



**NCADV's and NOMAS' 2012 Conference:
Preserving Our Roots While Looking to the Future
July 21-25th
The Doubletree Hotel Denver
Denver, CO**

Plenary Sessions

This program is Approved by the National Association of Social Workers (Approval #886497574-1142) for 36.5 (total) Domestic Violence continuing education contact hours. Each plenary session is worth 1.5 hours.

Sunday, July 22nd 3:30pm to 5:45pm

Meeting the Multiple Needs of Victims of Violence: Exploring and Understanding the Experiences of Survivors through a Lens of Multiplicity.

This plenary session discusses the current climate of a domestic violence movement and explores what is needed to continue to mobilize anti-violence work. Speakers will discuss reasons why domestic violence still exists and will highlight how power and multiple oppressions within society, culture, and institutions contribute to its perpetuation and impacts social change. Speakers will discuss their work and responses to domestic violence in a common context - anti-violence methods, frameworks, and practices.

Plenary Speakers: Lydia D. Walker, Shamita Das Dasgupta, Oliver J. Williams, Ruth Jewell, and Beth Ritchie



Lydia D. Walker

Coming out of retirement especially for this conference, Lydia Walker has worked in the Battered Women's Movement since 1981 and is nationally known as a speaker, trainer, and author. She is a former Steering Committee member of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (1983-1987), served on the Executive Committee for two years and was co-chair of both the Child Advocate and Rural Task Forces. She is author of *Reaching Rural Battered Women* and contributing author to *Then We Went to A Safe Place* and *Naming the Violence*. Some of her handouts such as *Signs of a Battering Personality* are extensively used across the United States. With a Master's Degree in clinical psychology, she is well known for her humor and down to earth training style. An outstanding speaker, she is hired again and again by groups who have heard her presentations.



Shamita Das Dasgupta

Shamita Das Dasgupta is a cofounder of Manavi, Inc., an organization in the United States that focuses on violence against women in the South Asian community. She is a Clinical Adjunct Assistant Professor of Law with the NYU Law School and has published several articles in the areas of her specialization: ethnicity, gender, immigration, and violence against women. Shamita is the author of *The Demon Slayers and Other Stories: Bengali Folktales* (1995, Interlink Books), *A Patchwork Shawl: Chronicles of South Asian Women in America* (1998, Rutgers University Press), and *An Investigation of the Inter-relationship Between Women's Empowerment and Trafficking in Women and Children* (Trans. & Ed.; Jadavpur University, India, in press). Currently, she is working on two books; one on women's rituals in Bengal and the other on domestic violence in the South Asian American context.



Oliver J. Williams, Ph.D.

Oliver J. Williams, Ph.D. is a Professor in the School of Social Work at the University of Minnesota, in St. Paul. From 1994 to 2011 he was the Executive Director of the Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community (IDVAAC). In October 2011 he began serving as Co-Executive Director of IDVAAC. He is also the Director of the Safe Return Initiative that addresses the issues of prisoner reentry and domestic violence. He has worked in the field of domestic violence for more than thirty years. Dr. Williams has been a clinical practitioner; working in mental health, family therapy, substance abuse, child welfare, sexual assault, and domestic violence. He has worked in battered women's shelters, developed curricula for batterers' intervention programs, and facilitated counseling groups in these programs. He has provided training across the United States and abroad on research and service-delivery surrounding partner abuse. He has been appointed to several national advisory committees and task forces from the Center for Disease Control, US Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, US Office on Women's Health, and the US Department of Education. He has been a board member of various domestic violence and human service organization including the early days of the National Domestic Violence Hotline. In 2000, he was appointed to the National Advisory Council on Domestic Violence by the US Secretary of Health and Human Services and US Attorney General. In 2010 he participated in a Roundtable with the US Attorney General on issues related to fatherhood and participated in a Whitehouse Roundtable on Fatherhood and Domestic Violence. He has conducted training for the US Military Family Advocacy programs and presented to numerous Family Violence, Research and Practice organizations in the United States and Abroad. Dr. Williams' research and publications in scholarly journals, books and DVD's have centered on creating service delivery strategies to reduce violent behavior. Dr. Williams has also received many awards among them include an award from the American Psychological Association, an International "Telly Award" for his documentary work and the National "Shelia Wellstone Institute Award" related to his work on Domestic Violence. Dr. Williams received a bachelor's degree in social work from Michigan State University; a Masters in Social Work from Western Michigan University; a Masters in Public Health and a PH.D in Social Work both from the University of Pittsburgh.



