

University of Pennsylvania  
School of Social Policy & Practice and Perelman School of Medicine  
**SW775, PUBH575**  
**Intimate Violence**  
Spring 2018  
Wednesdays 4:30pm-7:30pm

**Course Purpose**

Intimate partner violence (IPV), defined as physical, sexual or psychological harm imposed by a current or former intimate partner, is a public health problem leading to increased morbidity and mortality worldwide. The purpose of this course is to familiarize students with the definition, theories, dynamics, scope, and consequences of, and interventions to prevent and respond to, violence against intimate partners. The course will provide insight into the phenomenon of intimate violence by examining the ways in which it affects individuals, families, and communities; as well as how violence develops and is addressed within communities and societies. We will apply an ecological framework to examine the individual, relationship, community, and society factors associated with intimate violence risk and intervention and consider primary, secondary, and tertiary levels of prevention.

**Educational Objectives**

This course examines intimate violence in its various forms. The overarching objective of the course is to provide students with specific knowledge as well as the ability to develop their critical thinking skills in order to better understand, intervene, and help to prevent intimate violence.

*Specifically, students will demonstrate:*

- the ability to describe the various forms of intimate violence, theoretical explanations for violence perpetration and response to victimization, and empirical knowledge about violence etiology and impact;
- the ability to critically evaluate mass media and scholarly literature and discussions about intimate violence;
- an understanding of the values that influence both practice and policy for the various forms of intimate violence; and
- sensitivity to the cultural issues involved in assessing and responding to the various forms of intimate violence.

**Course Requirements and Expectations**

- Read and be prepared to discuss each required reading assignment before class
- Attend and participate in class sessions
- Participate substantively and respectfully in class discussions
- Complete written and oral assignments as described in the syllabus

- Note: All written work is to be edited for clarity of thought, grammar, and spelling. Written work should be typed and double-spaced in 12 pt. font with 1” page margins. All written work is to be original with citations fully referenced. Papers must fall within the page parameters, excluding title page and references. A hard copy of written work is due at the beginning of class on the due date. Extensions are granted only in extenuating circumstances.

**Statement on Academic Integrity:** Students are expected to conduct themselves consistent with the University of Pennsylvania’s Code of Academic Integrity, which presents standards regarding plagiarism, multiple submissions and other actions. Students are expected to be familiar with the Code, which can be found at <http://www.upenn.edu/academicintegrity/>.

**Grading Policy**

Class Participation: 20%

Reflection Papers: 20%

Research on Special Topic: 30%

Analysis Paper: 30%

Grade	% Score	GPA
A+	97-100	4.0
A	93-96	4.0
A-	90-92	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	83-86	3.0
B-	80-82	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	73-76	2.0
C-	70-72	1.7
F	0-69	0



summary of the situation (case, policy, etc.) you are analyzing; the bulk of your paper should be analysis, not summary.

*For this paper, you must reference at least five readings from the syllabus. You may, but are not required to, also include outside sources as appropriate.*

## Course Schedule

### **Session 1 (January 17): Introduction**

#### **Readings to be used throughout the course:**

Breiding, M. J., Chen, J., & Black, M. C. (2014). *Intimate partner violence in the United States – 2010*. Atlanta, GA: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2014). *Understanding intimate partner violence: Fact sheet 2014*. <http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/ipv-factsheet.pdf>

Healthy People 2020: Injury and Violence Prevention

<http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topicsobjectives2020/overview.aspx?topicid=24>

World Health Organization. (2013). *Global and regional estimates of violence against women: Prevalence and health effects of intimate partner violence and non-partner sexual violence*. [http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/85239/1/9789241564625\\_eng.pdf](http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/85239/1/9789241564625_eng.pdf)

World Health Organization. (2010). *Preventing intimate partner violence and sexual violence against women: Taking action and generating evidence*. Geneva: World Health Organization.

#### *Recommended:*

Davies, J., & Lyon, E. (2014). *Domestic violence advocacy: Complex lives/difficult choices*. Second Ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

### **Session 2 (January 24): Scope, Types, and Controversies**

***\*Reflection 1 due\****

#### **Readings:**

Hamberger, L. K., Larsen, S. E., & Lehrner, A. (2017). Coercive control in intimate partner violence. *Aggression and Violent Behavior, 37*, 1-11.

Nicolaidis, C., & Paranjape, A. (2009). Defining intimate partner violence: Controversies and implications. In C. Mitchell & D. Anglin (Eds.), *Intimate partner violence: A health-based perspective* (pp. 19-29). New York: Oxford University Press.

