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The risky business of intimate partner violence

Edmonton – Risk and threat assessments have become a core task for professionals in the criminal justice system to make offender management decisions. Often the validation of risk assessment measures is executed with already-identified offenders who have been sentenced or incarcerated.

“In the field of intimate partner violence, there has been a heavy focus on the treatment and management of domestic violence offenders,” said Dr. Sandy Jung, associate professor, Department of Psychology. “At the frontline of this tertiary prevention process, are those professionals, namely police officers and social workers, who must make decisions about individuals whom they think are dangerous to their intimate partners, but often do not have the tools to effectively and accurately effect such preventative change.”

In light of the constraints on police services in allocating resources to domestic violence calls and investigations, Jung’s presentation will introduce how empirical research can effectively inform law enforcement by maximizing positive outcomes, reduce further victimization, and prioritize the allocation of resources.

When: February 28

Where: CN Theatre, 5-142 (Building five, room 142)

Time: 3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m.

This presentation is free and open to the public.

About Dr. Sandy Jung

Jung is currently a Board of Governors’ Research Chair. She teaches abnormal psychology, forensic psychology, and courses in clinical and forensic psychology. At MacEwan, she maintains an active research program and has numerous peer-reviewed publications in the field of forensic psychology. Her research focuses on the prevention of sexual, intimate partner and general violence.

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