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I. SVRI member request: Survey on the effects of sexual trauma on the sexuality of single adult women

Amanda Walters is conducting a research study towards a doctorate degree in clinical psychology at Alliant International University, California School of Professional Psychology in San Francisco, CA. The purpose of this study is to examine the effects of sexual trauma on the sexuality of single adult women. Amanda is requesting participants to complete her survey which will take 20-40. The survey includes questions about your sexual trauma history, sexual functioning, and psychological factors, such as depression and anxiety. The survey also includes questions about demographic information (e.g. age, marital status, income level, current medical conditions) so that we can accurately describe the general traits of the group of women who participate in the study. For more information on the study and to access the survey, please visit: https://jfe.qualtrics.com/form/SV_0xqPPnJJJouK2cl.

II. Sexual violence in the news

[Preventing violence against women and girls in conflict areas, GW Today, 26 August 2014](#): Amid an ongoing civil war in South Sudan lies a less visible layer of violence: Women are suffering from rape, beatings and domestic abuse.

[Pell compares priests to truckers as victims given apologies, Sydney Morning Herald, 22 August 2014](#): Cardinal George Pell has strongly defended the so-called Melbourne Response as Australia's first comprehensive redress scheme for victims of clerical sexual abuse at the royal commission.

[Analysis: Why child marriage persists in Nepal, IRIN News, 15 August 2014](#): At age 33, Rami Biswokarma has been married for 20 years. Her village of Kateghari in Nepal's western Surkhet District has seen multiple campaigns against child marriage, but she says little has changed.

[Attachment security is a human right, Maastricht University Webmagazine, 27 June 2013](#): "Every year we expose thousands of newborn babies to inhuman treatment." This is the legal opinion of Jan Willems, a researcher on the structural prevention of child abuse. The main reason: the sacred cow of automatic parental authority. Willems calls for a different approach to dealing with the perils of unprepared parenthood. "Rather than child protection via postnatal intervention, we should be focusing on prenatal care and parenting education."

[Libya set to pay reparations to victims of rape as a war crime, Newsweek, 20 June 2014](#): A decree issued Wednesday in Libya would recognize rape committed during that country's revolution as a war crime and pay rape survivors reparations, according to two sources who have worked closely with the Libyan government in developing the policy.

III. Websites

[Institute for Women's Empowerment](#): With diverse specialisms, knowledge and experiences, this Institute works with women in marginalised communities, women marginalised on basis of gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, women migrant workers, women engaged in developing innovative empowerment strategies. [Source: WUNRN].

[Tearfund publications page](#): This webpage contains publications from Tearfund on work done around church-based responses to sexual violence. [Source: MenEngage Connect].

[XY online: The men's bibliography](#): This webpage offers a comprehensive bibliography of writing on men, masculinities, gender, and sexualities (19th edition). [Source: MenEngage Connect].

[Prevent-Connect wiki on engaging men and boys](#): This wiki creates a community of practice, addressing primary prevention, social norms change, and addressing sexual violence on a community level. [Source: MenEngage Connect].

[IV. Online publications/resources](#) [Resolution to act: National Action Plan Monitoring and Evaluation Guide. Discussion draft. The Institute for Inclusive Security, 2014](#) (pdf): The National Action Plan Monitoring and Evaluation Guide is meant to be a resource for policy-makers and civil society leaders as they seek to develop, implement, and track progress of national strategies aimed

at advancing women's inclusion. In attempting to develop a "short" guide on such a rich topic, however, there are invariably issues that get left out. [Source: WUNRN].

[Guidance note: Government engagement. Gender Based Violence Information Management System, 2014](#) (pdf): The aim of this Guidance Note is to provide direction on considerations for the engagement of government in the implementation of the GBVIMS and ultimately supporting national data collection systems. [Source: GBVIMS].

