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Violence, Women's Rights/Health, Topic of April 21 IWU Lecture

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--A leading authority on child abuse, family violence, and battered women will deliver a public lecture and meet with various classes, when she visits Illinois Wesleyan University April 21-22.

Jacquelyn Campbell, the Anna D. Wolf Endowed Professor at the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing in Baltimore, will speak on "Violence, Women's Rights, and Women's Health" at a 7 p.m. lecture, April 21, in the Main Lounge of IWU's Memorial Student Center. Campbell's address is free and open to the public.

Federal Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala called domestic violence an "unacknowledged epidemic," labeling it "terrorism in the home" at a meeting last month with hundreds of doctors at an American Medical Association Conference in Washington, D.C.

More than 1,700 U.S. women were killed in 1991 by a spouse or someone they knew well--and one in four American women will be assaulted by a domestic partner in her lifetime--according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Campbell's Schedule at Illinois Wesleyan

In addition to her lecture, Campbell will meet with several classes during her IWU visit:

- **April 21, 1:10 p.m., 218 Art Building--** Campbell will meet with students enrolled in two courses, "Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective," taught by Pamela Moro, assistant professor of anthropology, and "Third World Women Writers," taught by Alison Sainsbury, assistant professor of English.

- **April 22, 10 a.m., 202 Shaw Hall--** Campbell will meet with students taking a course, "Abuse in America," taught by Betty Kohul, associate professor of nursing.

- **April 22, 2 p.m., 102 Stevenson Hall--** Campbell will visit with students enrolled in "Nursing and Health Deviations II," a course jointly taught by Kathryn Scherck, assistant professor of nursing, and Eileen Fowles,

assistant professor of nursing. The discussion topic will be "Violence Against Children."

Expert Witness

Campbell frequently appears on television and radio to discuss issues, including venereal disease, children's mental health, and marital rape. She appeared on the nationally syndicated *Sally Jessy Raphael Show* to discuss abuse of pregnant women.

Campbell also regularly shares her expertise with government officials and policy makers in testimony before legislators and others. For example, she has testified before the U.S. Attorney General's Task Force on Family Violence; the Michigan House of Representatives and Senate Judiciary Committees on marital rape exemption legislation; the Pennsylvania House of Representatives spouse abuse hearings; and the National Institutes of Health, Office of Research on Women's Health hearings. Campbell also has served as a consultant to the federal government, public agencies, and professional associations.

Research Interests

Among research topics Campbell has explored are women's responses to battering and rape; birth weight and abuse during pregnancy; interpersonal violence, prevention, and police intervention training programs; health care and family violence; and anxiety, stress, and trauma in Anglo and Hispanic battered women.

Her research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, the Kellogg Foundation, Wayne State University, and others.

Campbell has served on research review panels for the National Institute of Mental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, American Nurses Foundation, and other groups.

Writings, Awards, Honors

Campbell, a prolific writer, has co-authored two books, "Nursing Care of Victims of Family Violence" and "Nursing Care of Survivors of Family Violence." She also has written or co-written chapters in 11 books and has published 26 articles in various professional journals. Campbell also has made numerous presentations at national and international conferences on subjects, spanning homicide of women and patterns of violence against women, to the dynamics of wife assault, crimes against pregnant women, sexual abuse of battered women, and the dynamics of elder abuse.

Campbell has won honors and awards from several groups, including the American Academy of Nursing (1988) and the Kellogg National Leadership Fellowship (1990). In 1984, she won the *American Journal of Nursing* "Book of the Year" for *Nursing Care of Victims of Family Violence*.

Campbell is a member of seven professional societies, including the American Nurses Association, American Public Health Association, and the National Council of Family Relations.

Academic Background

Before joining Johns Hopkins University, she held faculty appointments at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio, for three years, the University of Rochester School of Nursing for two years, and Wayne State University's College of Nursing in Detroit for a dozen years.

Campbell earned a bachelor's degree, Magna Cum Laude, from the Duke University School of Nursing in Durham, N.C., in 1968. She received a master of science degree from the Wright State University School of Nursing in Dayton, Ohio, in 1980, and a doctorate from the University of Rochester School of Nursing in Rochester, N.Y., in 1986.

Domestic Violence

Shalala told the AMA meeting on March 11: "We do know--all of us in this room know--that domestic violence is an unacknowledged epidemic in our country.

"And yet," she added, "we're still shocked when the 'life of the party,' an 'expert in his field,' a 'pillar of the community,' turns out to be a wife-beater."

Shalala announced at the meeting that for the first time the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will try to track domestic violence cases. Additionally, she reported the federal government is setting up a nationwide hotline where people can receive information and referrals.

Shalala also detailed the proposed Violence Against Women Act, federal legislation, which is part of the crime bill pending in Congress. This measure contains tougher penalties for domestic violence.

The Family Preservation and Support Act of 1993 provides \$930 million for prevention of domestic abuse and other programs.

A July, 1991, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Public Health Report observed: "Since the middle 1970s, considerable attention has been given . . . to the social problem of violence in the home. Recent

initiatives of the Surgeon General and the Attorney General's Task Force have identified domestic violence as a serious public health problem."

The 1991 federal study reported: "Wife assault, in particular, represents a major source of injury to women in America . . . Estimates of the proportion of women who have experienced serious physical abuse at least once by their intimate partners range from 15 to 70 percent. A more recent report, using Federal Bureau of Investigation data from 1976 to 1987, found that 34 percent of all female homicide victims older than 15 years were killed by their husbands or intimate partners."

The federal government reports that in 1992, 2.9 million cases of child abuse and neglect were reported, compared to almost 2.7 million in 1991. Of the 1992 reported cases, the federal government said 27 percent involved physical abuse or neglect, 17 percent was attributed to sexual abuse, 45 percent was credited to neglect, 7 percent was emotional maltreatment, and 8 percent of cases involved abandonment.

The number of cases involving child abuse and neglect has doubled since 1986, according to the federal government.

In 1993, 71,539 cases of child abuse or neglect were reported in Illinois, affecting 125,343 youngsters; 44 percent of cases involved abuse, while 56 percent involved neglect.

Editor's Note: Jacquelyn Campbell will be available to meet with the news media at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, April 21, in the Reception Room on the first floor of Presser Hall, 303 E. University St. For more information about this press availability, call: Bob Aaron, IWU Public Relations, 309/556-3181. Campbell's speech, "Violence, Women's Rights, and Women's Health," is open for news media coverage at 7 p.m., Main Lounge, IWU Memorial Student Center, 104 E. University.