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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Assistant Professor Department Mental Health Law & Policy Department of Community & Family Health University of South Florida, Tampa, FL	2010 – Present
Postdoctoral Research Fellow School of Population and Public Health University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada	2008 – 2010
Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow Department of Psychology University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada	2008 – 2010
Junior Research Scientist Forensic Psychiatric Hospital, British Columbia Mental Health & Addiction Services, Coquitlam, Canada	2008 – 2010
Mental Health Screener North Fraser Pretrial Centre, Port Coquitlam, Canada	2005 – 2006

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Ph.D. in Psychology Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada Specialization: Forensic Psychology (Experimental Stream) Supervisor: J. Don Read, Ph.D. Dissertation: <i>Consistency and Credibility of Intimate Partner Abuse Reports: An Examination of Pathological or Generalizable Phenomena</i>	2005 – 2008
M.A. in Psychology Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada Specialization: Forensic Psychology (Experimental Stream) Supervisor: J. Don Read, Ph.D. Thesis: <i>The Effects of Cognitive Busyness and Question Wording: Responses to an Intimate Partner Abuse Vignette</i>	2003 – 2005
B.A. in Psychology (Honors with Distinction) University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada Honors Supervisor: A. Dan Yarmey, Ph.D. Thesis: <i>The Nature of Perceptions of Deception in Eyewitness Testimony</i>	1999 – 2003

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Institute of Gender and Health Travel Award (\$1,000) Canadian Institutes for Health Research	2009
Celebrate Research Week Honoree University of British Columbia	2009
Post Doctoral Research Trainee Award (\$124,000) Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research	2008 – 2010
Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$81,000) Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada	2008 – 2010
Postdoctoral Research Trainee Award (\$76,500) Interdisciplinary Women's Reproductive Health Training Program (funded by the Child & Family Research Institute and the Canadian Institutes for Health Research)	2008 – 2010
Postdoctoral Prize (\$10,000) Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada	2008
Alice Wilson Award (\$1,000) Royal Society of Canada: The Academies of Arts, Humanities and Sciences of Canada	2008
Travel Award (\$3,000) The Consortium for Applied Research and Evaluation in Mental Health (funded by the Canadian Institutes for Health Research)	2008
Student Travel Award (\$250 US) American Psychology-Law Society	2008
President's Ph.D. Research Stipend (\$6,000) Simon Fraser University	2007
Graduate Student Travel Award (\$700) Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada	2006
Student Research Abstract Award Winner (\$500) Mental Health Research Showcase	2006
Best Young Scholar Award (€350) International Association for Forensic Mental Health Services	2006
Travel Award (\$500) The Consortium for Applied Research and Evaluation in Mental Health	2006
Student Travel Award (\$250 US) American Psychology-Law Society	2006
Travel Bursary (\$1,500) British Columbia Mental Health and Addictions Research Network	2006
Canada Graduate Scholarship Program Doctoral Scholarship (\$105,000) Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada	2005 – 2008
Graduate Fellowship (\$6,000) Simon Fraser University	2005
Student Travel Award(\$60 US) American Psychology-Law Society	2005

Graduate Student Travel Award (\$700) Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada	2005
Graduate Fellowship (\$6,000) Simon Fraser University	2004
Student Travel Award (\$125 US) American Psychology-Law Society	2004
Canada Graduate Scholarship Program Master's Scholarship (\$17,500) Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada	2003 – 2004
Special Graduate Entrance Scholarship (\$2,000) Simon Fraser University	2003
Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$17,500) Note. I declined because I chose to pursue graduate school out of province.	2003 – 2004
Wilma Hollywood Award (\$200) University of Guelph	2001
Dean's Scholarship (\$1,000) University of Guelph	2001
Dean's Scholarship (\$1,000) University of Guelph	2000
Board of Governors Entrance Scholarship (\$8,000) University of Guelph	1999 – 2003

RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Interests

mental illness, violence & offending; family violence; mental health & addictions; jury knowledge & decision-making; trauma & memory; research methods

Funded Grants

Metropolis British Columbia (\$13,793) Project Title: <i>Assessment for intimate partner violence in the perinatal period: When, where, and what next?</i> Role: Co-Investigator Principal Investigator: Dr. Patricia A. Janssen	2009 - 2010
Canadian Institutes of Health Research (\$372,069) Project Title: <i>Doing Time: A Time for Incarcerated Women to Develop a Health Strategy</i> Role: Co-Investigator Principal Investigators: Drs. Ruth E. Martin & Patricia A. Janssen	2008 - 2011

