

Bibliographies on Violence and Religion
Phase 2: Defining and addressing some gaps

Pamela Dickey Young and Jillian Burford-Grinnell began a process of defining some of the gaps in the existing bibliographies compiled by Cathy Holtmann and Nancy Nason-Clark. Two further research questions were defined for Jillian Burford-Grinnell in follow up to the work done by Nason-Clark, Holtmann and others at University of New Brunswick (see phase one).

Research questions

1. What studies have been done and what literature is available on abuse of women in non-Christian religions?
2. What studies have been done and what literature is available on the relationship between religion and abuse of sexual minorities?

Very few recent resources turned up in the literature search, indicating huge gaps in the literature. Although there is a growing literature about violence within gay and lesbian intimate relationships, there were no resources that addressed the role of religion in relation to or response to this violence.

More issues that could be addressed in a bibliographic search: violence that might be seen to be perpetrated or perpetuated by particular religious points of view (e.g., honour related violence); sexual abuse by clergy; more general material on religion and violence; theories of religion and violence; terrorism and religion; anthropological studies on religious belief and violent behaviour; violent inter-religious conflicts.

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