

# Safety and Violence Initiative

## Research Report 2015

**Director: Mr Guy Lamb**

## Initiative Profile

Scholars at UCT have been working on issues relating to safety and violence for decades, but collaborative research across disciplines was infrequent. The Safety and Violence Initiative (SaVI) was formally established in April 2011 as one of four interdisciplinary Strategic Initiatives, located in the Office of the Vice Chancellor. SaVI's vision is to work towards safe communities, where freedom and security are the norm, rather than the exception. In this regard SaVI facilitates interdisciplinary research and debate across the university with a focus on understanding and preventing violence, and promoting safety. The Initiative brings together scholars from a number of departments, centres and units at UCT. It also works closely with provincial and national government and civil society organisations in terms of research and violence prevention interventions.

SaVI (in partnership with the Centre of Criminology) was commissioned by the Western Cape Provincial Government's Department of Community Safety in 2015 to undertake research on community police forums and neighbourhood watches structures in the province. The aim of the research was to determine the diversity of activities that have been undertaken by these community policing groupings, as well as their successes and the challenges that they have faced. The research will be completed in early 2016, and the research findings will be used to inform the compilation of the Regulations for the Western Cape Community Safety Act, (Act 3 of 2013).

SaVI has partnered with a non-governmental organisation, Amandla EduFootball, to explore the impact of the sport-based youth violence prevention in the Western Cape; and has initiated a longitudinal study in Gugulethu and Manenberg to ascertain the impact of youth violence prevention interventions in this area. SaVI has also contributed funding to a research project by Dr Don Pinnock (SaVI Research Associate) on gang violence in Cape Town and various interventions and programmes that have the

potential to prevent it. The research findings will be published in 2016.

In addition, in 2015 SaVI concluded its two year study that was commissioned by national government's Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) on violence against women and children and the United Nations Children's Fund on violence against women and children in South Africa. This project was undertaken in partnership with the Children's Institute and drew on expertise from the Centre for Social Science Research, Department of Psychology, the Gender Health and Justice Research Unit, and the Division of Nursing and Midwifery. The project generated evidence-based analysis, predictive statistical models and made recommendations to the IMC on the most relevant approaches to reduce and prevent violence against women and children in South Africa.

## Initiative Statistics

### Staff

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|---------------------|-----------|
| Steering Committee  | 12        |
| Honorary Associates | 8         |
| Research Assistants | 6         |
| Programme Officer   | 1         |
| Administrator       | 1         |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>28</b> |

## Research Fields and Staff

### Steering Committee

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR LILLIAN ARTZ**  
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**MS GISELLE WARTON**

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**RESEARCH OUTPUT****Chapters in books**

Donnelly, P.D. and Ward, C.L. 2015. Interpersonal violence: a global health priority. In P.D. Donnelly and C.L. Ward (eds), Oxford Textbook of Violence Prevention Epidemiology, Evidence, and Policy, pp. 3-7. UK: Oxford University Press. ISBN 9780199678723.

Ward, C.L. 2015. Youth violence. In P.D. Donnelly and C.L. Ward (eds), Oxford Textbook of Violence Prevention Epidemiology, Evidence, and Policy, pp. 27-34. UK: Oxford University Press. ISBN 9780199678723.

Williams, D.J., Gavine, J., Ward, C.L. and Donnelly, P.D. 2015. What is evidence in violence prevention? In P.D. Donnelly and C.L. Ward (eds), Oxford Textbook of Violence Prevention Epidemiology, Evidence, and Policy, pp. 125-131. UK: Oxford University Press. ISBN 9780199678723.

Artz, L.M. 2015. National and international policies to reduce domestic violence. In P.D. Donnelly and C.L. Ward (eds), Oxford Textbook of Violence Prevention Epidemiology, Evidence, and Policy, pp. 273-278. UK: Oxford University Press. ISBN 9780199678723.

Lamb, G. (2015). National and international policies to prevent and reduce armed violence. In P.D. Donnelly and C.L. Ward (eds), Oxford Textbook of Violence Prevention: Epidemiology, Evidence and Policy, pp. 285-290. UK: Oxford University Press. ISBN 9780199678723.

## Articles in peer-reviewed journals

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Super, G., (2015). Violence and democracy in Khayelitsha, governing crime through the 'community'. *Stability: International Journal of Security and Development*. 4(1): 31(20pp).

Lamb, G. (2015). Fighting fire with an inferno: the South African Police Service and the 'war' on violent crime. *International Journal on Human Rights*, 12(22): 83-100.

Freeman, L. (2015). The African warlord revisited. *Small Wars & Insurgencies*, 26 (5): 790-810.

Freeman, L. and McDonald, C. (2015). Mapping Khayelitsha: the complexities of everyday policing in a high crime area. *South African Crime Quarterly*, 53: 27-37.