

RECENT RESEARCH

Progress in the field of violence against women requires multiple approaches. Direct action is valuable when based on knowledge gained through rigorous research that commands the respect of practitioners and policy makers and that builds the foundation for subsequent advanced studies. Ortner's mission includes generating such research and is home to a number of academicians with both expertise and commitment to this mission. Here we present some of their recent work. We begin with a little background on these researchers. All are Ortner Fellows:

Richard A. Berk, a Professor in the Statistics Department in Wharton and the Chair of Penn's Criminology Department.

Rangita de Silva de Alwis, Associate Dean for International Programs at Penn Law.

Cristina Bicchieri, Professor of Philosophy and Psychology, Professor of Legal Studies at the Wharton School, and Director of the Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Program.

Lauren F. Cardoso, PhD student in Social Welfare, collaborated on this work with the International Rescue Committee.

Melissa Dichter, Assistant Professor of Family & Community Medicine at Penn Medicine.

The number of re-arrests for domestic violence could be cut in half.

Berk RA, Sorenson SB, Barnes G. Forecasting domestic violence: A machine learning approach to help inform arraignment decisions. *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, 2016; 13: 94-115.

China passed its first law against domestic violence in December 2015. The law has holes.

de Silva de Alwis R, Klugman J. Freedom from violence and the law: A global perspective in light of Chinese domestic violence law. *University of Pennsylvania Journal of International Law*, 2015; 37, Art. 2, 1-53.

Moral outrage leads to victim compensation, but only when a social norm is violated.

Thulin EW, Bicchieri C. I'm so angry I could help you: Moral outrage as a driver of victim compensation. *Social Philosophy & Policy*, 2016; 32: 146-160.

In post-conflict urban areas, women face greater risk of intimate partner violence if they have been internally displaced.

Cardoso LF, et al. What factors contribute to intimate partner violence against women in urban, conflict-affected settings? Qualitative findings from Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. *Journal of Urban Health*, 2016; 93: 364-378.

Women, who are 14% of active duty forces and 20% of new recruits, cite sexual assault and harassment as key reasons why they prematurely leave the military.

Dichter M, True G. "This is the story of why my military career ended before it should have": Premature separation from military service among US women veterans. *Affilia*, 2015; 30: 187-199.

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