Ruth Jewell, Board President, NCAADV

Ruth Jewell is an enrolled Citizen of the Penobscot Indian Nation of Indian Island, Maine and lives in Georgia. Ruth has been providing cultural information about the unique barriers and challenges that Native people face when experiencing domestic violence and sexual assault, teen dating violence, stalking and elder abuse for the past several years. She began her formal work in this about 10 years ago at Spruce Run in Bangor where she was the Penobscot Nation Advocate and Justice Systems Advocacy Coordinator. It was during this time that she was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Coalition against Domestic Violence and now serves as President of the National Coalition's Board. While employed at Spruce Run, she served on the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence's Criminal Justice Committee. She also served as a member of a Women's Advisory Group for the Penobscot Nation as a survivor of domestic violence and parent of a victim of childhood sexual abuse. Throughout this time Ruth served on several local and community boards and committees that addressed all areas and efforts to stop abuse, homelessness and other related social issues. In 2009, Ruth authored the proposal for OVW funding to establish a Native DV and SA Program for the Nation and when that funding was awarded she moved into the position of Program Coordinator of the Penobscot Nation's new Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services Program. In this position she was a part of Project Connect, the pilot project of the Family Violence Prevention Fund in collaboration with DHHS and the Maine Center on Disease Control. In 2010, Ruth was nominated by her peers and appointed by the State of Maine Governor to the underserved community seat on the Maine Commission on DV and SA. Throughout the past three years Ruth has been a part of the Cultural Diversity Panel presenting to audiences throughout Maine to create awareness and provide Native specific information to DHS, mental health organizations, family planning, the legal and judicial community, as well as women studies and policy students at the University of Maine. Ruth was nominated for and has been chosen to a seat on the US Attorney General's Research Task force on Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native women. Ruth is a member of the Board of Directors for the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center serving Region 4 which includes 17 northeast states



Beth R. Ritchie

Beth Ritchie is engaged in several research projects designed to explore the relationship between violence against women in low-income African American communities and violence. The specific focus of one study is girls who are both violent and perpetrators of violence. Another project is looking at the factors that influence recidivism and re-arrest rates for women and young people being released from a large urban jail. A third project is concerned with the public policy and social factors that lead to the rise in incarceration rates of women and conditions of confinement once they are sentenced. Currently Dr. Ritchie is leading a multi-million dollar research sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation researching women and youth issues at Rikers Island Correctional Facility. She was the recipient of three major awards: the National Advocacy Award by the Department of Health and Health and Human Services, Office of Violence Prevention; the Audre Lorde Legacy Award of the Union Institute stemming from her work with the National Network for Women in Prison; and the Visionary Award Of the Violence Intervention Project.

Monday, July 23rd, 8:00am to 10:00am

The Concept of Femicide, and it's Connections with Domestic Assault

"Femicide" is the term that Dr. Diana Russell first used in 1976 to refer to "the killing of females by males because they are female," as a feminist alternative to the terms homicide and murder. She has co-edited two anthologies on femicide to highlight the element of woman-hatred in these lethal male-perpetrated crimes. The term femicide is being adopted by organizations forming to combat these hate crimes in many Latin American countries. The murder of women by their male partners, the most extreme form of domestic violence, is now referred to as intimate partner femicide. Dr. Jacquelyn Campbell, the preeminent researcher on these crimes, will report some of the major quantitative findings on this lethal form of femicide. Dr. Robert Brannon will discuss the scope and utility of the concept of femicide. The first portion of this session will be the presentation of the 2012 NOMAS BrotherPeace Award, for Lifetime Achievement in Combating Violence Against Women.

Moderator:

Phyllis B. Frank is Director of the VCS Community Change Project in Rockland County, and Past President of the NYS Coalition Against Domestic Violence. She is the Founding Director of Gay Pride Rockland, and of the National Training Institute New York Model for Batterer Programs, and is President of the Rockland County Chapter of NOW.

Plenary Speakers: Dr. Diana E. H. Russell, Dr. Jacqueline Campbell, and Dr. Robert Brannon



Diana E. H. Russell, Ph.D.

Dr. Diana Russell is Professor Emerita at Mills College. She is a leading feminist research scientist, and a productive feminist theoretician and activist. Dr. Russell is author or editor of 17 books, including: *Femicide in Global Perspective*, *Femicide: The Politics of Woman Killing*; *Rape in Marriage*; *The Secret Trauma: Incest in the Lives of Girls and Women*; and other acclaimed works.