Completed Grants

National Network for Aboriginal Mental Health Research (\$5,000) Project Title: <i>Aboriginal Health Outside of the Gates</i> Role: Co-Investigator Co-Principal Investigators: Lora (Koala) Kwandibens and Amber Christie	2009 - 2010
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- British Columbia Mental Health and Addictions Research Network (\$7,500) 2008 - 2010
 Project Title: *Perinatal Mental Health Outcomes: The Impact of Abuse*
 Role: Co-Principal Investigator
 Principal Investigator: Dr. Patricia A. Janssen
- The Consortium for Applied Research and Evaluation in Mental Health (\$10,750) 2008 - 2009
 Project Title: *Partner Violence Intervention during Pregnancy: Efficacy in Improving Maternal Mental Health Outcomes*
 Role: Co-Investigator
 Principal Investigator: Dr. Patricia A. Janssen
- American Psychology-Law Society Student Grant-in-Aid (\$750) 2008
 Project Title: *Evaluating the Credibility of Intimate Partner Abuse Reports: The Role of Consistency and Social Categorization*
 Role: Principal Investigator
 Co-Investigator: Dr. J. Don Read
- The Consortium for Applied Research and Evaluation in Mental Health (\$9,260) 2007- 2008
 Project Title: *Patients' Perceptions of their own Risk and Protective Factors: Transforming Insight into Treatment Advancements*
 Role: Principal Investigator
 Co-Investigator: Dr. Tonia L. Nicholls
- American Psychology-Law Society Student Grant-in-Aid (\$500) 2007
 Project Title: *Consistency of Intimate Partner Abuse Reports: Evidence For or Against Unique Memory Mechanisms*
 Role: Principal Investigator
 Co-Investigator: Dr. J. Don Read
- British Columbia Forensic Psychiatric Services Commission Research Grant (\$5,000) 2005 - 2006
 Project Title: *Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START): Comparison between In Vivo and File-Based Risk Assessments of Forensic Psychiatric Patients*
 Role: Co-Investigator
 Co-Investigators: Drs. Tonia L. Nicholls (PI) & Johann Brink
- American Psychology-Law Society Student Grant-in-Aid (\$250) 2005 - 2006
 Project Title: *A Preliminary Investigation of Media Portrayals and Juror Knowledge*
 Role: Principal Investigator
 Co-Investigators: Drs. Heather L. Price & J. Don Read

Funded Contracts

- Mental Health Commission of Canada (\$100,000) 2009-2010
 Project Title: *Interactions between Police and People Living with Severe Mental Illness*
 Role: Co-Investigator & Project Co-Lead
 Principal Investigator: Dr. Johann Brink

Research Positions

- Research Contractor 2007 – 2008
 Child Development Institute, Toronto, Canada
 Supervisor: Dr. L. K. Augimeri

Project Manager Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, Canada Supervisor: Dr. K. S. Douglas	2006 – 2008
Research Assistant Forensic Psychiatric Hospital, Coquitlam, Canada Supervisors: Drs. T. L. Nicholls, Ph.D. & J. Brink	2005 – 2008
Research Contractor St. Joseph’s Healthcare Forensic Service, Hamilton, Canada Supervisor: Dr. S. Hucker	2005 – 2007
Research Assistant University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada Supervisor: Dr. D. Dutton	2005 – 2006
Research Assistant Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, Canada Supervisor: Dr. J. Don Read	2004 – 2005
Research Assistant British Columbia Institute against Family Violence, Vancouver, Canada Supervisor: Dr. T. L. Nicholls	2003 – 2004
Research Analyst Canadian Value Investor, Oakville, Canada Supervisor: D. Deliyankis, C.M.A.	2003
Research Assistant University of Guelph, Guelph, Canada Supervisor: Dr. A. D. Yarmey	2002 – 2003
Research Assistant Human Factors Department, Transportation Safety Board, Hull, Canada Supervisor: E. McCullough, M.A.	2001

Published Refereed Papers

- Desmarais, S. L., Nicholls, T. L., Read, J. D., & Brink, J. (2010).** Confidence and accuracy in assessments of short-term risks presented by forensic psychiatric patients. *Journal of Forensic Psychiatry and Psychology, 21*, 1-22.
- Desmarais, S. L. (2009).** Examining report content and social categorization to understand consistency effects on credibility. *Law and Human Behavior, 33*, 470-480.
- Hamel, J., **Desmarais, S. L., Nicholls, T. L., Malley-Morrison, K., & Aronson, J. (2009).** Domestic violence and child custody: Are family court professionals’ decisions based on erroneous beliefs? *Journal of Aggression, Conflict and Peace Research, 1*, 37-52.
- Muller, H. J., **Desmarais, S. L., & Hamel, J. (2009).** Do judicial responses to restraining order requests discriminate against male victims of domestic violence? *Journal of Family Violence, 8*, 625-637.
- Read, J. D., & **Desmarais, S. L. (2009).** Lay knowledge of eyewitness issues: A Canadian evaluation. *Applied Cognitive Psychology, 32*, 301-326.

