

CCLISAR News Stories as of October 21st, 2020

1. 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) <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/ns-shooting-review-feminist-analysis-1.5661593>.

2. 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) <https://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/january-2020/improving-canadas-response-to-sexualized-violence/>.

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

This article announces the review of Saint Francis Xavier University’s sexualized violence policies and procedures conducted by CCLISAR. It outlines the mandate of the review - that being to “review and assess StFX's Sexual Violence Policy, consult with members of the university community as well as an expert advisory group, and make recommendations to best ensure that StFX's sexual violence practices and procedures are responsive to those who report experiences of sexual harm, is trauma-informed, and, procedurally fair”. It also discusses how the review will be conducted, what can be expected of the review, and how to get involved.

“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>.

Also published here:

“Sexual Violence Policy Review Update: Independent Review Panel on Campus in March”, *Targeted News Service* (March 1 2019) https://search-proquest-com.ezproxy.library.dal.ca/docview/2187166494?accountid=%24%24CLIENTID&rfr_id=info%3Axi%2Fsid%3Aprim0.

4. 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) <http://www.nsrhpn.ca/2019/10/independent-review-of-sexual-misconduct-processes-at-the-cpsns/>.

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

6. [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."

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

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 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 [National Post](#), [CTV News](#), the [Red Deer Advocate](#), and the [Brandon Sun](#) (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) <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-group-of-dalhousie-faculty-members-sign-letter-urging-mcneil-to-call/>.

8. 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) <https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/opinion/local-perspectives/elaine-craig-protest-chill-is-last-thing-sex-assault-complainants-need-402560/>.

9. 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) <https://www.thestar.com/halifax/2019/07/19/how-metoo-is-changing-standards-for-nova-scotia-doctors.html>.

10. 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) <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/review-sexual-misconduct-college-physicians-surgeons-nova-scotia-1.5217074>.

11. 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* <https://www.canadianlawyermag.com/surveys-reports/top-25-most-influential-lawyers/the-top-25-most-influential-2019/elaine-craig/277830>.

12. Aiming for Justice - The Legal System Has Failed Sexual Assault Survivors. It's Time for Change.

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>).

13. 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* <https://annualreport.cpsns.ca/our-work/sexual-misconduct-complaints-independent-review/>.

14. 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) < <https://cpsns.ns.ca/college-releases-review-of-sexual-misconduct-investigations/> >.

15. 1-8-1-1-1-8: 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) https://df13ef9c-7b8c-4f06-80ad-04108ac8a997.filesusr.com/ugd/9ad182_33b3871c87d441dabedbc5681b32fecb.pdf.

16. 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> >.

17. [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* < <https://www.sml-law.com/blog-regulation-pro/> >.

18. [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) < <https://issuu.com/schulichlaw/docs/hearsay2020> >.