Johnson, M. P. (2008). *A typology of domestic violence: Intimate terrorism, violent resistance, and situational couple violence* (pp. 5-24). Boston, MA: Northeastern University Press.

#### *Recommended:*

Dichter, M. E., Thomas, K. A., Crits-Christoph, P., Ogden, S. N., & Rhodes, K. V. (2018). Coercive control in intimate partner violence: Relationship with women's experience of violence, use of violence, and danger. *Psychology of Violence* Advance online publication. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/vio0000158>.

### **Session 3 (January 31): Forms and Measurement**

#### ***Guest speaker: Jessica Mertz (Penn Violence Prevention)***

#### **Readings:**

Evans, M., Gregory, A., Feder, G., Howarth, E., & Hegarty, K. (2016). "Even 'daily' is not enough": How well do we measure domestic violence and abuse? – A think-aloud study of a commonly used self-report scale. *Violence and Victims, 31*, 3-24.

Follingstad, D. R. (2007). Rethinking current approaches to psychological abuse: Conceptual and methodological issues. *Aggression and Violent Behavior, 12*, 439-458.

Smith, P. H., Smith, J. B., & Earp, J. A. L. (1999). Beyond the measurement trap: A reconstructed

conceptualization and measurement of woman battering. *Psychology of Women Quarterly*, 23, 177-193.

*Recommended:*

Adams, A. E., Sullivan, C. M., Bybee, D., Greeson, M. R. (2008). Development of the Scale of Economic Abuse. *Violence Against Women*, 14, 563-588.

White, J. W., Yuan, N. P., Cook, S. L., & Abbey, A. (2013). Ethnic minority women's experiences with intimate partner violence: Using community-based participatory research to ask the right questions. *Sex Roles*, 69, 226-236.

**Session 4 (February 7): Theoretical Perspectives on IPV**

*\*Special project sign-up\**

Readings:

Ali, P. A., & Naylor, P. B. (2013). Intimate partner violence: A narrative review of the biological and psychological explanations for its causation. *Aggression and Violent Behavior*, 18, 373-382.

Lawson, J. (2012). Sociological theories of intimate partner violence. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 22, 572-590.

*Recommended:*

Anderson, K.L. (1997). Gender, status, and domestic violence: An integration of feminist and family violence approaches. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 59, 655-669.

Dutton, D. G., & Bodnarchuk, M. (2005). Through a psychological lens: Personality disorder and spouse assault. In D. R. Loseke, R. J. Gelles, & M. M. Cavanaugh (Eds.), *Current controversies on family violence* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., pp. 5-18). Newbury Park, CA: Sage.

Gelles, R. J. (1993). Through a sociological lens: Social structure and family violence. In R. J. Gelles, & D. R. Loseke, (Eds.), *Current controversies on family violence* (pp. 31-46). Newbury Park, CA: Sage.

Mitchell, C., & Vanya, M. (2009). Explanatory frameworks of intimate partner violence. In C. Mitchell & D. Anglin (Eds.), *Intimate partner violence: A health-based perspective* (pp. 39-54). New York: Oxford University Press.

Yllö, K. A. (2005). Through a feminist lens: Gender, diversity, and violence: Extending the feminist framework. In D.R. Loseke, R.J. Gelles, & M.M. Cavanaugh (Eds.), *Current controversies on family violence* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., pp. 19-34). Newbury Park, CA: Sage.

**Session 5 (February 14): Impact on and Response of Victims**

Readings:

Davies, J., & Lyon, E. (2014). *Domestic violence advocacy: Complex lives/difficult choices* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage. Chapter 3: How women form perspectives and priorities (pp. 59-88).

Riger, S., Raja, S., & Camacho, J. (2002). The radiating impact of intimate partner violence. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 17, 184-205.

Thomas, K. A., Goodman, L., & Putnins, S. (2015). "I have lost everything": Trade-offs of seeking safety from intimate partner violence. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 85, 170-180.

*Recommended:*

Anderson, D. K., & Saunders, D. G. (2003). Leaving an abusive partner: An empirical review of predictors, the process of leaving, and psychological well-being. *Trauma, Violence, and Abuse*, 4, 163-191.

Campbell, J., Rose, L., Kub, J., & Nedd, D. (1998). Voices of strength and resistance: A contextual and longitudinal analysis of women's responses to battering. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence, 13*, 743-762.