- von Franqué, F., **Desmarais**, S. L., Nicholls, T. L., & Müller-Isberner, R. (2009). Kausalitätsmodelle des Zusammenhangs von Gewalt, Viktimisierung und Selbsttötungsverhalten sowie relevante Risikofaktoren aus der Sicht forensischer Patienten [translated: Causality models of association between violence, victimization and suicide-related behavior as well as relevant risk factors from patients' perception]. *Monatsschrift für Kriminologie und Strafrechtsreform*, *92*, 471-479.
- Desmarais**, S. L., Price, H. L., & Read, J. D. (2008). "Objection, Your Honor! Television is not the relevant authority." Crime drama portrayals of eyewitness issues. *Psychology, Crime & Law*, *14*, 225-243.
- Desmarais**, S. L., Hucker, S., Brink, J., & De Freitas, K. (2008). A Canadian example of insanity defence reform: Accused found not criminally responsible before and after the *Winko* decision. *International Journal of Forensic Mental Health*, *7*, 1-14.
- Desmarais**, S. L., & Reeves, K. A. (2007). Gray, black, & blue: The state of research and intervention for intimate partner abuse among elders. *Behavioral Sciences & the Law*, *25*, 377-391.
- Hamel, J., **Desmarais**, S. L., & Nicholls, T. L. (2007). Perceptions of motives in intimate partner violence: Expressive versus coercive violence. *Violence and Victims*, *22*, 561-574.
- Reeves, K. A., **Desmarais**, S. L., Nicholls, T. L., & Douglas, K. S. (2007). Intimate partner abuse of older men: Considerations for the assessment of risk. *Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect*, *19*, 7-27.
- Nicholls, T. L., Brink, J., **Desmarais**, S. L., Webster, C. D., & Martin, M.-L. (2006). The Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START): A prospective validation study in a forensic psychiatric sample. *Assessment*, *13*, 313-327.
- Webster, C. D., Nicholls, T. L., Martin, M. L., **Desmarais**, S. L., & Brink, J. (2006). Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START): The case for a new violence risk structured professional judgment scheme. *Behavioral Sciences & the Law*, *24*, 747-766.
- Desmarais**, S., & Yarmey, A. D. (2004). Judgements of deception and accuracy of performance in eyewitness testimony. *Canadian Journal of Police and Security Services*, *2*, 13-22.

Accepted or In Press Refereed Papers

- Desmarais**, S. L., & Read, J. D. (in press). After 30 years, what do we know about what jurors know? A meta-analytic review of lay knowledge of eyewitness factors. *Law and Human Behavior*.

Submitted Refereed Papers

- Austin, B., Price, H. L., & **Desmarais**, S. L. *Juror biases in the television age: The influence of expert and fiction media on perceptions of child witnesses*.
- Desmarais**, S. L. *Consistency of autobiographical memory: Comparing reports of emotional and everyday events within and between victim and non-victim samples*.
- Desmarais**, S. L. *Reporting partner abuse for research purposes: Evidence against a revictimization hypothesis*.
- Desmarais**, S. L., Collins, M., Nicholls, T. L., & Brink, J. *Perceptions of the Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START) as implemented in forensic psychiatric practice*.
- Wilson, C. M., **Desmarais**, S. L., Nicholls, T. L., & Brink, J. *The role of client strengths in assessments of short-term violence risk*.

Published Books & Professional Manuals

- Webster, C. D., Martin, M. L., Brink, J., Nicholls, T. L., & **Desmarais**, S. L. (2009). *Manual for the Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START)* (Version 1.1). Coquitlam, Canada: British Columbia Mental Health & Addiction Services.

Desmarais, S. L., Webster, C. D., Martin, M. L., Dassinger, C., Brink, J., & Nicholls, T. L. (2007). *Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START): Instructors' guide and workbook (Version 2)*. Coquitlam, Canada: Forensic Psychiatric Services Commission.

