

***Recommendation-action-change?
Examining the impact of domestic violence death review recommendations***

**International Domestic Violence Death Review Committee (IDVDRC) Roundtable
Co-hosted by University of Guelph & Griffith University**

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Location: S02_7.16/7.07
(Board Room & Function Space on Level 7)
Webb Centre Building
Queensland College of Art (QCA)
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[See IDVDRC Roundtable description at end of document]

Agenda

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome Coffee**
- 9:30 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Paul Mazerolle
- 9:45 a.m. Background Context and Objectives of IDVDRC Roundtable**
Myrna Dawson, University of Guelph
- 10:15 a.m. Recommendations-Action-Change: What knowledge do we have?**
Snapshot Roundtable Presentations: These will be 10-15 minute presentations by representatives from each of the participating jurisdictions.
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch** [Provided]
- 1:00 p.m. Recommendations-Action-Change: What knowledge do we need?**
Roundtable Discussions: The goal will be to identify key gaps in our knowledge about the recommendations generated and what actions and changes have or have not occurred. Priority research questions or knowledge gaps will be identified.
- 2:00 p.m. Recommendation-Action-Change: How do we produce this knowledge?**
Roundtable Discussions: The goal will be to identify how we can move forward in addressing knowledge gaps and priority research questions, including who are the key stakeholders that need to be involved, what data sources are available, and what types of research designs/methodologies can be used to understand whether and how recommendations have led to action and change.

3:00 p.m. Roundtable Wrap-up: Summarizing next steps

The summary discussion will work toward developing an outcome document outlining proposed subsequent activities for future dissemination among participants and interested stakeholders.

3:30 p.m. Roundtable concludes

ROUNDTABLE DESCRIPTION

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Domestic violence death review teams have existed since the early 1990s in North America; however, a comprehensive understanding of their varying procedures, practices and outcomes is lacking (Bugeja et al. 2015). In particular, until recently, little was known about the frequency, type and topical content of recommendations that arise out of these reviews beyond a recent and preliminary examination undertaken in one Canadian jurisdiction (Dawson 2014) and a larger international study of recommendations arising out of reviews in five countries which is currently underway (Dawson 2016). This research is important because, only when we understand what is being recommended, can we begin to assess whether improvements have been made as a result. However, a key knowledge gap remains – what is the rate of uptake of recommendations and, if implemented, what has been the impact of recommendations for the lives of those they were meant to help (Dawson 2017). This gap in knowledge exists despite the fact that committee recommendations represent one of the most concrete outcomes of these initiatives (Bugeja et al. 2015) and recommendation implementation is a necessity if improvements in system and sector responses to intimate partner and domestic violence are to occur. This workshop will bring together representatives from Australia, Canada and New Zealand to discuss the development of a research agenda that will contribute to our understanding of the impact of these initiatives to date. Emphasis will also be given to identifying ways of translating research and knowledge into effective policy and practice responses to improve women’s safety.

Dawson, M. (Ed.). 2017. *Domestic Homicide and Death Reviews: An International Perspective*. London: Palgrave Macmillan (In press).

Bugeja, L., M. Dawson, S. McIntyre, and C. Walsh. 2015. Domestic/Family Violence Death Reviews: An international comparison. *Trauma, Violence & Abuse* 16(2): 179-187.

Dawson, M. 2016-2018. An international examination of domestic violence death review committee recommendations in five countries. Project funded by the Canada Research Chair Program, Canada.

Dawson, M. 2015. Moving research into policy and practice: Using the public health framework to understand the prevention potential of death reviews and recommendations. International Conference, Cross-National Dialogue on Filicide. Monash Prato Centre, Tuscany, Italy, June.

Dawson, M. 2014. A decade of domestic homicide reviews: Understanding the prevention focus of recommendations from a public health perspective. Homicide: Precursors and Prevention Conference, Griffiths University, Brisbane, Queensland, March 24.

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