

Crime Victims' Institute



Our Mission

The mission of the Crime Victims' Institute is to :

- Conduct research to examine the impact of crime on victims of all ages in order to promote a better understanding of victimization
- Improve services to victims
- Assist victims of crime by giving them a voice
- Inform victim-related policy-making at the state and local levels.

CVI's Community Outreach

- Texas Victim Services Association Board Member
- Victim Services Coalition Member

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SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH
EMBRACE YOUR VOICE THIS APRIL

YOUR VOICE HAS POWER.

BELIEVE SURVIVORS. END VICTIM BLAMING.
ASK FOR CONSENT. RESPECT BOUNDARIES.

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NSVRC Sexual Assault Awareness Month



**EXPAND THE CIRCLE
REACH ALL VICTIMS**

National Crime Victims' Rights Week | April 8-14
2018

Where are they now?

Dr. Sara Zedaker



Sara Zedaker, Ph.D., graduated in May 2017 from Sam Houston State University's Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology doctoral program. During her four years working as a research assistant for CVI, she participated in a host of research projects spanning a variety of topics, including domestic violence offender specialization, romantic relationship involvement and criminal behavior, and an evaluation of a Posttraumatic stress disorder/substance abuse program for probationers. She was also project director for an evaluation of prosecutorial efforts in strangulation response in Travis County, Texas. The research opportunities, mentorship, and training in primary data collection, research design, and advanced statistical methods during her tenure with CVI were invaluable to her growth as a scholar and her success in academia.

She is an assistant professor in the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Houston-Victoria in Victoria, Texas and teaches undergraduate and graduate level courses in research methods, statistics, criminology, and gender and crime. She is the founder and faculty advisor of the CJ Society—a criminal justice club for undergraduate students.

Dr. Zedaker is currently working on projects including the publication of her dissertation that focused on the influence of romantic relationships and peers on criminal behavior throughout the life-course. Additional endeavors include research related to adverse childhood experiences and bystander intervention. Her work has been published in the *Journal of Life*

Course and Developmental Criminology, the *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, *Violence and Victims*, *Journal of Family Violence*, *Contemporary Justice Review*, *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, *Substance Use & Misuse*, and *Criminal Justice Review*.

Take Action to Support Healthy Relationships



Why Do Healthy Relationships Matter?

21%

21% of female and 10% of male high school students who date reported experiencing physical and/or sexual violence from a dating partner in the last 12 months.¹

23% of women and 15% of men who reported physical or sexual violence or stalking from an intimate partner said they first experienced this violence before age 18.²

23%

5 Keys of Healthy Relationships



Respect

Promote & model healthy attitudes & relationships

“My actions show my values. I treat others the way I want to be treated.”



Learn

Access credible information and resources to promote your overall health

“When I have a question I find information from a trusted source.”



Empower

Everyone has the right to set limits, feel safe, and get support - including you

“I deserve to be respected and listened to.”



Consent

Seek mutual agreement without fear or pressure

“I ask for consent. If it's not clear I ask, 'Are you comfortable? Is this ok?'”



Communicate

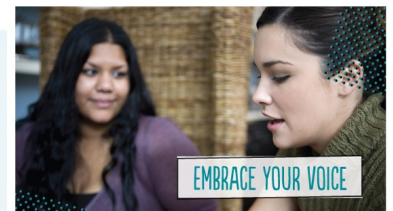
Express yourself to partners, peers, and family

“I can talk openly and honestly with people I trust. If I notice something is wrong, I speak up.”

Prevention is possible!

We can all help create a culture of respect and equity.

Show your support for Sexual Assault Awareness Month
Learn more: www.nsvrc.org/saam



¹Yagi R., J. Olsen, E. G. M., Basile, K. C., & Vuvanichok, A. M. (2015). Teen dating violence (physical and sexual) among U.S. high school students: findings from the 2015 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey. *JAMA pediatrics*, 169(5), 474-482.
²Berkley, M. J. (2014). Prevalence and characteristics of sexual violence, stalking, and intimate partner violence victimization—National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, United States, 2011. *Morbidity and mortality weekly report*. Surveillance summaries (Washington, DC: CDC), 65(9), 1.