Published Book Chapters

- Desmarais, S. L. (2009).** START research summary. In C. D. Webster, M.-L. Martin, J. Brink, T. L. Nicholls, & S. L. Desmarais, *Manual for the Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START) (Version 1.1)* (pp. 89-104). Coquitlam, Canada: British Columbia Mental Health & Addiction Services.
- Desmarais, S. L., Gibas, A., & Nicholls, T. L. (2009).** Beyond violence against women: Gender-inclusiveness in domestic violence research, policy, and practice. In C. F. Ferguson (Ed.), *Violent crime: Clinical and social implications* (pp. 184-206). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Read, J. D., & **Desmarais, S. L. (2009).** Expert psychology testimony on eyewitness identification: A matter of common sense? In B. L. Cutler (Ed.), *Expert testimony on the psychology of eyewitness identification* (pp. 115-141). New York: Oxford University Press.
- Read, J. D., & **Desmarais, S. L. (2008).** Lay knowledge of eyewitness testimony research and factors. In B. L. Cutler & P. A. Zapf (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of psychology and law* (pp. 299-303). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Reeves, K. A., **Desmarais, S. L., Nicholls, T. L., & Douglas, K. S. (2008).** Intimate partner abuse of older men: Considerations for the assessment of risk. In J. I. Kosberg (Ed.), *Abuse of older men* (pp. 7-27). Binghamton, NY: Haworth Press.
- Nicholls, T. L., **Desmarais, S. L., Douglas, K. S., & Kropp, P. R. (2007).** Assessment of high risk perpetrators of intimate partner abuse. In J. Hamel & T. L. Nicholls (Eds.), *Family therapy for domestic violence: A practitioner's guide to gender-inclusive research and treatment* (pp. 275-301). London: Springer.
- Nicholls, T. L., Brink, J., **Desmarais, S. L., Webster, C. D., & Martin, M.-L. (2007).** The Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START): A prospective validation study in a forensic psychiatric sample. In H. Bloom, & C. D. Webster (Eds.), *Essential writings in violence risk assessment and management* (pp. 245-267). Toronto, Canada: Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.
- Nonstad, K., Kroppan, E., **Desmarais, S. L., Webster, C. D., & Martin, M.-L. (2007).** How to conduct a START multidisciplinary team assessment: A step-by-step guide. In S. L. Desmarais, C. D. Webster, M.-L. Martin, C. Dassinger, J. Brink, & T. L. Nicholls, *Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START): Instructors' guide and workbook (Version 2)* (pp. 18-19). Coquitlam, Canada: Forensic Psychiatric Services Commission.

Accepted or In Press Book Chapters

Desmarais, S. L., & Dutton, D. G. (in press). Domestic violence: An overview for mental health practitioners. Under contract to appear in H. Bloom & R. Schneider (Eds.), *A comprehensive and practical approach to mental disorder and the law*. Toronto, Canada: Irwin Law & Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.

Peer-Reviewed Presentations

- Desmarais, S. L., Janssen, P., Chilton, M., Pritchard, A., & Isaacson, J. (2010, Aug).** *The impact of abuse on postpartum mental health*. Paper accepted for presentation at the American Psychological Association Convention, San Diego, CA.
- Cruise, K., Nicholls, T. L., Viljoen, J., **Desmarais, S. L., & Petersen, K. (2010, May).** Adapting the Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START) for adolescent populations. In T. L. Nicholls (Chair), *START: An update on research, implementation evaluations, and future directions*. Symposium accepted for presentation at the meetings of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, Vancouver, Canada.

