the scales of justice in Scotland

This article discusses the 100-year anniversary of women being allowed to practice law. Garavelli touches on the persistent gender gap in the upper echelons of the legal field and in the judiciary despite the rising number of female lawyers under 40. The article also discusses the Scottish Feminist Judgment Project organized in part by Professor Sharon Cowan. This initiative re-examined seminal legal judgements from a feminist perspective and discussed the ways in which the decisions made would have been altered.

Dani Garavelli "Insight: Feminists rebalance the scales of justice in Scotland", *The Scotsman* (April 21 2019) <a href="https://www.scotsman.com/heritage-and-retro/heritage/insight-feminists-rebalance-scales-justice-scotland-1419390">https://www.scotsman.com/heritage-and-retro/heritage/insight-feminists-rebalance-scales-justice-scotland-1419390</a>.

#### 25. Women's groups say asylum changes will harm those fleeing domestic violence

This article discusses the response to the Liberal government's move to disqualify refugee claims from asylum seekers who have made similar requests in other countries. Dr. Amanda Dale is quoted with regards to the issues created by this push especially for domestic violence survivors. Dr. Dale discusses some of the issues with the American refugee policy and states that the Liberal proposal, "fails to account for these gaps in U.S. refugee policy and effectively outsources our refugee determination system to an inferior one ".

Jolson Lim "Women's groups say asylum changes will harm those fleeing domestic violence", *iPolitics* (May 8 2019) <a href="https://ipolitics.ca/2019/05/08/womens-groups-say-asylum-changes-will-harm-those-fleeing-domestic-violence/">https://ipolitics.ca/2019/05/08/womens-groups-say-asylum-changes-will-harm-those-fleeing-domestic-violence/</a>.

#### 26. Changes needed for mandatory domestic violence screening by family lawyers

This article discusses how and why the responses to domestic violence reports by family lawyers is important. Smith touches on the murder of Elana Fric-Shamji and the connection between her death and their separation and therefore, legal dispute. CCLISAR member Deepa Mattoo is mentioned in her work with the Barbra Schlifer Clinic as they work to develop a risk-assessment tool for family law practitioners.

Whitney Smith "Changes needed for mandatory domestic violence screening by family lawyers", Canadian Lawyer (May 20 2019)

https://www.canadianlawyermag.com/news/opinion/changes-needed-for-mandatory-domestic-violence-screening-by-family-lawyers/276135.

#### 27. Halifax social worker calling for more help for male sexual assault victims

This article discusses the funding issues that affect services for male sexual assault victims. Robert Wright discusses the rate of sexual violence amongst men and states that he fully affirms the need for services for women and is simply "adding to that conversation". Robert Wright explains that, outside of a few services, "there really has not been any focused service delivery for male-identified victims."

Sherri Borden Colley "Halifax social worker calling for more help for male sexual assault victims", *CBC News* (May 31 2019) <a href="https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/sexual-assault-men-funding-counselling-support-mantalk-new-start-avalon-1.5155959">https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/sexual-assault-men-funding-counselling-support-mantalk-new-start-avalon-1.5155959</a>.

### 28. <u>Military sexual-assault trials have high acquittal rate despite zero-tolerance policy,</u> study finds

This article discusses the rate of acquittals in military courts for sexual assault. Professor Elaine Craig is discussed with reference to her examination of the prosecution of sexual assault by the Canadian military legal system. The article discusses the detail of particular cases of sexual assault complaints and outlines the faults in the way it is currently being handled with reference to the research done by Professor Craig.

Gloria Galloway "Military sexual-assault trials have high acquittal rate despite zero-tolerance policy, study finds", *The Globe and Mail* (June 10 2019)

https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-conviction-rate-in-military-sexual-assault-trials-lower-than-

in/?utm\_medium=Referrer:+Social+Network+/+Media&utm\_campaign=Shared+Web+A\_rticle+Links.

### 29. Without civilian oversight, sexual-assault survivors in the military will not be well served

This article further outlines the work done by Professor Craig in examining sexual assault adjudication within the military. References are made to the study done by Professor Craig in demonstrating that military courts have a significantly lower rate of conviction in sexual assault trials than civilian courts. The article continues on to explain why this discrepancy exists and what measures can be taken to ensure sexual assault complainants get justice.

Maya Eichler & Marie-Claude Gagnon "Without civilian oversight, sexual-assault survivors in the military will not be well served", *The Globe and Mail* (June 14 2019)

https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-without-civilian-oversight-sexual-assault-survivors-in-the-

 $\underline{military/?utm\_medium=Referrer:+Social+Network+/+Media\&utm\_campaign=Shared+}\\\underline{Web+Article+Links}.$ 

30. Mi'kmaw law expert urges Canadians to move beyond MMIWG genocide debate
In this article Professor Metallic discusses the reaction to the labelling of missing and murdered
Indigenous women and girls as a genocide. She urges Canadians to move beyond this label and
examine the recommendations also provided in the report. She states that, "Hanging a flag is
easy, but there's more to be done."

Kaitlyn Swan "Mi'kmaw law expert urges Canadians to move beyond MMIWG genocide debate", *CBC News* (July 4 2019) <a href="https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/mmiwg-report-genocide-naiomi-metallic-dalhousie-university-1.5195957">https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/mmiwg-report-genocide-naiomi-metallic-dalhousie-university-1.5195957</a>.