Jacqueline Campbell, PhD, RN, FAAN

Dr. Jacquelyn Campbell is a national leader in research and advocacy in the field of domestic and intimate partner violence (IPV). Her more than 12 major federally funded research investigations paved the way for a growing body of interdisciplinary knowledge in the disciplines of nursing, medicine, and public health. Her expertise is frequently sought by national and international policy makers in addressing IPV and its health effects (including HIV/AIDS). As a nurse educator and mentor, Dr. Campbell leads by example in inspiring new generations of nurse researchers at the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. Elected to the Institute of Medicine in 2000, Dr. Campbell also was the Institute of Medicine/American Academy of Nursing/American Nurses' Foundation Senior Scholar in Residence and currently serves as Co-Chair of the IOM Forum on the Prevention of Global Violence. Other honors include the Pathfinder Distinguished Researcher by the Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research (NIH), the 2011 Sigma Theta Tau International Research Award, the American Society of Criminology Vollmer award and one of 17 Gilman Scholars at Johns Hopkins University. She is the current Chair of the Board of Directors of Futures Without Violence (formerly the Family Violence Prevention Fund) and also served on the board of the House of Ruth Battered Women's Shelter and four other shelters, and was a member of the congressionally-appointed U.S. Department of Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence. Dr. Campbell is widely published with more than 220 articles and ten books and holds a joint appointment in the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health.



Robert Brannon, Ph.D.

Dr. Robert Brannon is a social psychologist at Brooklyn College CUNY, specializing in issues of violence against women, and the commercial sex industry. He has taught both Women's Studies and Men's Studies classes for 35 years. He is a member of the National Council of NOMAS, and Chair of the National Task Group on Pornography, Prostitution, & Trafficking.

Tuesday, July 24th, 8:00am to 10:00am

Women's and Girls' Use of Violence

Women using violence to abuse and control their intimate partners and women using violence in response to violence being perpetrated against them are very different concepts. In most cases, women's use of violence results from the severity of violence they are experiencing at the hands of their intimate partners. This plenary session will explore the dynamics that play in to their use of violence, how it manifests, and why a survivor's use of violence differs from the violence used and implemented by an abuser. The session will also consider myths and facts in girls' and women's use of violence, as well as the racialized aspects of the moral panic around girls' use of violence. Speakers will discuss the broader scope of women's use of violence, share research findings, and will discuss the important role of advocates and system allies in properly addressing and responding to them.

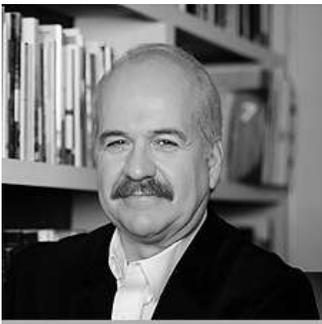
Plenary Speakers: Lisa Young Larence, Mark Wynn, Dr. Meda Chesney-Lind, and Lois Galgay Reckitt



Lisa Young Larance, MSW, LCSW, LMSW

Lisa Young Larance currently serves as the Domestic Violence Intervention Services Coordinator at Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County (CSSW) in Ann Arbor, MI. Lisa is a Fulbright Scholar and social work practitioner whose publications, trainings, and practical work focus on meeting the needs of marginalized women and their families. Lisa is the founder of two innovative community-based programs providing intervention, advocacy, and support for women who have used force in their relationships: Jersey Battered Women’s Service Inc.’s Vista Program (<http://www.jbws.org/publications.html>) and CSSW’s RENEW Program (www.csswashtenaw.org/renew). In addition, Lisa and CSSW colleagues wrote and developed Meridians for Incarcerated Women, a prison-based program for women who have perpetrated, survived, and/or witnessed domestic violence. To encourage discussion and resource sharing among professionals involved in the lives of women who have used force, Lisa launched and moderates the international “W-Catch22” listserv. Building upon that effort, Lisa chaired the first national conference addressing women’s use of force titled: “When SHE

Hits HIM: Why Gender and Context Matter” (www.biscmi.org/wshh). Additionally, Lisa is a consultant to Harmony House’s Nurturing Heart Women’s Violence Prevention Project, in Hong Kong, China. Lisa and Shamita Das Dasgupta are guest coeditors of a forthcoming special issue of Violence Against Women focused on battered women’s use of non-fatal force in their intimate heterosexual relationships.