- Desmarais, S. L.** (Chair). (2010, May). *From doing time to doing research: A community-based participatory study of community re-integration among formerly incarcerated women*. Symposium accepted for presentation at the meetings of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, Vancouver, Canada.
- Wilson, C., Nicholls, T. L., **Desmarais, S. L.**, & Brink, J. (2010, May). Assessing inpatient aggression across different follow-up periods using the START. In T. L. Nicholls (Chair), *START: An update on research, implementation evaluations, and future directions*. Symposium accepted for presentation at the meetings of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, Vancouver, Canada.
- Desmarais, S. L.**, Price, H. L., & Austin, B. (2010, Mar). *Impact of television viewing on perceptions of child witnesses*. Paper presented at the meetings of the American Psychology-Law Society, Vancouver, Canada.
- Desmarais, S. L.**, Wilson, C. M., Nicholls, T. L., & Brink, J. (2010, Mar) *Reliability and validity of the Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START) in predicting inpatient aggression*. Paper presented at the meetings of the American Psychology-Law Society, Vancouver, Canada.
- McNulty, S., & **Desmarais, S. L.** (2010, Mar). *The importance of structured risk assessment in psychiatric nursing practice: the START (Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability)*. Paper presented at the 5th World Congress for Psychiatric Nurses, Vancouver, Canada.
- Petersen, K. L., Nicholls, T. L., **Desmarais, S. L.**, Wilson, C. M., Gagnon, N., Brink, J., et al. (2010, Mar). *Convergent and divergent validity of the START with the PCL:SV and HCR-20: Forensic and civil patients*. Paper presented at the meetings of the American Psychology-Law Society, Vancouver, Canada.
- Desmarais, S. L.**, Livingston, J. D., Brink, J., Greaves, C., Michalak, E., Maxwell, V., et al. (2009, Nov-Dec). *When people living with severe mental illness interact with the police*. Poster presented at the Into the Light: Transforming Mental Health in Canada conference, Vancouver, Canada.
- Desmarais, S. L.**, McMillan, J., Buxton, J., Granger-Brown, A., Korchinski, M., Janssen, P., et al. (2009, Jun). *The importance of mental health and addictions in incarcerated women's post-release trajectories: Findings from a participatory action research project*. Paper presented at the meetings of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, Edinburgh, UK.
- Desmarais, S. L.**, Nicholls, T. L., von Franqué, F., Reeves, K. A., & Marks, D. (2009, Jun). *Patients' perceptions of risk and protective factors: Transforming insight into treatment advances*. Paper presented at the meetings of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, Edinburgh, UK.
- Nicholls, T. L., **Desmarais, S. L.**, & Brink, J. (2009, Jun). The START across the continuum of care: The implementation in a forensic psychiatric service. In T. L. Nicholls (Chair), *Implementation and evaluation of START in civil and forensic psychiatric services*. Symposium presented at the meetings of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, Edinburgh, UK.
- Shah, M., Brink, J., Nicholls, T. L., **Desmarais, S. L.**, & Viljoen, J. (2009, Jun). *Risk assessment in youth*. Poster presented at the Department of Psychiatry University of British Columbia 24th Annual Research Day, Vancouver, Canada.
- Murphy, K., Korchinski, M., Martin, R. E., Janssen, P., **Desmarais, S. L.**, Espinoza-Magana, N., et al. (2009, May). *Doing Time: A time for incarcerated women to develop a health action strategy*. Poster presented at the Women's Health Research Network Summer Institute, Kelowna, Canada.
- Desmarais, S. L.**, Nicholls, T. L., & Brink, J. (2009, Apr). *The Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START): Implementation status and research update*. Poster presented at the 6th Annual Forensic Psychiatric Conference, Vancouver, Canada.
- Wilson, C. M., **Desmarais, S. L.**, Nicholls, T. L., & Brink, J. (2009, Apr). *An investigation of short-term assessment of violence risk using the START, HCR-20, and VSC*. Poster presented at the 6th Annual Forensic Psychiatric Conference, Vancouver, Canada.

- Desmarais, S. L., Janssen, P., Bartel, A., & Mackay, K.** (2009, Mar). *Emergency department visits by victims of partner violence in Vancouver*. Poster presented at the Population Data BC conference, Vancouver, Canada.
- Desmarais, S. L., & Maughan, K. A.** (2009, Mar). *She was only defending herself? Gendered depictions of partner violence in the media*. Poster presented at the meetings of the American Psychology-Law Society, San Antonio, TX.
- Desmarais, S. L., & Read, J. D.** (2009, Mar). *Juror knowledge of eyewitness issues: A synthesis of 30 years of surveys*. Paper presented at the meetings of the American Psychology-Law Society, San Antonio, TX.
- Nicholls, T. L., **Desmarais, S. L., Petersen, K. L., & Brink, J.** (2009, Mar). *Contextualizing risk: Dynamic risk and protective factors in practice*. Paper presented at the meetings of the American Psychology-Law Society, San Antonio, TX.
- Wilson, C. M., **Desmarais, S. L., Nicholls, T. L., Hart, S. D., & Brink, J.** (2009, Mar). *The short-term assessment of dynamic risk*. Paper presented at the meetings of the American Psychology-Law Society, San Antonio, TX.
- Murphy, K., Korchinski, M., Martin, R. E., Janssen, P., **Desmarais, S. L., Espinoza-Magana, N., et al.** (2008, Dec). *Doing Time: A time for incarcerated women to develop a health action strategy*. Poster presented at the Canadian Collaborative Prison-Academic-Community Health and Education Conference, Vancouver, Canada.
- Desmarais, S. L., Nicholls, T. L., Petersen, K. L., & Brink, J.** (2008, Nov). *Evaluating START on the frontline: Implementation as a research opportunity*. Poster presented at the Mental Health Research Showcase, Banff, Canada.
- Wilson, C. M., **Desmarais, S. L., Nicholls, T. L., & Brink, J.** (2008, Nov). *The investigation of two structured professional judgment guides: The START and the HCR-20*. Poster presented at the Mental Health Research Showcase, Banff, Canada.
- Nicholls, T. L., Brink, J., **Desmarais, S. L., & Collins, M.** (2008, Sep). *Using structured professional judgment to enhance patient safety: The Short-Term Assessment of Risk & Treatability (START)*. Poster presented at the Ontario Hospital Association's Mental Health and Patient Safety conference, Toronto, Canada.
- Desmarais, S. L.** (2008, Jul). *Intimate partner abuse victims' disclosure experiences: Does gender matter?* Paper presented at the International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference, Portsmouth, NH.
- Hamel, J., & **Desmarais, S. L.** (2008, Jul). *DV and child custody: Are decisions based on erroneous beliefs?* Paper presented at the International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference, Portsmouth, NH.
- Brink, J., Hediger, M., Nicholls, T. L., & **Desmarais, S. L.** (2008, Jul). Keeping pace with technological advances and electronic health records: Introducing the E-START. In T. L. Nicholls (Chair), *The START in practice: Implementation and evaluation of START in three forensic psychiatric services*. Symposium presented at the meetings of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, Austria, Vienna.
- Collins, M. J., **Desmarais, S. L., Nicholls, T. L., & Brink, J.** (2008, Jul). *The Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START): Evaluating perceived utility and user satisfaction in clinical practice*. Poster presented at the meetings of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, Austria, Vienna.
- Desmarais, S. L., Nicholls, T. L., & Brink, J.** (2008, Jul). Dimensions associated with assessments of strengths and vulnerabilities in forensic psychiatric patients: Exploring the factor structure of START. In C. de Ruiter (Chair), *Protective factors in forensic mental health*. Symposium presented at the meetings of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, Austria, Vienna.
- Desmarais, S. L., Nicholls, T. L., & Brink, J.** (2008, Jul). Psychometric properties of the START in practice: Increasing the ecological validity of risk assessment research. In T. L. Nicholls (Chair), *The START in practice: Implementation and evaluation of START in three forensic psychiatric services*. Symposium presented at the meetings of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, Austria, Vienna.