31. How a podcast on Halifax's 'Glove Guy' led to an intellectual property dispute

This news article discusses the "Glove Guy" who was claimed to have sexual harassed multiple people in the Halifax area. Robert Wright is interviewed with his experience with providing

support to men who have experienced sexual abuse. He discusses the ways in which male experiences with sexual assault are often laughed off and made light of.

Jackson Weaver "How a podcast on Halifax's 'Glove Guy' led to an intellectual property dispute", *CBC News* (July 12 2019) <a href="https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/nighttime-podcast-name-disputed-1.5203527">https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/nighttime-podcast-name-disputed-1.5203527</a>.

### 32. Recognizing Multiple Legal Systems: Decolonizing our Understandings of "the" Law with Val Napoleon

This interview of Professor Val Napoleon examines the way in which the law can and should respect Indigenous laws alongside Canadian laws and how one can be accountable to Indigenous laws without idealizing or romanticizing them. Professor Napoleon touches on sexual violence as a symptom of colonization, something that can be helped by a rebuilding of Indigenous law.

Kaymi Yoon-Maxwell "Recognizing Multiple Legal Systems: Decolonizing our Understandings of "the" Law with Val Napoleon" *West Coast LEAF* (July 17 2019) <a href="http://www.westcoastleaf.org/2019/07/17/decolonizing-our-understandings-of-the-law/">http://www.westcoastleaf.org/2019/07/17/decolonizing-our-understandings-of-the-law/</a>

### 33. WAVE working group on gender neutrality visits Scottish Women's Aide to learn about best practices

This article covers the visit of the WAVE working groups on gender neutrality's visit to Scottish Women's Aide. This visit discussed the planning of the WAVE handbook with conversations on the inherent gendered nature of law, the dynamic of interactions between feminist organizations and the government, as well as Scottish Feminist Judgements Project discussed by Professor Sharon Cowan.

Lina Piskernik "WAVE working group on gender neutrality visits Scottish Women's Aide to learn about best practices", *Women Against Violence Europe* (September 5 2019)

<a href="https://www.wave-network.org/2019/09/05/wave-working-group-on-gender-neutrality-visits-scottish-womens-aide-to-learn-about-best-practices/">https://www.wave-network.org/2019/09/05/wave-working-group-on-gender-neutrality-visits-scottish-womens-aide-to-learn-about-best-practices/</a>.

#### 34. A Feminist Critique of Legal Interventions Against Sexual Violence

This blog post covers an article published by Professor Sharon Cowan titled "Sense and Sensibilities: A Feminist Critique of Legal Interventions Against Sexual Violence". In this article Professor Cowan discusses the ways in which there has been legal reform within Scotland, but it has been "not always felt" in practice. She also proceeds to discuss the way in which lax punishment for sexual violence reflects societal perspectives on sexual violence.

Tracy Thomas, "A Feminist Critique of Legal Interventions Against Sexual Violence" (October 8 2019), online (blog): Gender and the Law Prof Blog

<u>violence.html?utm\_source=feedburner&utm\_medium=feed&utm\_campaign=Feed%3A+GenderAndTheLawBlog+%28Gender+and+the+Law+Blog%29</u>

### 35. Feminist legal academics deliver six workshops across Scotland in 200-mile cycle tour

This article discusses the cycling tour undertaken by Professor Sharon Cowan and two of her colleagues through which they offered workshops with a focus on rewriting legal judgements from a feminist perspective. On the tour the professors raised more than £5,000 for Scottish Women's Aid, Scottish Trans Alliance and Rape Crisis Scotland while educating students on critical feminist approaches to the law.

"Feminist legal academics deliver six workshops across Scotland in 200-mile cycle tour", Scottish Legal News (October 19 2019) https://www.scottishlegal.com/article/feminist-legal-academics-deliver-six-workshops-across-scotland-in-200km-cycle-tour.

### **36.** <u>Underfunded and under-resourced, Indigenous police services struggle with MMIWG cases</u>

This article discusses the ways in which lack of funding and access to resources has impeded the ability of Indigenous police to investigate violence against Indigenous women. Professor Naiomi Metallic is quoted as she supports the assertion that, "underfunding and structural problems in the delivery of essential services in First Nations communities, like policing, impact the vulnerability of Indigenous women and girls".

Ka'nhehsí:io Deer "Underfunded and under-resourced, Indigenous police services struggle with MMIWG cases", *CBC News* (October 30 2019) <a href="https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/mmiwg-indigenous-policing-program-1.5339727">https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/mmiwg-indigenous-policing-program-1.5339727</a>.

#### 37. Judiciary's comments on women come to fore

This article discusses issues that have come to light regarding gendered issues in law. Professor Sonia Lawrence mentions the complaints against Duval Hesler and warns against linking those too closely to debates about how judges handle sexual assault cases. Professor Lawrence asks the question of whether there is "a neutral position" on the matter.

Anita Balakrishnan "Judiciary's comments on women come to fore", *Law Times* (December 9 2019) <a href="https://www.lawtimesnews.com/resources/professional-regulation/judiciarys-comments-on-women-come-to-fore/323866">https://www.lawtimesnews.com/resources/professional-regulation/judiciarys-comments-on-women-come-to-fore/323866</a>.