Mark Wynn

Mark Wynn is a national trainer to police executives, patrol officers, training officers, prosecutors, judges, legislators, social service providers, healthcare professionals and victim advocates. He is an international lecturer at police academies in Germany, England, Northern Ireland, Russia, Canada, Australia, the Republic of Mauritius, Federated States of Micronesia and Republic of Georgia. He has been an advisor to state, national and international leaders who has guided and shaped law and policy on this issue. Mark Wynn was a key creator of the largest police domestic violence investigative unit in the United States. He is a survivor, enabling him to teach both effectively and passionately and is devoted to ending family violence as a police officer, detective, educator, program supervisor, consultant and advisor.



Meda Chesney-Lind, Ph.D.

Meda Chesney-Lind, Ph.D. is a Professor of Women's Studies at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She has served as Vice President of the American Society of Criminology and president of the Western Society of Criminology. Nationally recognized her work on women and crime, her books include *Girls, Delinquency and Juvenile Justice* which was awarded the American Society of Criminology's Michael J. Hindelang Award for the "outstanding contribution to criminology, 1992" and *The Female Offender: Girls, Women and Crime* published in 1997 by Sage. Her most recent book is an edited collection entitled *Female Gangs in America* has just been published by Lakeview press. In 2001, she received the Bruce Smith, Sr. Award "for outstanding contributions to Criminal Justice" by the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and she was named a fellow of the American Society of Criminology in 1996. She has also received the Distinguished Scholar Award from the Women and Crime Division of the American Society of Criminology, the Major Achievement Award from the Division of Critical Criminology, and the Herbert Block Award for service to the society and the profession from the American Society of Criminology.

Finally, she has received the Donald Cressey Award from the National Council on Crime and Delinquency in 1997 for "her outstanding academic contribution to the field of criminology." Locally, she has been awarded the University of Hawaii Board of Regent's Medal for "Excellence in Research." Chesney-Lind is an outspoken advocate for girls and women, particularly those who find their way into the criminal justice system. Her work on the problem of sexism in the treatment of girls in the juvenile justice system was partially responsible for the recent national attention devoted to services to girls in that system. More recently, she has worked hard to call attention to the soaring rate of women's imprisonment and the need to vigorously seek alternatives to women's incarceration.



Lois Galgay Reckitt

Lois Galgay Reckitt, Executive Director of Family Crisis Services in Portland, Maine, has been at the forefront of Maine's efforts to stop domestic abuse and assist its victims. She has lobbied for stronger laws against abuse and pushed for aggressive enforcement of those laws. A list of her achievements must include that she has helped to raise the consciousness of the general public in Maine to the existence and the magnitude of domestic violence in our society. With her help, the Legislature has passed major reforms in the area of domestic violence, including anti- stalking legislation, a domestic violence homicide review panel, and gun control measures for abusers. In 2002, the program she directs, Family Crisis Services, conducted a study which found that approximately 95% of incarcerated women were currently in an abusive intimate relationship or had been victim of one in the past. Family Crisis Services thus began its work with Incarcerated Women. Lois both established and mentored the

research behind and the funding for this program - which now is an integral part of their services to survivors. Family Crisis Services is one of only a handful of domestic violence agencies in the country that offer such programs

Wednesday, July 25^h, 10:00am to 12:00pm

The Impact and Effects of Violence on Children

This plenary session will explore the violence and children through a myriad of intersecting experiences: child witnessing, domestic violence, child abuse, and intimate violence. Powerful stories and successes will be shared as will solutions for effectively serving, supporting, and helping child witnesses and victims of abuse. In order to understand how children are agents in social change, this plenary envisions a shift to the centrality of children in the movement not only as survivors, but as mobilizers working to address the violence that impacts our lives.

Plenary Speakers: Jennifer Collins, Actress April Hernandez-Castillo, Jerry Tello, Kathryn Ford, and Lisa from the widely-used domestic violence training tool, the 9-1-1 “Lisa tape”



Jennifer Collins

Just before Christmas in 1992, Jennifer Collins was torn from her loving mother’s arms and handed over kicking and screaming to the father who had so abused her. A family court judge had ordered a change in custody for both Jennifer and her brother Zachary, based largely on the junk science of PAS. The court was not interested in hearing from the children. The court then further silenced Jennifer and her brother by telling them they were not allowed to even talk about the abuse they continued to suffer at the hands of their father. If they did, they would no longer be allowed to see their mother at all. So, believing that there was no other choice, in 1994 Jennifer’s mother heroically rescued her and her brother and fled on an incredible journey in search of safety. Jennifer is no longer silent. She is the director of the Courageous Kids Network. And she is determined to be a voice for the silenced children everywhere.