- von Franqué, F., **Desmarais**, S. L., Nicholls, T. L., & Müller-Isberner, R. (2008, Jul). Patients' model of association and their perceptions of risk and protective factors. In K. S. Douglas (Chair), *Toward understanding and reducing the risk of violence, victimization, and suicide-related behavior in people with mental illness*. Symposium presented at the meetings of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, Austria, Vienna.
- Collins, M., Wardrop, A., **Desmarais**, S. L., Brink, J., Nicholls, T. L., & Furlong, A. (2008, Apr). *Implementing evidence-based risk assessment and risk management: Integrating START into forensic clinical practice*. Poster presented at the 5th Annual Forensic Psychiatry conference, Vancouver, Canada.
- Desmarais**, S. L. (2008, Mar). *Consistency of intimate partner abuse reports over time: The inferiority and superiority of traumatic memory*. Paper presented at the meetings of the American Psychology-Law Society, Jacksonville, FL.
- Desmarais**, S. L. (2008, Mar). *Are intimate partner abuse allegations received with scepticism? Exploring a process understanding of credibility evaluations*. Paper presented at the meetings of the American Psychology-Law Society, Jacksonville, FL.
- Wardrop, A., **Desmarais**, S. L., Brink, J., Nicholls, T. L., & Furlong, A. (2007, Nov). *Implementing evidence-based risk assessment and management: Integrating START into forensic clinical practice*. Poster presented at the Mental Health Research Showcase, Banff, Canada.
- Martin, M-L., Webster, C., Nicholls, T. L., Brink, J., & **Desmarais**, S. L. (2007, Sep). *Getting a START on risk assessment and management*. Paper presented at the 10th Biennial International Custody and Caring Conference, Saskatoon, Canada.
- Desmarais**, S. L., Read, J. D., & Simcoe, R. (2007, Jul). *Great expectations: Over and underestimation of prior knowledge of forensic psychological topics*. Paper presented at the meetings of the Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition, Lewiston, ME.
- Desmarais**, S. L., & Brink, J. (2007, Jun). Double trouble: Co-occurring disorders in forensic psychiatric patients. In K. S. Douglas (Chair), *Risk reduction in mental health: Toward an integrated understanding of risk for harm to others, harm to self, and victimization*. Symposium presented at the meetings of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, Montreal, Canada.
- Desmarais**, S. L., Hamel, J., & Nicholls, T. L. (2007, Jun). *Gender and professional biases in perceptions of intimate partner violence motives: Implications for the delivery of mental health services*. Paper presented at the meetings of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, Montreal, Canada.
- Desmarais**, S. L., Nicholls, T. L., & Brink, J. (2007, Jun). User satisfaction and predictive validity of file-based short-term assessments of risks: Comparisons with treatment team assessments. Paper presented at the meetings of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, Montreal, Canada.
- Desmarais**, S. L., Read, J. D., & Boydell, C. A. (2007, Jun). *The disbelieved victim: Stigmatization and stereotyping of vulnerable and at-risk populations*. Poster presented at the meetings of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, Montreal, Canada.
- Douglas, K. S., **Desmarais**, S. L., Collins, M., & Skeem, J. (2007, Jun). Common and unique risks for violence, victimization, and suicide attempts. In K. S. Douglas (Chair), *Risk reduction in mental health: Toward an integrated understanding of risk for harm to others, harm to self, and victimization*. Symposium presented at the meetings of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, Montreal, Canada.
- Desmarais**, S. L., Nicholls, T. L., & Brink, J. (2007, Mar). *Coding short-term assessments of risk based on file review: Practical implications*. Poster presented at the 4th Annual Forensic Psychiatry Conference, Victoria, Canada.
- Desmarais**, S. L., Nicholls, T. L., & Brink, J. (2006, Nov). *A comparison of file-based and interview-informed assessments of strengths and risks in forensic psychiatric patients*. Paper presented at the meetings of the Canadian Psychiatric Association, Toronto, Canada.

