



Community-based collaborative research, working toward a society in which the wellbeing of women and families is paramount, resulting in their equity, empowerment, and prosperity since 1979.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 11

Save the date for SIROW's 40th Anniversary Banquet & Celebration

5:30-8:30 p.m.

Hundreds of Researchers, Practitioners and Advocates Come Together From Around the Globe to Share Strategies for Ending Gender Inequality

By Claudia Powell

Claudia Powell, SIROW's Associate Director, attended the International Ending Gender Inequalities: Evidence to Impact Conference on October 8 and 9, in Johannesburg, South Africa. The conference was hosted by RTI International's Global Gender Center and SIROW was among many partners and sponsors. The conference aimed to connect researchers, practitioners and advocates from around the world to share their work, discuss research projects and findings and to delve into culturally specific issues related to ending gender inequalities. Over the two days, sessions focused on the role of boys and men in gender specific work, gender-based violence, couples-based interventions and advances and barriers in HIV prevention and treatment for women.

Claudia presented three posters during the poster session, "When There Is No Escape: An Examination of the Tragic Circumstances, Societal Norms and Patriarchal Policies Surrounding Mothers Murdered by Their Partners" (Claudia Powell, Anna Harper-Guerrero & Lisa Abrams); "Addressing Inequalities in Healthcare and Disparities in Risk Factors Facing Trans-Identified Women Experiencing Homelessness" (Claudia Powell, Courtney Waters and Corrie Brinley); and "Intergenerational Mental Health Disparities for Native American Women Caregivers on the U.S./Mexico Border" (Claudia Powell and Corrie Brinley).



The Mzansi Youth Choir

The conference included an inspiring blend of speakers who were survivors, advocates, activists and researchers from around the world and showcased the Mzansi Youth Choir (<http://mychoir.co.za/>) who aims to afford talented, underprivileged teenagers and young adults (14-24 years) the opportunity to perform locally and abroad. In addition to learning from the many presentations and being entertained by some of South Africa's finest, there were ample opportunities for relationship building and collaboration development.



Grizelda Grootboom; International Advocate against Slavery and Sex Trafficking

The Young Women's Health CoOp Researches HIV Prevention Education Effectiveness for Young Capetonian Women

by Claudia Powell



Researchers from India and the U.S. learn from the Young Women's Health CoOp project team

After attending the Ending Gender Inequalities Conference in Johannesburg, Claudia had the opportunity to travel with RTI International's Global Gender Center team to Cape Town and visit one of their many projects in South Africa. The Young Women's Health CoOp (YWHC) Project (directed by Dr. Felicia Browne and Dr. Tara Carney) is a National Institute of Drug Abuse-funded study that is adapting and testing an HIV behavioral intervention program in Cape Town for 16- to 19-year-old females who are out of school and use substances. The YWHC is facilitated by local research staff and supported by peer support professionals. This randomized trial is enrolling participants into two tracts: a control tract that receives standard HIV counseling and testing, and an intervention tract that receives the YWHC. Participants are recruited from 24 economically disadvantaged communities across Cape Town. While visiting the project, Claudia had the opportunity to learn from local project staff, visit two of the 24 participating communities, and talk to several participants. The YWHC Project is quite similar to many of the projects SIROW conducts locally, creating a perfect opportunity to take away some of the project strategies that are working well, and to share some of the successful project approaches SIROW utilizes. As the YWHC project team finalizes the enrollment of 500 young women from across Cape Town into the project, the team was quite eager to share how their hard work has built a very successful project. The Young Women's Health CoOp Project has meant a great deal young women in their community, and SIROW thanks YWHC for welcoming Claudia to observe their success.



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MISSION

Develop, conduct, and disseminate collaborative outreach, education, intervention, and research projects of importance to diverse groups.

GOALS

- Engage in collaborative feminist research on topics pertinent to the lives of girls, women, and families;
- Develop and conduct outreach, education, service, research, and trainings with regard to mental and physical health, sexuality, legal matters, education, workforce, equity, diversity, and other issues;
- Address social inequalities and group-based disparities;
- Examine and support women's contribution to literature, the arts, and Southwest heritage;
- Advocate for women and families by linking researchers with community organizations and policy makers;
- Identify, illuminate, and disseminate research on girls, women, families, and gender differences.



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