

Webinar



# Family Law, Family Violence and Restorative Justice

Supporting the Health of Survivors of Family Violence in Family Law Proceedings



# Land Acknowledgement

The University of Manitoba campuses are located on original lands of Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.





# Supporting the Health of Survivors

## of Family Violence in Family Law Proceedings Community of Practice

- Study Purpose: To initiate, host, and support a Community of Practice (CoP) comprised of experts and practitioners in the family violence and family law sectors to enhance the capacity of practitioners to address family violence safely and effectively. Through the CoP, there will be enhanced support to survivors of violence through the family law system by increasing opportunities for family law practitioners to have training, guidance and resources to support trauma-informed practice, and to improve coordination of services that will enhance the safety and wellbeing of all parties.
- Timeline: November 2020 to November 2023
- Funder: Public Health Agency of Canada
- National Alliance of Gender-Based Violence Research Centres in Canada (Western University is lead)
- CoP Experts (family law, IPV-serving organizations, special populations, IPV survivors)

# Acknowledgements

- Tod Augusta Scott & Lisa Teryl
- Public Health Agency of Canada
- Dr. Kendra Nixon, RESOLVE Director
- Dr. Masha Kardashevskaya, Research Associate
- Ashley Haller, Research Technician
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- During Q & A session participants may ask questions by clicking the Q & A button (bottom of screen)





# Webinar Schedule

11:00 am - 11:10 am: Welcome, land acknowledgement, and introductions

11:10 am - 12:00 pm: Presentation with Tod Augusta Scott & Lisa Teryl

12:00 pm - 12:25 pm: Q & A

12:25 pm - 12:30 pm: Closing remarks



# Poll Question

- What sector do you represent?



# Disturbing Content

*This webinar contains material of a highly sensitive nature that may be disturbing for some individuals.*

- Family Violence Resources:
  - <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/health-promotion/stop-family-violence/services.html>





# Webinar Speakers



Tod Augusta Scott, MSW

Tod Augusta Scott is a renowned advocate in family violence and trauma. He has international acclaim in the fields of family violence, restorative approaches, trauma, and narrative therapy. Widely published and a sought-after presenter, Scott's groundbreaking work has been featured in numerous publications and even captured in the documentary "A Better Man" (2017). Additionally, he serves on the "Advisory Council for the Status of Women" in Canada and has received prestigious accolades such as the Award of Excellence from the Deputy Minister of National Defence for his efforts in addressing sexual misconduct in the Canadian Armed Forces and the "Distinguished Service Award" from the Canadian Association of Social Workers.



Lisa Teryl, MA, LLB

Lisa Teryl is a seasoned senior lawyer. She brings a wealth of legal expertise, having served as the senior legal counsel utilizing a restorative approach at the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission for six years. Recognizing her remarkable contributions, she was honored at the Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University's Extraordinary Alumnae Lunch. Since then, Teryl has been actively involved in developing a framework for creating separation agreements that prioritize restorative principles, particularly in cases involving family violence.

*Tod and Lisa have come together to introduce an innovative approach to family law. Their brainchild, Divorce Legal Communications Services, aims to put an end to abuse, foster collaboration, and streamline the divorce process through adopting a restorative approach.*

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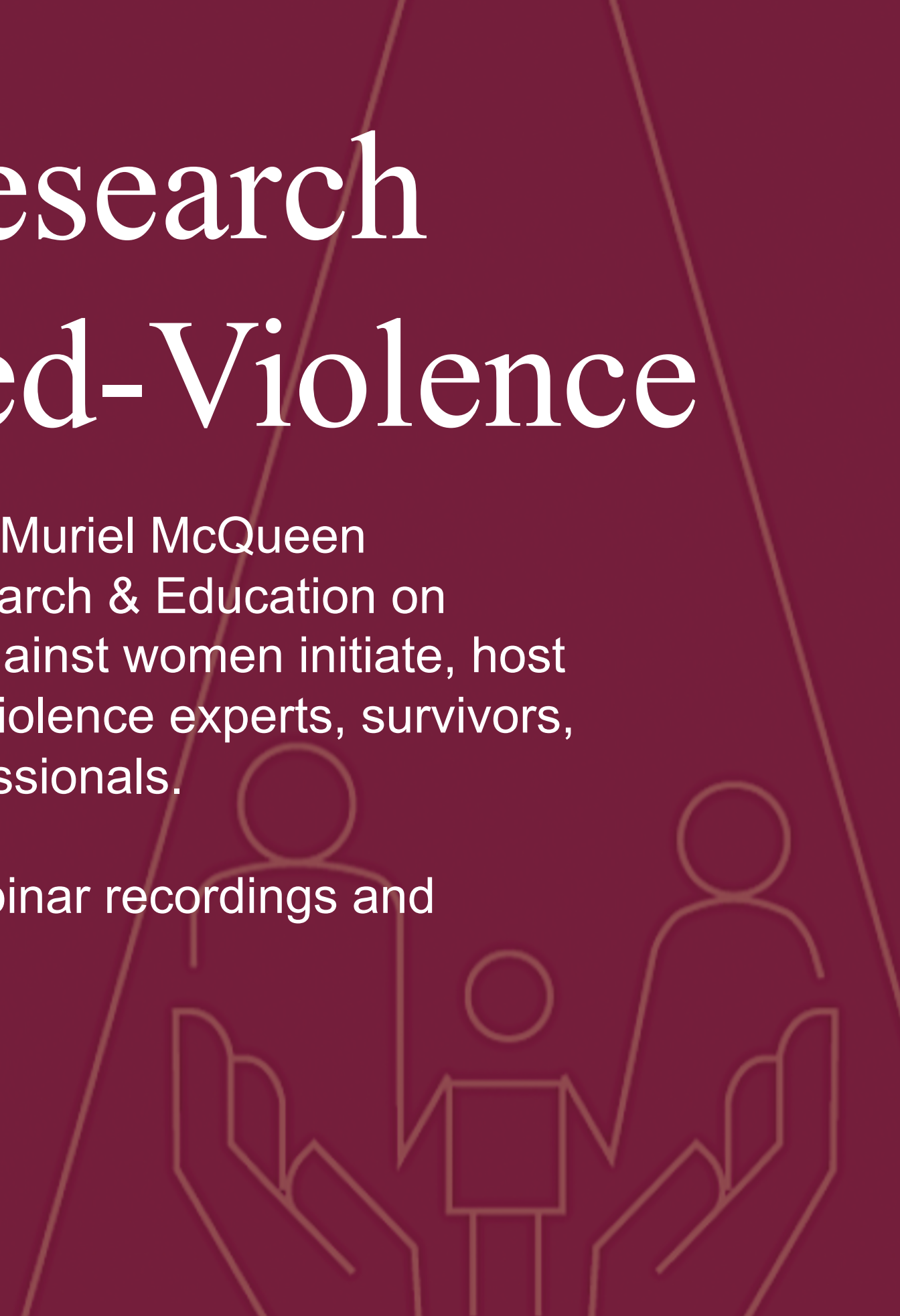


# Alliance of Canadian Research Centres on Gender Based-Violence

Canada's research centres (RESOLVE, RAIV, The FREDA Centre, Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research, & Centre for Research & Education on Violence Against Women and Children (CREVAWC)) on violence against women initiate, host and support a **Community of Practice (CoP)** comprised of family violence experts, survivors, family lawyers, researchers, mental health, and social service professionals.

Visit the Alliance website (<https://alliancevaw.ca>) to access past webinar recordings and PowerPoint slides.

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