#### 38. 'Institutionalized racism' still plagues Nova Scotia, advocate says

This article discusses both the Wortley Report and Journey to Light. Robert Wright is quoted throughout the article as he discusses the sexual abuses outlined in the Journey to Light report and their links to institutionalized racism. Robert Wright states that, despite these reports, there has not been a meaningful revolution in education "that seems to suggest we've learned our lesson."

Francis Campbell "Institutionalized racism' still plagues Nova Scotia, advocate says", *The Chronicle Herald* (December 27 2019)

https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/news/local/institutionalized-racism-still-plagues-nova-scotia-advocate-says-392324/.

### 39. <u>Aiming for Justice - The Legal System Has Failed Sexual Assault Survivors. It's Time for Change.</u>

This article discusses the book *Putting Trials on Trial: Sexual Assault and the Failure of the Legal Profession* in which Professor Craig points out the profound failing of the judicial system when it comes to allegations of sexual violence. CCLISAR is mentioned as one of the organizations working to bring attention to and potentially change these issues. Professor Williams is quoted, saying that the goal of CCLISAR is "to reflect the direction set by the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Report's Calls to Justice."

Michelle Landsberg "Aiming for Justice – The Legal System Has Failed Sexual Assault Survivors. It's Time for Change" (2020) 33:4 *Herizons : The Manitoba Women's Newspaper* 14-19 (https://pocketmags.com/ca/herizons-magazine-2/winter-2020).

#### 40. ELAINE CRAIG: Protest chill is last thing sex-assault complainants need

This article discusses the accusations of misconduct towards Dr. Manivasan Moodley and the subsequent protest that threatens and intimidates those who raised the allegations. Professor Craig also touches on the broader difficulty of raising allegations of sexual conduct against one's doctor and the considerations health-care providers should keep in mind due to the impact of their voice. CCLISAR is mentioned in the brief description of Professor Craig provided at the end of the article.

Elaine Craig "Protest chill is last thing sex-assault complainants need", *The Chronicle Herald* (January 24 2020) <a href="https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/opinion/local-perspectives/elaine-craig-protest-chill-is-last-thing-sex-assault-complainants-need-402560/">https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/opinion/local-perspectives/elaine-craig-protest-chill-is-last-thing-sex-assault-complainants-need-402560/</a>.

## 41. <u>Idea for special sexual assault court gains steam in Quebec in wake of #MeToo</u> This article discusses the idea of having a separate court division for sexual assault cases. This

This article discusses the idea of having a separate court division for sexual assault cases. This idea was spurred by a recognition of the failure of the justice system in serving the needs of sexual assault complainants. Professor Elaine Craig is quoted to comment on the failures of the justice system towards sexual assault victims and she states that, "It contributes to the retraumatization of the, primarily women, sexual assault survivors who participate in that process."

Jonathan Montpetit "Idea for special sexual assault court gains steam in Quebec in wake of #MeToo", *CBC News* (January 24 2020) <a href="https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/idea-for-special-sexual-assault-court-gains-steam-in-quebec-in-wake-of-metoo-1.4990459">https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/idea-for-special-sexual-assault-court-gains-steam-in-quebec-in-wake-of-metoo-1.4990459</a>.

42. Bill requiring sexual assault awareness training for judges is 'promising': professor This article discusses the federal legislation being introduced to require judges to receive training regarding sexual assault, Bill C-5 an Act to amend the Judges Act and the Criminal Code. Professor Craig is quoted throughout the article and discusses her response to a lack of sensitivity amongst judges in 2017 and how things have changed in the past three years. The article closes with Professor Craig stating, "I think it's promising and encouraging to see nonpartisan efforts like this."

"Bill requiring sexual assault awareness training for judges is 'promising': professor", CBC News (February 4 2020) <a href="https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/sexual-assault-awareness-training-judges-1.5451902">https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/sexual-assault-awareness-training-judges-1.5451902</a>.

### 43. GTA domestic violence groups brace for 'perfect storm' as abused women stay home amid COVID-19

This article discusses the connection between the COVID-19 pandemic and a surge in domestic violence cases. Deepa Mattoo discusses the steps that are being taken to ensure that services are available to the women who need them. Deepa Mattoo discusses the difficult of balancing COVID-19 safety, "to actually make yourself and your services available in a safe way for the workers and the lawyers and the counsellors and the interpreters on the team, while also making sure that the clients are getting the service is a completely new way to look at work."

Jim Rankin "GTA domestic violence groups brace for 'perfect storm' as abused women stay home amid COVID-19", *Toronto Star* (March 24 2020) <a href="https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2020/03/24/gta-domestic-violence-groups-brace-for-perfect-storm-as-abused-women-stay-home-amid-covid-19.html">https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2020/03/24/gta-domestic-violence-groups-brace-for-perfect-storm-as-abused-women-stay-home-amid-covid-19.html</a>.

#### 44. Killings in Nova Scotia shines light on violence against women.

In this interview CCLISAR member Dr. Amanda Dale discusses the gendered element of the Nova Scotia massacre. Dr. Dale speaks on the intimate link between this sort of violence and gender-based violence/domestic abuse. She also outlines some of the connections between the admiration of power (seen through the use of an RCMP vehicle) or gun use and the terrorization of women and domestic violence. Importantly Dr. Dale discusses the predictability of domestic violence and how possible prevention truly is.