[Violence against women in the context of political transformations and economic crisis in the Euro-Mediterranean region: Trends and recommendations towards equality and justice. Ben Jemima M, Sedou L and Scott M. Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network, 2014](#) (pdf): This report develops recommendations addressed to the key stakeholders on combating violence against women, namely South and East Mediterranean governments, Council of Europe, European Union, Union for the Mediterranean, and League of Arab States. [Source: WUNRN].

[Hear our voices. Do adolescent girls' issues really matter? Plan International, 2014](#): This document introduces a toolkit of materials for the Girls Empowerment Star and School Equality Scorecard, openly available for all to use. [Source: WUNRN].

[Control and sexuality: The revival of zina laws in Muslim contexts. Mir-Hosseini Z and Hamzić V. Women's Empowerment and Leadership Development for Democratisation 2014](#): This report examines zina laws in some Muslim contexts and communities in order to explore connections between the criminalisation of sexuality, gender-based violence and women's rights activism. [Source: WUNRN].

[Mitigating the consequences of sexual violence in Zambia by decentralizing emergency medical responses to police victim support units. Report on the feasibility of police provision of Post-Exposure Prophylaxis for HIV \(PEP\) in Zambia. Zama M, Dennis M, Price J, Topp S, Mwansa J.K and Keesbury J. Population Council, 2013](#) (pdf): This report focuses specifically on one form of GBV, sexual violence (SV), defined under Zambian law as rape of adult women or defilement of children under the age of 16. [Source: ICEC].

[Testing the feasibility of police provision of emergency contraception in Malawi. Malawi Human Rights Resource Centre, Malawi Police Service, Ministry of Health, 2012](#) (pdf): The overall goal of this project was to determine the feasibility of having trained police officers safely and effectively provide emergency contraception to survivors of sexual assault as a means of broadening access to comprehensive care. [Source: ICEC].

V. Journal articles

Please note, to obtain a full copy of a journal article you may write to the author given as the contact person by the respective publishing house to request a copy.

[Community perceptions of rape and child sexual abuse: A qualitative study in rural Tanzania. Abeid M, Muganyizi P, Olsson P, Darj E, Axemo P. BMC Int. Health Hum. Rights, 14\(23\), 2014](#): This article explores perceptions of rape of women and children at the community level in a rural district

in Tanzania with the added objective of exploring those perceptions that may contribute to perpetuating and/or hindering the disclosure of rape incidences. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Are female college students who are diagnosed with depression at greater risk of experiencing sexual violence on college campus? Hossain M.B, Memiah P, Adeyinka A. J. Health Care Poor Underserved, 25: 1341-1359, 2014:](#)

This article examines the association between depression and sexual violence among 18-24 year-old female college students using National College Health Assessment survey. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking of children in the United States. Greenbaum V.J. Curr. Probl. Pediatr. Adolesc. Health Care, ePub, 2014:](#)

This article provides a general overview of child sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation (CSEC), describing the epidemiology of international and domestic exploitation, and reviewing the challenges of conducting research on this population. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Prevalence and impact of childhood abuse in people with a psychotic illness. Data from the second Australian national survey of psychosis. Shah S, Mackinnon A, Galletly C, Carr V, McGrath J.J, Stain H.J, Castle D, Harvey C, Sweeney S, Morgan VA. Schizophr. Res, ePub, 2014:](#)

This article estimates the proportion of individuals with psychotic disorders who self-reported child abuse and examines its relationship with clinical and other characteristics. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Single-victim and serial sexual homicide offenders: Differences in crime, paraphilias and personality traits. Chan H.C, Beauregard E, Myers W.C. Crim. Behav. Ment. Health, ePub, 2014:](#)

This article investigates criminal, paraphilic and personality trait differences between serial and single-victim sexual homicide offenders. [Source: SafetyLit].