- Desmarais, S. L., Nicholls, T. L., & Brink, J.** (2006, Oct). *Coding short-term assessments of risk based on file review: Practical implications*. Poster presented at the Mental Health Research Showcase, Banff, Canada.
- Desmarais, S. L., Nicholls, T. L., Brink, J., & Read, J. D.** (2006, Oct). *Confidence and accuracy in short-term assessments of risk: Implication for implementation and training*. Paper presented at the Mental Health Research Showcase, Banff, Canada.
- Harabalja, D., Brink, J., Nicholls, T. L., & **Desmarais, S. L.** (2006, Oct). *The Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability: Implementation of a new risk assessment instrument*. Poster presented at the Mental Health Research Showcase, Banff, Canada.
- Desmarais, S. L., Nicholls, T. L., Brink, J., & Read, J. D.** (2006, Jun). The association between confidence and accuracy in short-term assessments of risk in a Canadian sample of forensic psychiatric patients. In C. Webster (Chair), *Starting START; Overcoming implementation barriers and establishing clinical and research networks*. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- Desmarais, S. L., & Read, J. D.** (2006, May). *Actual and perceived change in undergraduate knowledge of eyewitness issues: Evidence for the effectiveness of expert testimony?* Paper presented at the NorthWest Cognition and Memory conference, Vancouver, Canada.
- Desmarais, S. L., Brink, J., Tijerino, A., & Hucker, S.** (2006, Apr). *Mentally ill offenders across Canada: A comparison of individuals found not criminally responsible and unfit to stand trial in British Columbia, Ontario, and Quebec*. Poster presented at the 3rd Annual Forensic Psychiatry Conference, Vancouver, Canada.
- Desmarais, S. L., Klein, C., Nicholls, T. L., Read, J. D., & Koch, W. J.** (2006, Mar). *Battered women, battered thinking? Variables associated with cognitive distortions in women abused by intimate partners*. Poster presented at the meetings of the American Psychology-Law Society, St. Petersburg, FL.
- Desmarais, S. L., Price, H. L., & Read, J. D.** (2006, Mar). *Who is educating the jurors: The experts or the media? Part II*. Paper presented at the meetings of the American Psychology-Law Society, St. Petersburg, FL.
- Nicholls, T. L., **Desmarais, S. L., & Brink, J.** (2006, Mar). *A START towards comprehensive care: Violence, self-harm, and other overlapping risks in forensic psychiatric patients* Paper presented at the meetings of the American Psychology-Law Society, St. Petersburg, FL.
- Desmarais, S. L., Nicholls, T. L., Brink, J. H., & Livingston, J.** (2005, Nov). *Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START): Validation of a new structured professional judgment guide*. Poster presented at the Mental Health Research Showcase, Banff, Canada.
- Nicholls, T. L., Brink, J., & **Desmarais, S. L.** (2005, Nov). *Challenges around every corner: Overlapping risks and needs in forensic psychiatric patients*. Poster presented at the Mental Health Research Showcase, Banff, Canada.
- Desmarais, S. L., Nicholls, T. L., & Koch, W. J.** (2005, Nov). *Women abused by intimate partners: Prevalence of female-perpetrated aggression and psychiatric symptoms*. Paper presented at the meetings of the Canadian Psychiatric Association, Vancouver, Canada.
- Desmarais, S. L., & Read, J. D.** (2005, Jun). *Mental health and the justice system: Community perceptions of the NCRMD defence*. Poster presented at the meetings of the Canadian Psychological Association, Montreal, Canada.
- Desmarais, S. L., Read, J. D., Rojas, E., & Vander Veen, S.** (2005, Jun). *Juror knowledge of memory processes in forensic contexts: Which topics require expert opinion evidence?* Paper presented at the meetings of the Canadian Psychological Association, Montreal, Canada.
- Desmarais, S. L., & Read, J. D.** (2005, May). *Effects of question wording and cognitive load on decisions to leave an abusive relationship*. Paper presented at the NorthWest Cognition and Memory conference, Bellingham, WA.