Interview of Amanda Dale by Michael Serapio (April 2020) on *CBC News Network with Michael Serapio*, CBC News <a href="https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1729893443754">https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1729893443754</a>.

### 45. The Nova Scotia shootings began with an act of domestic abuse – and there were red flags that came before

This article provides a timeline of events leading up to the Nova Scotia massacre. Quan & McKinley provide a bit of a background on the relationship between Wortman and his girlfriend, outlining the warning signs demonstrated before the incident. CCLISAR member Dr. Amanda Dale describes this as "terrifyingly affirming of a pattern that we've seen in Canada" and also, in regard to the connection to gender-based violence, that this shooting demonstrates "at least the initial signs that it's linked with misogyny".

Douglas Quan & Steve McKinley "The Nova Scotia shootings began with an act of domestic abuse – and there were red flags that came before", *The Star* (April 24 2020) <a href="https://www.thestar.com/amp/news/canada/2020/04/23/the-nova-scotia-shootings-began-with-an-act-of-domestic-abuse-and-there-were-red-flags-that-came-before.html">https://www.thestar.com/amp/news/canada/2020/04/23/the-nova-scotia-shootings-began-with-an-act-of-domestic-abuse-and-there-were-red-flags-that-came-before.html</a>.

### **46.** Advocates say new firearms ban part of 'suite of protections' needed to protect women from violence

This article touches on the ban of 1,500 kinds of "assault-style" firearms by the federal government and the role this move will play in reducing violence against women. Dr. Amanda Dale weighs in on the importance of this ban and makes it clear that it is the first step in a larger battle against femicide. Dr. Dale references the misogyny central to the Nova Scotia mass shooting and makes a point to state that hunting rifles are often more dangerous for women.

Duncan McCue "Advocates say new firearms ban part of 'suite of protections' needed to protect women from violence", *CBC Radio* (May 3 2020)

<a href="https://www.cbc.ca/radio/checkup/canada-firearm-ban-violence-against-women-advocates-1.5553689">https://www.cbc.ca/radio/checkup/canada-firearm-ban-violence-against-women-advocates-1.5553689</a>.

47. Nova Scotia can – and must – call an inquiry into the Portapique massacre
In this article, CCLISAR member Elaine Craig issues a response to the claim made by Nova
Scotia premier Stephen McNeil that the province cannot conduct a public inquiry into the
Portapique massacre. Professor Craig acknowledges the division of powers referenced by
Premier McNeil but states that an inquiry of the sort required in this situation, "fits squarely
within the constitutional authority of the provinces". She proceeds to outline exactly why it is a
provincial matter and why the province is well-equipped to handle this sort of an inquiry.

Elaine Craig "Nova Scotia can – and must – call an inquiry into the Portapique massacre", *Globe and Mail* (May 19 2020) <a href="https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-nova-scotia-can-and-must-call-an-inquiry-into-the-portapique/">https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-nova-scotia-can-and-must-call-an-inquiry-into-the-portapique/</a>.

### **48.** Applying terror laws to incel violence must not 'distract' from everyday misogyny women face: expert

This article discusses the first case of a charge of terror offences linked to incel ideology. Dr. Amanda Dale is consulted in raising concerns about the application of laws which were "designed for a different problem". Dr. Dale discusses the possibility that cases of femicide will be forced to have to meet the high bar required for terrorism convictions which may cast aside the importance of justice in domestic violence circumstances.

"Applying terror laws to incel violence must not 'distract' from everyday misogyny women face: expert", *CBC Radio* (May 21 2020) <a href="https://www.cbc.ca/radio/thecurrent/the-current-for-may-21-2020-1.5577286/applying-terror-laws-to-incel-violence-must-not-distract-from-everyday-misogyny-women-face-expert-1.5578957">https://www.cbc.ca/radio/thecurrent/the-current-for-may-21-2020-1.5577286/applying-terror-laws-to-incel-violence-must-not-distract-from-everyday-misogyny-women-face-expert-1.5578957</a>.

### **49.** RAPE AS A GRAVE AND SYSTEMATIC HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

This report from Equality Now and the United Nations discusses the international legal framework to handle rape, the challenges and gaps in within, and recommendations to increase the legal effectiveness. Dr. Amanda Dale explains that although Canada has a relatively progressive legal regime, there is a gap between this regime and its social effects as well as is effects on individual experiences of survivors. Dr. Dale also makes a point to identify particular points of issue in Canadian law and what must be done to resolve them.

Equality Now, "RAPE AS A GRAVE AND SYSTEMATIC HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN" (May 27 2020) online: (pdf)

https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/equalitynow/pages/3416/attachments/original/160 3465734/EN-SR Report 2020.pdf?1603465734.

#### **50.** Breaking their silence

This article discusses the allegations against Peter Nygard. One of the key issues of this case, that of jurisdiction is discussed. While he is a Canadian citizen some of the alleged assaults occurred outside of the country. Deepa Mattoo is consulted on the current standard of law through which she explains the options available to the survivors and the limitations on historical cases.

