Call for Papers
Participatory Research on Gender-Based Violence
A special issue of the Journal of Family Violence

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The primary aim of this special issue is to explore how researchers, evaluators, and activists use community-based, participatory approaches to prevent gender-based violence¹ (GBV), support survivors, and transform communities and systems. This special issue seeks contributions that will describe participatory research and evaluation models that use community collaborations to shift the status quo. The goal for this issue is to provide guidelines for applying these models to GBV research, evaluation, and practice. There are various approaches and considerations to working with communities within this paradigm. We seek contributions that highlight the possibilities inherent in these transformative collaborations. This special issue is for 1) new researchers who seek examples of how to do GBV work in a way that centers community needs, 2) veterans in the GBV field who seek to deepen their impact, and 3) community practitioners who desire to see their values reflected in the research process.

Submission Guidelines & Steps
We invite research and evaluation studies with varying methodologies, theoretical/conceptual articles, and practice-based case studies. We welcome manuscripts that focus on various aspects of the participatory research process, including establishing partnerships, building trust and rapport, creating collaborative research designs, developing meaningful outcomes, and assessing community impact. We strongly encourage that manuscripts be co-authored with or preferably led by community members and/or practitioners. All manuscripts must also include a section that describes the study impact on the community.

The submission process involves the following key steps:

1. Interested authors should submit a 300-word abstract, a list of authors and affiliations, a short bio for each author (100 words) and a brief history of the collaborative relationship between the authors (100 words). This information should be sent to transformativecollaborations@gmail.com by May 12th 2017. The guest editors will review all abstracts and select the manuscripts to include in the special issue by June 5th 2017.

2. For all accepted manuscripts, authors will be asked to submit a 25-30 page maximum manuscript (including all tables, figures, and references) by October 9th 2017. All manuscripts should follow the formatting requirements of the Journal of Family Violence. All manuscripts will undergo a standard peer review process. Additionally, all selected authors will be expected to serve as a peer reviewer for at least one of the other manuscripts in the special issue.

Questions & comments can be addressed to the guest editors at transformativecollaborations@gmail.com

¹ Gender Based Violence can include such forms of violence as domestic and intimate partner violence, sexual violence, teen dating violence, family violence, sexual assault, stalking, hate crimes, and violence against sex workers.