- Desmarais, S. L., & Read, J. D.** (2005, Mar). *Effects of cognitive busyness and question wording: Responses to an intimate partner abuse scenario*. Poster presented at the meetings of the American Psychology-Law Society, La Jolla, CA.
- Read, J. D., **Desmarais, S. L.**, Rojas, E., & Vander Veen, S. (2005, Mar). *Beyond scepticism: Juror knowledge and expert testimony on eyewitness issues*. Paper presented at the meetings of the American Psychology-Law Society, La Jolla, CA.
- Nicholls, T. L., **Desmarais, S. L.**, Koch, W. J., & Kropp, P. R. (2004, Jun). *Obstacles to ending an abusive intimate relationship*. Poster presented at the meetings of the Canadian Psychological Association, St. John's, Canada.
- Desmarais, S. L.**, Gordon, H. M., Connolly, D. A., & Read, J. D. (2004, Mar). *Disclosure in historical childhood sexual abuse cases: Predictors of length of delay*. Poster presented at the meetings of the American Psychology-Law Society, Scottsdale, AZ.

Invited Presentations

- Desmarais, S. L., & Janssen, P. A.** (2010, Jan). *The Perinatal Mental Health Study*. Presented at the Multidisciplinary Obstetrical Rounds at BC Women's Hospital and Health Centre, Vancouver, Canada.
- Desmarais, S. L.** (2009, Apr). *Getting a START on assessing risk for violent behaviours: A population health initiative*. Grand Rounds presented at the School of Population and Public Health, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.
- Desmarais, S. L.** (2008, Oct/Nov). *START research update: Data from local, national, and international implementations*. Presentations at the Forensic Psychiatric Services Commission's Case Management Forum, Coquitlam, Canada.
- Desmarais, S. L.** (2008, Oct). *START research update: Data from local, national, and international implementations*. Presentation at the Forensic Psychiatric Services Commission's Physician Education Day, Vancouver, Canada.
- Martin, R. E., Janssen, P., Murphy, K., Korchinski, M., **Desmarais, S. L.**, & Espinoza-Magana, N. (2008, Sept). *Doing Time*. Presentation at Alouette Addictions Services Society, Maple Ridge, Canada.
- Janssen, P., & **Desmarais, S.** (2008, Sept). *Women's satisfaction with early labour care: Measurement and evaluation*. Mother and Infant Research Unit, University of York, York, UK.
- Desmarais, S. L.** (2008, May). *Risk assessment: An introduction to existing technology*. Presentation to the Women Into Healing, British Columbia Women's Hospital, Vancouver, Canada.
- Desmarais, S. L.** (2008, Feb). Female perpetrators: Perceptions, biases, & implications. In T. L. Nicholls & S. L. **Desmarais**, *Female perpetrators: The latest research*. Breakout session at the National Family Violence Legislative Resource Center's Domestic Violence Conference, Sacramento, CA.
- Desmarais, S. L.**, Nicholls, T. L., Brink, J., & Livingston, J. (2006, Oct). *Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START): Validation of a new structured professional judgment guide*. Poster presented at the Accreditation Expo, Riverview Hospital and Forensic Psychiatric Hospital, Coquitlam, Canada.
- Desmarais, S. L.**, Nicholls, T. L., Brink, J., & Livingston, J. (2006, Oct). *Coding short-term assessments of risk based on file review: Practical implications*. Poster presented at the Accreditation Expo, Riverview Hospital and Forensic Psychiatric Hospital, Coquitlam, Canada.
- Harabalja, D., Brink, J., Nicholls, T. L., & **Desmarais, S. L.** (2006, Oct). *The Short-term Assessment of Risk and Treatability: Implementation of a new risk assessment instrument*. Poster presented at the Accreditation Expo, Riverview Hospital and Forensic Psychiatric Hospital, Coquitlam, Canada.
- Nicholls, T. L., Brink, J., & **Desmarais, S. L.** (2006, Oct). *Challenges around every corner: Overlapping risk and needs in forensic psychiatric patients*. Paper presented at the Accreditation Expo, Riverview Hospital and Forensic Psychiatric Hospital, Coquitlam, Canada.

- Desmarais, S. L., Nicholls, T. L., & Koch, W. J.** (2006, Feb). *Abusive intimate relationships: Prevalence of female-perpetrated aggression and psychiatric symptomatology*. Paper presented at the Mental Health, Law and Policy Institute, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, Canada.
- Desmarais, S. L., Nicholls, T. L., Brink, J., & