

# HIGH ALTITUDE FAMILY VIOLENCE SUMMER CONFERENCE

## The Family Violence Institute at Northern Arizona University 1st Summer Conference

The Family Violence Institute Summer Conference features  
Evan Stark, Ph.D., Jon Conte, Ph.D., Neil Websdale, Ph.D.,  
Connie Beck, Ph.D., Sandra Tibbetts Murphy, J.D., Dimitra Sampson, J.D., AUSA,  
Jerald Monahan, Chief of Police, Prescott Police Department  
Ryan D. Davidson, Jill Rable, R.N., Melissa Rhodes, L.C.S.W., Dan Rincon, Sgt.

**Join us in Flagstaff, Arizona  
July 14 & 15, 2014**

This conference is offered as Northern Arizona University course credit.

Please contact [Holly.Hulen@nau.edu](mailto:Holly.Hulen@nau.edu) for information.

The applications for AzPost and COJET continuing education credits are in progress.

This conference may qualify for continuing legal education credit.



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## Conference Fee & Registration

The Family Violence Institute (FVI) conference registration fee is \$250. This fee covers attendance at all plenary sessions and workshops. Additional conference information may be found at [nau.edu/fvi](http://nau.edu/fvi) or by contacting [Holly.Hulen@nau.edu](mailto:Holly.Hulen@nau.edu) or 928-523-3591.

Register for the conference at <http://familyviolenceconference.eventbrite.com>

## Lodging Accommodations

Unwind and enjoy the NAU Mountain campus by staying in one of our attractive, affordable, and conveniently located dorm rooms. Room packages include:

- Suite Room (1 person per room, private bathroom): \$73.51 per night.
- Double Occupancy (2 persons per room, 2 persons per bathroom): \$59.56 per night, per person.

All rooms include one linen package and three meals a day during your stay. Meals are provided at the NAU dining hall. Meal times are as follows: breakfast: 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM, lunch: 11:30 AM- 1:30 PM, and dinner: 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM. This is your opportunity to enjoy the walking paths, relax in common areas, and appreciate the natural surroundings. Dorms offer complimentary Wifi, Business Center, Game Room, and Fitness Gym. Cable TV is available in common areas; personal hygiene products and phones are not provided. To make a reservation, contact Holly Hulen at 928-523-3591.

### Little America

A block of rooms has been reserved at a special discounted rate of \$139. Make your reservations at <http://goo.gl/jS111m>. Little America is located at 2515 E. Butler Avenue, Flagstaff, AZ 86004.

### La Quinta

A block of rooms has been reserved at La Quinta Inn & Suites at the rate of \$116.10. Reservations must be made by June 20th. La Quinta Inn & Suites is located at 2015 South Beulah Blvd, Flagstaff, AZ. Call 1-928-556-8666 and request the FVI Summer Conference group rate.

It is **strongly** recommended that participants make lodging arrangements as soon as possible as Flagstaff summer months are high season and lodging is limited.

## Parking

Parking passes are included in your registration cost. Please place your parking pass in the window of your vehicle and park in the specified lot. For those who are lodging on the NAU campus or La Quinta, the conference venue is within walking distance.

## Meals

Refreshments will be offered each day. Complete meals will NOT be provided at the conference. A list of nearby restaurants is provided at [www.nau.edu/fvi/summerconference](http://www.nau.edu/fvi/summerconference).

## Travel

For those traveling from out of state, Flagstaff Pullium Airport offers daily commercial flights through US Airways Express. Connecting flights are available through Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport, the closest international airport to Flagstaff. It is an approximate 2 hour drive from Phoenix to Flagstaff.

## Course Credit

In conjunction with this conference, NAU is offering undergraduate and graduate course credits. Students enrolling for course credit are not responsible for the conference registration fee. Contact [Holly.Hulen@nau.edu](mailto:Holly.Hulen@nau.edu) (928) 523-3591 for additional course information.