National Crime Victims' Rights Week | April 8-14 2018

In the Works...

- Legislation and Prosecution of Hate Crimes
- Campus Sexual Assault: Training and Safety



Texas Victim Services Association Save the Date

2018 Research Symposium:

Victimization, Justice and Healing From Theory to Practice

October 25-26, 2018

Embassy Suites San Marcos Conference Center

LEARN THE FACTS ABOUT SEXUAL VIOLENCE

1 IN 2 WOMEN
have experienced sexual violence other than rape in their lifetime.¹

1 IN 5 MEN
have experienced sexual violence other than rape in their lifetime.¹

FEWER THAN 5%
of completed or attempted rapes against college women were reported to law enforcement.²

1 IN 5 WOMEN
have experienced completed or attempted rape in their lives.¹

41% OF WOMEN
reported experiencing physically aggressive street harassment.⁴

1 IN 6 BOYS
are sexually abused before age 16.⁶

Only **26.2% OF MEN**
who experienced childhood sexual abuse disclosed at the time of the abuse.⁷

67.5% OF INSTANCES OF RAPE ARE ESTIMATED TO GO UNREPORTED.⁸

Among college women, **9 OUT OF 10** victims of sexual assault knew the person who sexually assaulted them.²

1 IN 3 WOMEN
experience physical or sexual violence by an intimate partner.³

Women have a **50% TO 95%** chance of developing post-traumatic stress disorder after being raped.⁵

18% OF MEN
reported experiencing verbal street harassment.⁴

Nearly **1 IN 67** men in the United States have experienced rape or attempted rape.¹

SEXUAL VIOLENCE THRIVES WHEN IT IS NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY AND VICTIM BLAMING GOES UNCHECKED.

USE YOUR VOICE TO PREVENT IT

♥ BELIEVE SURVIVORS ✎ CHALLENGE VICTIM BLAMING ☑ RESPECT BOUNDARIES



DIRECT SERVICES FOR VICTIMS

American Overseas Domestic Violence Crisis Center
866-USWOMEN

Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline
800-4-A-CHILD

Love Is Respect
866-331-9474 / TTY 866-331-8453

Mothers Against Drunk Driving
877-MADD-HELP

National Domestic Violence Hotline
800-799-SAFE / TTY 800-787-3224

National Human Trafficking Hotline
888-373-7888

National Runaway Safeline
800-RUNAWAY

Parents of Murdered Children, Inc.
888-818-POMC

Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network
800-656-HOPE

Strong Hearts Native Helpline
844-7-NATIVE

Suicide Prevention Lifeline
800-273-8255 / TTY 800-799-4889

Veterans Crisis Line
800-273-8255

INFO & REFERRALS FOR VICTIMS

Battered Women's Justice Project
Legal Helpline
800-903-0111x1

Indian Country Child Abuse Hotline
800-633-5155

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children
800-THE-LOST

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Helpline
800-662-HELP / TTY 800-487-4889

VictimConnect Resource Center
855-4-VICTIM

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Upcoming Events...

Share your ideas:

We welcome your input. Please send issues or topics you would like to see CVI conduct research on to :

crimevictims@shsu.edu



Sexual Assault Awareness Month Awareness Month	April 2018
Child Abuse Prevention Month	April 2018
International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Gender Bias Chicago, IL	April 3 - 5, 2018
Crime Victim's Rights Week	April 8 - 14, 2018
Conference on Crimes Against Women Dallas, TX	April 16 - 19, 2018
Texas Association Against Sexual Assault Annual Conference South Padre Island, TX	April 30 - May 2, 2018
Crime Victim Law Conference Portland, OR	June 7 - 8, 2018
Texas Victim Services Association 2018 Advanced Academy for Victim Assistance Management and Leadership In Victim Studies Austin, TX	June 27 - 29, 2018

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