



Center for Research on  
Violence Against Women  
108 Bowman Hall  
Lexington, Kentucky 40506-0059  
859.257.2737  
[www.research.uky.edu/crvaw](http://www.research.uky.edu/crvaw)

**CONTACT: Carol E. Jordan, 859.257.2737**

**FOR RELEASE**

**Center for Research on Violence Against Women Hosts  
National Meeting on Violence Against Women as a  
Science**

**LEXINGTON, Ky. (May 4, 2009)** – The University of Kentucky Center for Research on Violence Against Women announced today that on June 3-4, 2009 it will serve as host to a national meeting on the state of research on violence against women.

“This Center and our faculty partners across UK have an extraordinary opportunity with this meeting to advance the national conversation on the state of research in the field of violence against women,” said Carol Jordan, director of the Center for Research on Violence Against Women. “Our role is not to observe that conversation, our role is to help shape it,” she said.

Over the past 30 years, a field of research has developed around the issue of gendered violence: addressing rape and sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking, and psychological maltreatment. Recent critiques have highlighted weaknesses in this research area that inhibit a full scientific exploration of these crimes and their impacts. In April 2009, *Violence Against Women*, through the work of editor Claire Renzetti, published a special

symposium to advance conversation about the state of the field and its future

– more –

direction. The central paper of that special issue was authored by Center Director Jordan. It argues for moving beyond “research agendas” and proposes creation of a transdisciplinary science for the study of violence against women.

On June 3 – 4, 2009 the Center for Research on Violence Against Women and *Violence Against Women* will co-host an invited planning meeting to further the conversations begun in the symposium special issue. The central question of the meeting will focus on whether the field would be strengthened by crafting the study of violence against women as a science.

The national meeting will be opened by UK Provost Kumble Subbaswamy and co-chaired by Carol Jordan and Claire Renzetti. Participants will include an interdisciplinary panel of researchers, national and state advocacy organizations, and federal funding agency representatives. The National Academy of Science will also be represented at the meeting.

For additional information about the center, contact Carol E. Jordan, director, Center for Research on Violence Against Women by e-mail at [carolj@uky.edu](mailto:carolj@uky.edu) or by phone at (859) 257-2737.

###

*We "see blue" at the University of Kentucky. We're home not only to powerhouse basketball and the best of intercollegiate athletics; we're also nationally ranked in more than 70 academic programs. We're charting an aggressive, exciting path toward becoming a Top 20 public research institution. "see blue." is a lot of things, but most of all it's about helping students realize their potential and harness the power of their dreams. For more about UK's efforts to become a Top 20 university and how we "see blue," visit [www.uky.edu/OPBPA/business\\_plan.htm](http://www.uky.edu/OPBPA/business_plan.htm)*

**see blue.**

*An Equal Opportunity University*