Timothy Sawa, Lynette Fortune & Bob McKeown "Breaking their silence", *CBC News* (June 14 2020) <a href="https://newsinteractives.cbc.ca/longform/peter-nygard-1">https://newsinteractives.cbc.ca/longform/peter-nygard-1</a>.

#### 51. Benjamin Bestgen: Feminist legal philosophy

This primer on feminist legal philosophy discusses the true legal equality and the shifting perspectives that are required for lasting and meaningful change. In this discussion Bestgen refers to the Scottish Feminist Judgement Project which Professor Sharon Cowan co-authored. This project is used to frame the practical ways that law can be approached to ensure an approach that is conscious and critical of gender.

Benjamin Bestgen "Benjamin Bestgen: Feminist legal philosophy", *Scottish Legal News* (June 17 2020) <a href="https://www.scottishlegal.com/article/benjamin-bestgen-feminist-legal-philosophy">https://www.scottishlegal.com/article/benjamin-bestgen-feminist-legal-philosophy</a>.

### 52. <u>Human rights scholar among those calling for public inquiry into Nova Scotia shooting.</u>

In this interview CCLISAR Dr. Amanda Dale comments on the review announced by the Nova Scotian government into the mass shooting that occurred in April. Dale touches on the strong statutory framework in place in Nova Scotia to handle public inquiries as well as some of the benefits of a public inquiry. Finally, Dale discusses the connection between the degradation of women and both extremism and acts of mass violence.

Interview of Amanda Dale by Carole MacNeil (July 2020) on *CBC News* <a href="https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1768909379836">https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1768909379836</a>.

#### 53. CBC Nova Scotia - Amanda Dale from CCLISAR

CCLISAR member Dr. Amanda Dale comments on the unfit approach to the Nova Scotia Portapique Inquiry that is "restorative justice", and why we need a public inquiry and open process.

Interview of Amanda Dale by Elizabeth Chiu (July 8 2020) on *CBC Nova Scotia*, CBC News at 12:08.

#### 54. Ontario school board found 'vicariously liable' in sexual abuse case

This article discusses a case which found an Ontario school board liable for the sexual abuse perpetrated by a teacher. This seminal case has set a precedent for future allegations of sexual abuse with Elizabeth Grace representing the claimant.

Julie Ireton "Ontario school board found 'vicariously liable' in sexual abuse case", *CBC News* (July 8 2020) <a href="https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/ontario-school-board-case-precedent-vicariously-liable-historical-sexual-abuse-by-teacher-1.5640688">https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/ontario-school-board-case-precedent-vicariously-liable-historical-sexual-abuse-by-teacher-1.5640688</a>.

### 55. Groups urge governments to not use restorative justice approach for inquiry into Nova Scotia mass shooting

This article discusses the call to avoid a restorative justice approach in the investigation of the recent Nova Scotia mass shooting. The article discusses the letter sent by several groups working against gender-based violence calling for an "independent, fully transparent public inquiry" and explains the reasons behind this demand. CCLISAR members Deepa Matoo and Dr. Amanda Dale are quoted, with Matoo stating "Canadians deserve a clear process for accountability..." and Dale adding that in order to "heal the community" a public inquiry is necessary.

Michael Macdonald "Groups urge governments to not use restorative justice approach for inquiry into Nova Scotia mass shooting", *Globe and Mail* (July 8 2020) <a href="https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-groups-urge-governments-to-not-use-restorative-justice-approach-for/">https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-groups-urge-governments-to-not-use-restorative-justice-approach-for/</a>.

#### Also published in CTV News:

Michael Macdonald "Groups 'shocked' by minister's approach to inquiry into Nova Scotia mass murder", *CTV News* (July 8 2020) <a href="https://atlantic.ctvnews.ca/groups-shocked-by-minister-s-approach-to-inquiry-into-nova-scotia-mass-murder-1.5015257">https://atlantic.ctvnews.ca/groups-shocked-by-minister-s-approach-to-inquiry-into-nova-scotia-mass-murder-1.5015257</a>.

#### 56. The Current with Matt Galloway

In this interview CCLISAR member Dr. Amanda Dale discusses the announcement of a joint independent review of mass shooting in Nova Scotia this past April.

Interview of Amanda Dale by Matt Galloway (July 24 2020) on *The Current with Matt Galloway*, CBC Radio <a href="https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-63-the-current/clip/15788777-independent-review-nova-scotia-shootings-covid-19-spikes-canada">https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-63-the-current/clip/15788777-independent-review-nova-scotia-shootings-covid-19-spikes-canada</a>.

#### 57. Ottawa Morning with Robyn Bresnahan

An interview in which Dr. Amanda Dale discusses what to expect from the public inquiry of the Nova Scotia mass shooting.

Interview of Amanda Dale by Robyn Bresnahan (July 29 2020) on *Ottawa Morning with Robyn Bresnahan*, CBC Radio <a href="https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-100-ottawa-morning/clip/15789480-public-inquiry-n.s.-mass-shooting-move-forward">https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-100-ottawa-morning/clip/15789480-public-inquiry-n.s.-mass-shooting-move-forward</a>.

58. Scots regulator has 'serious concerns' over use of sex history in rape trials

The research completed by CCLISAR member Professor Sharon Cowan for the Equality and Human Rights Commission is discussed here in its publicizing of the issues currently plaguing the trials of sexual offences. Professor Cowan makes a point in the report to discuss the ways in which prosecutors often do not challenge the discussion of irrelevant sexual history.

