



AVA Triadic Mentorship Update

We are thrilled to announce the launch of Cohort 3 of the Triadic Mentorship Program (TMP)! This cohort brings together a dynamic group of graduate students, community agency leaders, and university academics, all focused on mentorship and career growth in the gender-based violence research and community engagement sectors. Below are the participants of Cohort 3!

Academic Mentors

- **Academic Mentor**, *Simon Fraser University*
- **Academic Mentor**, *University of Calgary*
- **Dr. Cyndirela Chadambuka**, *University of Toronto*
- **Academic Mentor**, *University of Saskatchewan*
- **Dr. Nicole Letourneau**, *University of Calgary*
- **Dr. Sarah Yercich**, *Capilano University*
- **Academic Mentor**, *University of Calgary*

Scholar Mentees

- **Courtney Aucoin**, *Mcmaster University*
- **Scholar Mentee**, *University of Calgary*
- **Cheryl Trask**, *University of Saskatchewan*
- **Sabry Adel Saadi**, *University of Quebec*
- **Christine Unrau**, *University of Calgary*
- **Scholar Mentee**, *Memorial University*

Community Agency Mentors

- **Community Agency Mentor**, *Ferguson Therapies Inc.*
- **Dee Adekugbe**, *Ruth's House*
- **Janine Baumann**, *Family Services Saskatoon*
- **Sonia Grmela**, *ChezRachel (The Franco-Manitoban Interlude)*
- **Community Agency Mentor**, *Sagesse*
- **Community Agency Mentor**, *Starlings*

Updates of AVA Research Projects

This fall, AVA received funding to engage in community-engaged implementation science research aimed at addressing the epidemic of gender-based violence by working collaboratively with the under-resourced community healthcare sector to promote the health of girls, women, and gender-diverse people who are at-risk for or impacted by gendered violence. Six teams comprised of academic researchers and community sector leaders from across Canada are engaged in this exciting project. The teams have begun preparations for the first phase of the project which includes conducting focus group interviews with participants and community agency staff members who are involved with six evidence-based programs delivered to address the needs of those impacted by intimate partner violence. Learn more about this important work by visiting our website avatraining.ca/research/.

Upcoming Events



Stay connected with AVA through our monthly announcements, featuring Webinar Wednesdays with new webinars each week on key topics. Stay tuned for the Women & Girls Health Hub announcement in an upcoming session. Watch for monthly updates and check out the last two pages for upcoming webinars. Missed a session? No worries! You can view past webinars on our YouTube.



COMMUNITY AGENCY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES & UPDATES

Thank you for the tremendous interest in the Community Agency Internship (CAIP)! With your support, we have successfully funded 31 internships across Canada. As we continue with the remaining two years of funding, our priority is fulfilling internships for community agencies participating in AVA research projects. Watch for recruitment in fall 2025! We will share updates as more information becomes available.

Find out more! (avatraining.ca/community-agency-internship-program)

Join one of AVA's Committees!



The AVA team is actively seeking members to join the AVA Online Committee, Triadic Mentorship & Internship Committee, and Scholarships and Funding Committee. Your involvement is vital to our success, and we want to hear from you! If you're interested in learning more about these exciting opportunities, please contact us.

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EXCITING NEWS!

It is with great pleasure that we announce the successful outcome of the recent grant application for AVA research! The application has achieved the top rank out of 33 submissions, placing it in the top 3% of all entries. This achievement highlights the Canadian Institutes of Health Research's (CIHR) strong endorsement of the critical work being done to support girls and women affected by violence and early adversity.

The awarded funding will facilitate collaboration with six community organizations to enhance their programs and services for girls, women, and gender-diverse individuals across Canada, further advancing the mission to address violence and early adversity.

The AVA team proudly presented at the Nursing Network on Violence Against Women International conference in Phuket, Thailand, showcasing AVA's work and building a global alliance against gender-based violence. Special thanks to Carrie Pohl, Director of AVA's Health Research Training Platform, and Andrea Deane, Director of AVA's Women's and Girls' Health Hub, for their leadership and contributions. Congratulations on this incredible achievement!



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April 2

Family Law Protection Orders and Peace Bonds: Do These Legal Mechanisms Ensure the Safety of Survivors of Gender-Based Violence? Featuring **Hannah Ellison** from **Battered Women's Support Services**
Register: shorturl.at/9KXXe



April 9

Caring for Women with Multiple Sclerosis: Interprofessional Considerations, with **Jennifer Collins** from the **Memorial University of Newfoundland**
Register: shorturl.at/kZ1Rq



April 16

Innovation at the Back of the Bus, with **Andrea Silverstone** and **Carrie McManus** from **Sagesse**
Register: shorturl.at/CwpyT



April 23

Understanding Sexual Assault, Child Sexual Abuse, and Responding to Disclosures, with **Kira Snodgrass** and **Mary Valenzuela** from **Calgary Communities Against Sexual Abuse**.
Register: shorturl.at/MTeJh



April 30

Rethinking Prevention – The Roots of Sexual Violence and Intersectionality, with **Kira Snodgrass** and **Mary Valenzuela** from **Calgary Communities Against Sexual Abuse**.
Register: shorturl.at/ZDZ7S





May 7

Sexual Violence in Intimate Partner Violence – Legal Frameworks and Support Strategies, with **Kira Snodgrass** and **Mary Valenzuela** from **Calgary Communities Against Sexual Abuse**.
Register: shorturl.at/eJJdQ



May 14

Sexual Violence and Trauma-Informed Care – A Public Health Approach, with **Kira Snodgrass** and **Mary Valenzuela** from **Calgary Communities Against Sexual Abuse**
Register: shorturl.at/Q7qqq



May 28

Intimate Partner Violence-Caused Brain Injury: Putting Knowledge into Practice, with **Karen Mason** and **Paul van Donkelaar** from **Supporting Survivors of Abuse & Brain Injury Through Research**.
Register: shorturl.at/bUnzn



June 4

Indigenous Women's Strength & Resilience, with **Malcolm King** from the **University of Saskatchewan**
Register: shorturl.at/GwGz5



June 11

Intimate Partner Violence & Brain Injury, with **Tori Dach** and **Candace Stretch** from the **Cridge Centre for the Family**
Register: shorturl.at/wCZxr