Warshaw, C., Brashler, P., & Gill, J. (2009). Mental health consequences of intimate partner violence. In C. Mitchell & D. Anglin (Eds.), *Intimate partner violence: A health-based perspective* (pp. 147-172). New York: Oxford University Press.

### **Session 6 (February 21): Stalking, strangulation, weapon use; perpetrators**

**Guest Speaker: Tony Lapp (Menergy)**

#### Readings:

Crane, C. A., & Easton, C. J. (2017). Integrated treatment options for male perpetrators of intimate partner violence. *Drug and Alcohol Review, 36*, 24-33.

Logan, T. K., Shannon, L., & Cole, J. (2007). Stalking victimization in the context of intimate partner violence. *Violence and Victims, 22*, 669-683.

#### *Recommended:*

Mederos, F. (2016). *Addressing the gap: Working with IPV perpetrators in child welfare*. Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Child Protection and Custody, a project of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

Thomas, K. A., Joshi, M., & Sorenson, S. B. (2014). "Do you know what it feels like to drown?: Strangulation as coercive control in intimate relationships. *Psychology of Women Quarterly, 38*, 124-137.

### **Session 7 (February 28): Sexual Violence**

#### Readings:

Bagwell-Gray, M. E., Messing, J. T., & Baldwin-White, A. (2015). Intimate partner sexual violence: A review of terms, definitions, and prevalence. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse, 16*, 316-335.

Campbell, R., Dworkin, E. & Cabral, G. (2009). An ecological model of the impact of sexual assault on women's mental health. *Trauma, Violence & Abuse, 10*, 225-246.

#### *Recommended:*

Logan, T. K., Walker, R., & Cole, J. (2013). Silenced suffering: The need for a better understanding of partner sexual violence. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse, 16*, 111-135.

Sachs, C., & Gomberg, L. J. (2009). Intimate partner sexual abuse. In C. Mitchell & D. Anglin (Eds.), *Intimate partner violence: A health-based perspective* (pp. 265-274). New York: Oxford University Press.

**\*\*Spring Break (March 7): No Class\*\***

### **Session 8 (March 14): Use of Violence; Social Discourse/History**

#### Readings:

Arnold, G., & Ake, J. (2013). Reframing the narrative of the battered women's movement. *Violence Against Women, 19*, 557-578.

Ritchie, B. (2012). How we won the mainstream but lost the movement. In *Arrested justice: Black women, violence, and America's prison nation* (pp. 65-98). NYU Press.

*Recommended:*

- Crenshaw, K. W. (1994). Mapping the margins: Intersectionality, identity politics, and violence against women of color. In M. A. Fineman & R. Mykitiuk (Eds.), *The public nature of private violence: The discovery of domestic abuse* (93-118). New York: Routledge.
- Dunn, J. L. (2005). "Victims" and "survivors": Emerging vocabularies of motive for "battered women who stay." *Sociological Inquiry*, 75, 1-30.
- Loseke, D. R. (1992). *The battered woman and shelters: The social construction of wife abuse* (pp. 13-40). Albany, NY: State University of New York Press.

**Session 9 (March 21): Advocacy and Shelter Services**

***Guest Speaker: Marcella Slick (Lutheran Settlement House)***

Readings:

- Cattaneo, L. B., & Goodman, L. A. (2015). What is empowerment anyway? A model for domestic violence practice, research, and evaluation. *Psychology of Violence*, 5, 84-94.
- Messing, J. T., Ward-Lasher, A., Thaller, J., & Bagwell-Gray, M. E. (2015). The state of intimate partner violence intervention: Progress and continuing challenges. *Social Work*, 60, 305-313.

**Session 10 (March 28): Healthcare Response**

Readings:

- Bair-Merritt, M. H., Lewis-O'Connor, A., Goel, S., Amato, P., Ismailji, T., Jelley, M., Lenahan, P., & Cronholm, P. (2014). Primary Care-Based Interventions for Intimate Partner Violence: A Systematic Review. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 46, M188-194.
- Decker, M. R., Frattaroli, S., McCaw, B., Coker, A. L., Miller, E., Sharps, P., Lane, W.G., Mandal, M., Hirsch, K., Strobino, D. M., & Bennett, W. L. (2012). Transforming the healthcare response to intimate partner violence and taking best practices to scale. *Journal of Women's Health*, 21, 1222-1229.