Gary Flockhart "Scots regulator has 'serious concerns' over use of sex history in rape trials", *The Scotsman* (August 18 2020) <a href="https://www.scotsman.com/news/crime/scots-regulator-has-serious-concerns-over-use-sex-history-rape-trials-2945097">https://www.scotsman.com/news/crime/scots-regulator-has-serious-concerns-over-use-sex-history-rape-trials-2945097</a>.

#### 59. Scotland: New research raises concerns over use of sexual history in trials

This news bulletin is concerned with a research publication by the Equality and Human Rights Commission and authored by CCLISAR member Professor Sharon Cowan which discusses how sexual history and character is used in sexual violence trials in Scotland. Professor Cowan is quoted as saying, "It is time for Scotland to ensure that the rules that are intended to protect complainers in sexual offences trials are being properly and fairly implemented throughout the court process."

"Scotland: New research raises concerns over use of sexual history in trials", *Irish Legal News* (August 19 2020) <a href="https://irishlegal.com/article/scotland-new-research-raises-concerns-over-use-of-sexual-history-in-trials">https://irishlegal.com/article/scotland-new-research-raises-concerns-over-use-of-sexual-history-in-trials</a>.

### **60.** <u>Opinion: McKnight's eight-year-sentence for five sexual assaults shows rape myths</u> persist in the courtroom

This article discusses the appeal for the sentence of "serial rapist" Matthew McKnight. Faulder outlines some details of the case and the media reception before touching on where the justice system currently fails sexual assault complainants. Professor Elaine Craig is mentioned in the article with regard to the onus on criminal lawyers to be educated on sexual assault as well as a call to change the lawyer's codes of ethics to include a prohibition on using myths and stereotypes.

Liane Faulder "Opinion: McKnight's eight-year-sentence for five sexual assaults shows rape myths persist in the courtroom", *Edmonton Journal* (August 21 2020) <a href="https://edmontonjournal.com/opinion/columnists/mcknight-case-reveals-tricky-issues-yet-to-be-resolved-in-sexual-assault-cases">https://edmontonjournal.com/opinion/columnists/mcknight-case-reveals-tricky-issues-yet-to-be-resolved-in-sexual-assault-cases</a>.

#### 61. CPSM Sexual Boundaries Working Group Report to Council

This is a report by the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Manitoba discussing the findings and recommendations of the Working Group established to investigate the law, policies, and procedures in place to address sexual boundaries with patients. In the section outlining discretionary penalties the report provides an overview of the discretionary penalties in each province. CCLISAR is mentioned with reference to the independent legal review conducted on the CPSNS and the Working Group states they referenced the CCLISAR report calling it, "relevant, informative and helpful."

College of Physicians & Surgeons of Manitoba, "CPSM Sexual Boundaries Working Group Report to Council" (September 2020) online: (pdf)

https://cpsm.mb.ca/assets/Consultations/Boundaries/Sexual%20Boundaries%20WG%20Report%20to%20Council%20Sep%202020.pdf.

#### 62. Reflections from LEAF Edmonton's Persons Day Breakfast

This blog post discusses the LEAF Edmonton's Persons Day Breakfast at which Professor Val Napoleon delivered a keynote presentation titled, "Contested Legal Personalities: Indigenous Women". In this presentation she discussed the legal understanding of Indigenous women and contrasted the Indigenous centered approach to sexual violence law against the Canadian approach. This recap of Professor Napoleon's presentation serves as an interpretive lens for those who missed the event.

ReconciliAction YEG, "Reflections from LEAF Edmonton's Persons Day Breakfast" (October 20 2020), online (blog): University of Alberta: Faculty Blog
[https://ualbertalaw.typepad.com/faculty/2020/10/leaf-edmontons-persons-day-breakfast.html]

The programming at the event, with a discussion of Professor Napoleon's keynote address, is also discussed here:

Riley Gallant, "LEAF Edmonton Persons Day Breakfast (Via Zoom) - October 19, 2020" (September 2020), online (blog): FamilyCounsel.ca [https://familycounsel.ca/news.php?id=2983&topic=9&page=0&search=edmonton].

#### 63. Dead Girls: Gender Violence & Radical Imagination

In this article the Lighthouse discusses the panel they have created to discuss art surrounding violence against women. Professor Sharon Cowan is one speaker involved where they planned to discuss "the historic and contemporary violence women face, and consider the power of fiction or story, in making parts of our world more accessible to others/ more affecting to unfamiliar readers/ more open to reimagining."

Lighthouse – Edinburgh's Radical Bookshop "Dead Girls: Gender Violence & Radical Imagination", *Crowdcast* (November 22 2020) <a href="https://www.crowdcast.io/e/dead-girls-BWS/register">https://www.crowdcast.io/e/dead-girls-BWS/register</a>.

#### **Commentary on General CCLISAR Work**

#### 64. Elaine Craig - The Top 25 Most Influential 2019 winner

This article provides a list of some of the accomplishments of Professor Craig and her role in founding CCLISAR. The article also discusses a few of the direct results of Professor Craig's work and states, "Professor Elaine Craig has done more in her professional career than almost anyone else to shed light on [the treatment of victims of sexual violence]".