["When you get old like this ... you don't run those risks anymore": Influence of age on sexual risk behaviours and condom use attitudes among methamphetamine-using heterosexual women with a history of partner violence. Ludwig-Barron N, Wagner K.D, Syvertsen J.L, Ewald I.J, Patterson T.L, Semple S.J, Stockman J.K. Womens Health Issues, ePub, 2014:](#)

This study compares sexual risk behaviors, condom use attitudes, and HIV knowledge between midlife/older women (ages 45+) and younger women (ages 18-44) reporting methamphetamine use and partner violence in San Diego, California. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Integrating attachment and depression in the confluence model of sexual assault perpetration.](#)

[Nguyen D, Parkhill M.R. Violence Against Women, ePub, 2014:](#) This study seeks to extend the confluence model of sexual assault perpetration by examining attachment insecurity and depression as additional predictors of sexual aggression. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Women's perceptions of effects of war on intimate partner violence and gender roles in two post-conflict West African Countries: consequences and unexpected opportunities. Horn R, Puffer E.S, Roesch E, Lehmann H. Confl. Health, 8\(12\), 2014:](#)

The aim of this paper is to explore women's perceptions of the causes of intimate partner violence (IPV) in West Africa, and the ways in which they understand these causes to interact with the experiences of war. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Analysis of child victims of trauma or violence reported for medico- legal examination in three tertiary care hospitals in Sri Lanka. Kitulwatte I.D.G, Edirisinghe P.A.S, Appuhamy P. Medicolegal J. Sri Lanka, 1\(2\): 29-36, 2014](#): This article describes the type, distribution and severity of trauma or violence among children presenting for medico legal examination in three tertiary care hospitals in Sri Lanka. [Source: SafetyLit].

[The impact of HIV/SRH service integration on workload: Analysis from the Integra Initiative in two African settings. Sweeney S, Dayo Obure C, Terris-Presthol F et al. Human Resources for Health, 12\(42\), 2014](#) (Open access): This descriptive analysis explores the effect of HIV/SRH integration on staff workload through economies of scale and scope in high- and medium-HIV prevalence settings. [Source: ResearchGate].

VI. Events

[The International Conference on Masculinities: Engaging men and boys for gender equality, 6 – 8 March 2015, New York, USA](#). This Conference is timed to immediately precede the meeting of the Commission of the Status of Women (CSW) at the United Nations, Twenty years after the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, the CSW will hold its annual two-week meeting, March 9-27, 2015, in New York. Call for papers is now open. [Source: XY online].

For more events visit: <http://www.svri.org/calendar.htm>

VII. Funding links / research opportunities / fellowships and scholarships

Woodrow Wilson Fellowship 2015: This Women's Studies Fellowship is provided to Ph.D. candidates at institutions in the United States who will complete their dissertations during the fellowship year. The most competitive applications include not only a clear, thorough, and compelling description of the candidate's work, but also evidence of an enduring interest in and commitment to women's issues and scholarship on women. Applications close: 15 October 2014. [Source: SAMRC].

VIII. Vacancies

[Senior research Fellow](#) / La Trobe University / Melbourne, Australia / Closing date: September 7, 2014. [Source: DLP News].

[Research Fellow](#) / La Trobe University / Melbourne, Australia / Closing date: September 7, 2014. [Source: DLP News].

[Senior GBV/Protection Coordinator](#) / American Refugee Committee / South Sudan / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: ARC].

[GBV/Protection Program Manager](#) / American Refugee Committee / South Sudan / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: ARC].

[Internship: Constitutional & Access to Justice](#) / UN Women / New York, USA / Closing date: September 30, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Chief of Staff](#) / UN Women / New York, USA / Closing date: September 13, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Consultant](#) / UN Women / Home-based / Closing date: September 10, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Governance Campaign Internship](#) / Huairou Commission / New York, USA / Closing date: August 30, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Communications Internship](#) / Huairou Commission / New York, USA / Closing date: August 30, 2014. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

Sexual violence is a global issue that requires coordinated evidence-based responses.

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