## Things to Remember

This is a casual conference, so dress comfortably. Brief monsoons are often part of Northern Arizona's July weather, so bring an umbrella and a light jacket. Nights can be cool.

## Monday, July 14

### 7:00 - 8:00 Registration

### 8:00- 8:05: Welcoming Remarks: Neil Websdale, Ph.D., Family Violence Institute

### 8:05 - 10:00 Keynote: From Theory to Practice: Identifying & Responding to Coercive Control Evan Stark, Ph.D.

Dr. Stark will use examples from his forensic practice to review the prevalence, dynamics and consequences of coercive control. Attendees will learn to distinguish coercive control from other forms of partner abuse, outline its importance in risk assessment, and describe the implications of adapting the coercive control model for policy, law, policing, shelters, and counseling with offenders and survivors.

### 10:00 - 10:15 Break

### 10:15 – 12:00: Plenary: Working With Traumatized People Jon Conte, Ph.D.

Dr. Conte will explore the ways in which trauma, by its nature, separates the traumatized from the non-traumatized despite its commonality in our culture. This presentation will discuss the nature of trauma, the impact it has on the traumatized, factors that explain variation in impact, and how trauma-informed agencies and professionals can work more effectively with those who have been traumatized.

### 12:00 – 1:30 Lunch on your own

#### 1:30 - 3:00 Workshop A

##### A: What Happens Before an Intimate Partner Homicide?

Neil Websdale, Ph.D.

Dr. Websdale will draw upon 20 years experience reviewing and writing about intimate partner homicide to examine what happens before these tragedies and how we might use this knowledge for safety planning and prevention. The presentation will focus on the role of various systems and community stakeholders and explore specific risk markers and the contexts within which they assume meaning.

Break: 3:00 - 3:15

#### 3:15 - 5:00 Workshop C

##### C: Identifying the Predominant Aggressor and Recognizing Victim Trauma in Intimate Partner Violence

Jerald Monahan, Chief of Police

Chief Monahan will examine strategies to identify the person utilizing coercive tactics in intimate relationships. Attendees will learn to identify and properly document the behaviors, criminal and non-criminal, of the predominant aggressor, (that person most dangerous and trying to control another person(s) through various behavior tactics). The workshop will also discuss the importance of recognizing and properly documenting the signs of short-and long-term trauma on people experiencing intimate partner violence.

#### 1:30 - 3:00 Workshop B

##### B: Improving the Response to Non-Stranger Sexual Assault

Sandra Tibbetts Murphy, J.D.

Ms. Tibbetts Murphy will explore the challenges and misconceptions inherent in non-stranger sexual assault cases, including the additional obstacles created by alcohol/drug use by victims and offenders. Practitioners will learn the vital role of detailed and corroborating investigations, anticipation of defenses, and victim support in developing successful prosecution strategies.

Break: 3:00 - 3:15

#### 3:15 - 5:00 Workshop D

##### D: Child Sexual Abuse Cases: Investigating, Forensic Interviewing, and Prosecuting

Dimitra Sampson, J.D., AUSA.

Assistant US Attorney Dimitra Sampson will address a range of issues connected with investigating and prosecuting child sexual abuse cases. She will pay special attention to the use of forensic interviewing.

### Join us for a Community Lecture 6:30 - 8:00 PM

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS) will host a community lecture Monday, July 14, 2014. Dr. Jon Conte will present "Caring for Those Among Us with Trauma Histories." Exposure or risk of exposure to traumatic events is a fact of contemporary life. As human beings we will either be traumatized, love someone who is traumatized or come in contact with someone who has been traumatized. This lecture will discuss what has been learned about trauma exposure over the last 100 years and describe how citizens can care for those who have been traumatized. Dr. Conte will review the concept of a trauma-informed caring community. Location TBA.