*Recommended:*

- Bonomi, A. E., Allen, D. G., & Holt, V. L. (2006). Conversational silence, coercion, equality: The role of language in influencing who gets identified as abused. *Social Science & Medicine*, 62, 2258-2266.
- Cronholm, P. F. (2006). Intimate partner violence and men's health. *Primary Care: Clinics in Office Practice*, 33, 199-209.
- Dichter, M. E., Wagner, C., Goldberg, E. B., & Iverson, K. M. (2015). Intimate partner violence detection and care in the Veterans Health Administration: Patient and provider perspectives. *Women's Health Issues*, 25, 555-560.
- Rhodes, K. V., Frankel, R. M., Levinthal, N., Prenoveau, E., Bailey, J., & Levinson, W. (2007). "You're not a victim of domestic violence, are you?" Provider-patient communication about domestic violence. *Annals of Internal Medicine*, 147, 620-627.

**Session 11 (April 4): Criminal and Civil Legal System Response**

***Guest Speaker: Azucena Ugarte (City of Philadelphia)***

Readings:

- Dichter, M. E., Cerulli, C., Kothari, C., Barg, F. K., & Rhodes, K. V. (2011). Engaging with criminal prosecution: The victim's perspective. *Women & Criminal Justice*, 21, 21-37.



Fugate, M., Landis, L., Riordan, K., Naureckas, S., & Engel, B. (2005). Barriers to domestic violence help seeking. *Violence Against Women, 11*, 290-310.

*Recommended:*

Dichter, M. E. (2015). Women's experiences of abuse as a risk factor for incarceration: A research update. Harrisburg, PA: VAWnet, a project of the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence. Retrieved from: <http://www.vawnet.org>.

Fagan, J. (1996, January). *The criminalization of domestic violence: Promises and limits*. Presentation at the 1995 conference on criminal justice research and evaluation. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice. \*pages 6-25\*

**Session 12 (April 11): IPV and Children**

**Guest Speaker: Ashlee Murray, MD, MPH**

Readings:

Kuelbs, C. L. (2009). The impact of intimate partner violence on children. In C. Mitchell & D. Anglin (Eds.), *Intimate partner violence: A health-based perspective* (pp. 499-509). New York: Oxford University Press.

McDonald, S. E., Graham-Bermann, S. A., Maternick, A., Ascione, F. R., & Williams, J. H. (2016). Patterns of adjustment among children exposed to intimate partner violence: A person-centered approach. *Journal of Child and Adolescent Trauma, 9*, 137-152.

*Recommended:*

Beeble, M. L., Bybee, D., & Sullivan, C. M. (2007). Abusive men's use of children to control their partners and ex-partners. *European Psychologist, 12*, 54-61.

Carlson, B. E. (2000). Children exposed to intimate partner violence: Research findings and implications for intervention. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse, 1*, 321-342.

Wood, S. L., & Sommers, M. S. (2011). Consequences of intimate partner violence on child witnesses: A systematic review of the literature. *Journal of Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Nursing, 24*, 223-236.

**Session 13 (April 18): Primary Prevention**

**Guest Speaker: Eda Kauffman, MSW, LSW**

Readings:

Chamberlain, L. (2008). *A prevention primer for domestic violence: Terminology, tools, and the public health approach*. VAWnet. Retrieved May 6, 2008, from: [www.vawnet.org](http://www.vawnet.org).

Ellsberg, M., Arango, D. J., Morton, M., Gennari, F., Kiplesund, S., Contreras, M., & Watts, C. (2015). Prevention of violence against women and girls: What does the evidence say? *The Lancet, 385*, 1555-1566.

*Recommended:*

Corso, P. S. (2009). Economic analysis and the prevention of intimate partner violence. In C. Mitchell & D. Anglin (Eds.), *Intimate partner violence: A health-based perspective* (pp. 53-60). New York: Oxford University Press.

Jaffe, P. G., & Wolfe, D. A. (2003). *Prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault*. VAWnet. Retrieved May 6, 2008, from: [www.vawnet.org](http://www.vawnet.org).

Whitaker, D. J., Hall, D. M., & Coker, A. L. (2009). Primary prevention of intimate partner violence: Toward a developmental, social-ecological model. In C. Mitchell & D. Anglin (Eds.),

*Intimate partner violence: A health-based perspective* (pp. 289-306). New York: Oxford University Press.

**Session 14 (April 25): Final Class – wrap up**

***\*Critical Analysis Paper due\****