"Elaine Craig – The Top 25 Most Influential 2019 winner", *Canadian Lawyer*<a href="https://www.canadianlawyermag.com/surveys-reports/top-25-most-influential-lawyers/the-top-25-most-influential-2019/elaine-craig/277830">https://www.canadianlawyermag.com/surveys-reports/top-25-most-influential-lawyers/the-top-25-most-influential-2019/elaine-craig/277830</a>.

### 65. Sexual Violence Policy Review Update: Independent Review Panel on Campus in March

This statement outlines the CCLISAR review panel who visited the St. Francis Xavier University campus. The text goes on to outline the intent of the review, that being to review and assess StFX's sexual violence policy as well as consult with members of the community. The named members of CCLISAR include Joanna Birenbaum and Professor Elaine Craig.

"Sexual Violence Policy Review Update: Independent Review Panel on Campus in March" *St. Francis Xavier University News* (March 1 2019) <a href="https://www.stfx.ca/about/news/SVP-Update">https://www.stfx.ca/about/news/SVP-Update</a>.

#### Also published here:

"Sexual Violence Policy review update: Independent Review Panel on campus in March", *Education News Canada* (March 5 2019)

https://educationnewscanada.com/article/education/region/nova-scotia/34/752562/sexual-violence-policy-review-update-independent-review-panel-on-campus-in-march.html.

"Sexual Violence Policy Review Update: Independent Review Panel on Campus in March", *Targeted News Service* (March 1 2019) <a href="https://search-proquest-com.ezproxy.library.dal.ca/docview/2187166494?accountid=%24%24CLIENTID&rfr\_id=info%3Axri%2Fsid%3Aprimo">https://search-proquest-com.ezproxy.library.dal.ca/docview/2187166494?accountid=%24%24CLIENTID&rfr\_id=info%3Axri%2Fsid%3Aprimo</a>.

#### 66. Professor Elaine Craig receives 2019 CLSA Book Prize

This article announces that Professor Craig was awarded the Canadian Law Society Association's Book Prize for her book *Putting Trials on Trial: Sexual Assault and the Failure of the Legal Profession*. Doucet discusses the topic of Professor Craig's writing in discussing the legal profession's contribution to unnecessary harm to sexual assault complainants. *Putting Trials on Trial* has also been described as "a powerfully engaging and timely intervention".

Jane Doucet "Professor Elaine Craig receives 2019 CLSA Book Prize", *Schulich School of Law News* (June 6 2019) <a href="https://www.dal.ca/faculty/law/news-events/news/2019/06/06/professor elaine craig receives 2019 clsa book prize.html">https://www.dal.ca/faculty/law/news-events/news/2019/06/06/professor elaine craig receives 2019 clsa book prize.html</a>.

#### 67. Improving Canada's Response to Sexualized Violence

This is the preamble to the IRPP and CCLISAR series on addressing sexualized violence. It states that this series of articles is published in partnership with CCLISAR and intends to "to shine a light on the gaps that policy-makers, legislators and the courts need to fill".

"Improving Canada's Response to Sexualized Violence", *Policy Options* (January 27 2020) <a href="https://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/january-2020/improving-canadas-response-to-sexualized-violence/">https://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/january-2020/improving-canadas-response-to-sexualized-violence/</a>.

#### **CCLISAR In the Media**

#### **68. COMPLAINTS PROCESSES - COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE MEMBERS**

This webpage lists the members of Courage to Act, a "two-year national initiative to address and prevent gender-based violence at post-secondary institutions in Canada". CCLISAR is

mentioned in the background of Joanna Birenbaum where she is listed as the "Director of Capacity Building".

"COMPLAINTS PROCESSES - COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE MEMBERS" online: *Courage* to Act < https://www.couragetoact.ca/community-of-practice-complaints-process >.

### **69.** PROVINCIAL /MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT LIABILITY: Strategies for Managing and Mitigating Your Municipal Liability

In this conference schedule CCLISAR member Elizabeth Grace is listed for her workshop on "Civil Sexual Assault Claims" with a focus on how to develop a "robust, efficient, and fair claims process".

"PROVINCIAL /MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT LIABILITY: Strategies for Managing and Mitigating Your Municipal Liability", *The Canadian Institute* (April 2019) <a href="https://www.canadianinstitute.com/25th-annual-provincialmunicipal-government-liability/wp-content/uploads/sites/2005/2019/01/402D19">https://www.canadianinstitute.com/25th-annual-provincialmunicipal-government-liability/wp-content/uploads/sites/2005/2019/01/402D19</a> S.pdf>.

#### 70. What Works in Feminist Law Reform? Lessons from the Local

This post outlines a workshop scheduled in early July 2019 to discuss the ways in which "law reform can be used to address persistent gender inequalities". This workshop's main focus is to examine feminist legal critiques of law reform projects and determine what does and doesn't work in this realm. This workshop was coordinated in part by Professor Sonia Lawrence.

"What Works in Feminist Law Reform? Lessons from the Local", *Oñati International Institute* for the Sociology of Law (July 2019) < <a href="http://www.iisj.net/en/workshops/what-works-feminist-law-reform-lessons-local">http://www.iisj.net/en/workshops/what-works-feminist-law-reform-lessons-local</a>>.