April Hernandez-Castillo

One of the most respected Latino actors in Hollywood, April Hernandez-Castillo's personal life-story is one of victory. Her feature film debut as Eva Benitez in the 2007 Image Award nominated MTV film, *Freedom Writers*, alongside Academy Award-winner Hilary Swank, put her in the ranks of some of the biggest names in the industry. It was this role that April would catch the attention of The View producers who invited her to co-host the show. Now displaying the talent and drive to parlay success into a career as a respected actress, April garnered roles in NBC's Emmy-award winning series *ER*, *Law & Order* and *30 Rock*, the FOX pilot *Blue Blood* and Showtime's *Nurse Jackie* and received a SAG Award nomination for her role as Officer Ciria Manson in Showtime's award winning drama *Dexter*. She recently wrapped a role in J Anderson Mitchell's sci-fi comedy *Future Folk* and is starring in the new webseries *East WillyB*. April has demonstrated her versatility as an actress. However, her latest role is not

in front of the camera but as an inspirational speaker. After spending many years in the dark and not talking about her experience with Domestic Violence, she realized she was doing more damage to herself by not speaking out! Surviving was not enough there was more work to be done. She shares her testimony and breaks down what abuse looks like and the strongholds it has on our lives.



Jerry Tello

Jerry Tello comes from a family of Mexican, Texan roots and was raised in South Central Los Angeles. He is an internationally recognized expert in the areas of fatherhood, family strengthening, community peace and mobilization and culturally based violence prevention/intervention issues. Over the last 30 thirty years Mr. Tello has dedicated his efforts to preventing and healing the pain of relationship/community violence, teen pregnancy, fatherless-ness and internalized oppression by speaking to over half a million people and training thousands of facilitators across the nation to address these issues. He is co-founder of the National Compadres Network (established in 1988) and the present Director of the National Latino Fatherhood and Family Institute. Mr. Tello has motivated, trained and mentored thousands of individuals, organizations and community groups in the various curriculum (see website jerrytello.com) that he has authored addressing the issues of Fatherhood, Male "Rites of Passage," relationship and gang violence prevention, teen fatherhood, pregnancy prevention, family strengthening, fatherhood literacy and community peace. He served as a principal consultant for Scholastic Books on International Bilingual Literacy curriculum focused at reaching low-income families; he is the author of *A Fathers Love*, a series of children's books, coeditor of *Family Violence and Men of Color* and a series of motivational CD's.



Kathryn Ford

As a senior associate at the Center for Court Innovation, Kathryn Ford addresses the issues of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse through needs assessment research, dissemination of best practices, and the provision of training and technical assistance, including through the Center's Tribal Justice Exchange. She has published articles in *Sexual Assault Report*, *Intimate Partner Violence Quarterly*, and NCADV's *The Voice*, and has conducted training workshops for over 3,000 participants from multiple disciplines. Ms. Ford also conducts trauma-focused individual and group therapy and provides court support services through the Child and Adolescent Witness Support Program at the Bronx District Attorney's Office. Prior to joining the Center, Ms. Ford was a social worker in Safe Horizon's Supervised Visitation Program at Bronx Family Court and an intern in the Kings County District Attorney's Office's Counseling Services Unit. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Sociology from Tufts University and a Master's in Social Work from Columbia University, and is certified in Rape Crisis Counseling.

Lisa from the widely-used domestic violence training tool, the 9-1-1 "Lisa tape"

Lisa's voice and experience of calling 911 as a 6 year old girl, one night many years ago (the Lisa tape), has been used since then to educate thousands of people about domestic violence and the impact on children. Listening to Lisa call 911 on this particularly horrible night is a heart-wrenching experience. While listening to her stepfather beat her mother, she continually used the word "please" when asking the dispatcher to send the police or hold on a minute and repeatedly voiced her concern for her "very delicate" baby brother and her little sister. Lisa had no idea that her tape was being used to educate people about the effects of domestic violence on children. She only vaguely remembers signing away her rights to this tape, and no one ever told her why exactly they wanted it. Now as an adult, she still cannot listen to the tape because of all the pain she fears would surface. She wonders why they picked this particular tape since she called the police hundreds of times. Lisa now speaks to educate people about the effects of domestic violence on children and will share her experiences since making that infamous call.