Tuesday, July 15

**7:00 - 8:00 Registration**

**8:00- 8:05: Opening Remarks: Neil Websdale, Ph.D., Family Violence Institute**

**8:05 - 10:00 Plenary: Working Strangulation Cases**

**Sergeant Dan Rincon & Jill Rable, R.N.**

Sergeant Dan Rincon and Jill Rable, RN both have extensive experience working strangulation cases. They will discuss the profound significance of non-lethal strangulation as a potent risk marker in intimate partner violence cases and specifically address signs, symptoms, and cutting edge investigative practices and protocols.

**10:00 - 10:15 Break**

**10:15 – 12:00: Workshop A**

**A: Managing the Relationship between Personal and Professional Lives: Vicarious Trauma Basics**

**Jon Conte, Ph.D.**

Dr. Conte will respond to the increasing awareness that working with traumatized individuals can have a cumulative impact on professionals. He will describe the mutual relationship between professional and personal lives and outline a strategy for managing trauma work in order to sustain a career as a helping professional.

**12:00 - 1:30: Lunch on your own**

**1:30 – 3:15 Workshop C**

**C: Child Abuse and Neglect Deaths**

**Neil Websdale, Ph.D.**

Dr. Websdale will explore what happens before a child abuse and neglect death, examining a number of interrelated antecedents including the role of prior child abuse, the role of domestic violence, prior agency contacts, the significance of poverty, the criminal records of perpetrators, the role of alcohol and drugs, and the availability of weaponry. The workshop will close with a consideration of the plight of children who survive fatal family violence.

**3:15 – 5:00: Workshop E**

**E. Survivor Perspectives on Risk and Threat**

**Moderator: Melissa Rhodes, L.C.S.W.**

Ms. Rhodes will use her extensive experience working with adult and child survivors of family violence to facilitate a conversation with survivors that explores what risk and threat mean to them. Melissa will also examine the complex role of trauma in survivors' decision making, safety planning, and their shifting relationships with children, other family members, criminal justice and social service agencies, and community stakeholders.

**10:15 – 12:00: Workshop B**

**B: Domestic Violence & Divorce**

**Connie J. A. Beck, Ph.D. and Ryan D. Davidson**

Dr. Beck and Ms. Davidson will examine the high rates of intimate partner violence in divorcing couples with children and share why it is essential that court personnel, and legal and mental health professionals understand the patterns of abuse and violence in this population. This talk will discuss a large scale longitudinal study of mediating couples with patterns of abuse and violence and present findings on short- and long-term outcomes from court and law enforcement contacts.

**12:00 - 1:30: Lunch on your own**

**1:30 - 3:15 Workshop D**

**D: The Battered Mother's Dilemma: Reframing Child Maltreatment in the Context of Coercive Control**

**Evan Stark, Ph.D.**

Using case examples, Dr. Stark will identify the dilemmas in mothering created by perpetrators of coercive control and how these dilemmas are reinforced as abused mothers try to negotiate The "Three Planets" of Child Welfare, Family Court and Criminal Justice. Dr. Stark concludes by identifying the principles and best practices needed to support a consistent response to coercive control that empowers non-offending mothers and holds abusive partners accountable.

**3:15 – 5:00: Workshop F**

**F. Implications of Different Forms of Domestic Violence for Custody Arrangements and Mediation Agreements**

**Connie J.A. Beck, Ph.D. & Ryan D. Davidson**

Building upon the earlier Domestic Violence & Divorce presentation, Dr. Beck and Ms. Davidson will highlight methods of assessing abuse and violence for adults and children, discuss strategies for assisting couples in negotiating agreements, present findings on implications of parental abuse and violence for children and provide practical recommendations for constructing safe arrangements for children.

**Join us for a Community Lecture 6:30 - 8:00 PM**

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS) will host a community lecture Tuesday, July 15, 2014. Dr. Evan Stark will present "Coercive Control: How Men Entrap Women in Personal Life." Location TBA.