#### 71. New Canadian Feminist Judgements Project CFP

This post is a call for submissions to the Canadian Feminist Judgements Project, a variation of the ideas worked on in the Scottish Feminist Judgements Project. This project calls for cases rewritten with a feminist perspective to examine the ways in which law would change with a different lens. This project is listed as being support by the Institute for Feminist Legal Studies at Osgoode with Professor Sonia Lawrence as director.

Bridget Crawford "New Canadian Feminist Judgments Project CFP", Feminist Law Professors (August 15 2019) <a href="https://www.feministlawprofessors.com/2019/08/new-canadian-feminist-judgments-project-cfp/">https://www.feministlawprofessors.com/2019/08/new-canadian-feminist-judgments-project-cfp/</a>.

#### 72. 1-8-1-1-8: CCLISAR and The Open(- ish) Court Principle

This article discusses the open court principle and the tensions between protection of privacy and transparency. Dairo specifically discusses the difficulty, and potential benefits, of accessing legal information, like transcripts, under the current administrative system.

Monica Dairo "1-8-1-1-1-8: CCLISAR and The Open(- ish) Court Principle", *Weldon Times* (September 2019) <a href="https://df13ef9c-7b8c-4f06-80ad-04108ac8a997.filesusr.com/ugd/9ad182">https://df13ef9c-7b8c-4f06-80ad-04108ac8a997.filesusr.com/ugd/9ad182</a> 33b3871c87d441dabedbc5681b32fecb.pdf.

#### 73. Canadian lawyer helps with World Bank project on women and the law

This article discusses the state of gender equality and the law internationally. Deepa Mattoo is mentioned in her contribution on the Canadian perspective to these issues.

Anita Balakrishnan "Canadian lawyer helps with World Bank project on women and the law", *Law Times* (October 21 2019) <a href="https://www.lawtimesnews.com/practice-areas/human-rights/canadian-lawyer-helps-with-world-bank-project-on-women-and-the-law/321082">https://www.lawtimesnews.com/practice-areas/human-rights/canadian-lawyer-helps-with-world-bank-project-on-women-and-the-law/321082</a>.

#### 74. Best Lawyers in Canada 2020

This magazine honors the best lawyers in Canada and CCLISAR member Elizabeth Grace is listed under personal injury litigation, medical negligence, and health care law.

"Best Lawyers in Canada 2020", *Best Lawyers* (December 3 2019) <a href="https://issuu.com/bestlawyers/docs/canada-best-lawyers-2020">https://issuu.com/bestlawyers/docs/canada-best-lawyers-2020</a>>.

#### 75. Interlinkages between Trafficking in Persons and Marriage

This report from the United Nations lists thanks to those who attended the expert meeting and provided their input on the report including CCLISAR member Deepa Mattoo.

"Interlinkages between Trafficking in Persons and Marriage", *United Nations* (2020)

<a href="https://www.unodc.org/documents/human-trafficking/2020/UNODC Interlinkages Trafficking in Persons and Marriage.pdf">https://www.unodc.org/documents/human-trafficking/2020/UNODC Interlinkages Trafficking in Persons and Marriage.pdf</a>.

#### 76. The Weldon Professors

This magazine includes a list of the Weldon Professors under which CCLISAR is mentioned in the brief biography of Professor Williams.

"The Weldon Professors", *The Schulich School of Law Alumni Magazine: Hearsay* 41 (2020) < <a href="https://issuu.com/schulichlaw/docs/hearsay2020">https://issuu.com/schulichlaw/docs/hearsay2020</a>>.

#### 77. osgoode's fourth photoshoot

This post discusses a photoshoot campaign organized by the Osgoode Feminist Collective. This photoshoot asked students to respond to the prompt "#LawNeedsFeminismBecause..." and was made possible, in part, by the contribution of Professor Sonia Lawrence.

"osgoode's fourth photoshoot", *Law Needs Feminism Because* (February 26 2020) <a href="https://www.lawneedsfeminismbecause.ca/portraits-1/2019/2/6/osgood-fourth-photoshoot-5wreg-rpbrc-k7e4t-36ryz">https://www.lawneedsfeminismbecause.ca/portraits-1/2019/2/6/osgood-fourth-photoshoot-5wreg-rpbrc-k7e4t-36ryz</a>.

#### 78. COMMENTARY: Stop filling up Nova Scotia jails with Indigenous women

This opinion piece is an open letter to Nova Scotia Justice Minister Mark Furey. In this letter the overrepresentation of Indigenous women in prison is decried the links to systemic discrimination and decades of government neglect are discussed. The article calls for Justice Minister Furey to review the teachings and work of several Indigenous legal voices including the work of

CCLISAR member Professor Naiomi Metallic. This work is intended to create a "better appreciation for the reality faced by Indigenous women interacting with our justice system."

Savannah DeWolfe, Sarah Douglas & Dan Vaclieaf "COMMENTARY: Stop filling up Nova Scotia jails with Indigenous women", *The Chronicle Herald* (November 13 2020) <a href="https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/opinion/local-perspectives/commentary-stop-filling-up-nova-scotia-jails-with-indigenous-women-520162/">https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/opinion/local-perspectives/commentary-stop-filling-up-nova-scotia-jails-with-indigenous-women-520162/</a>.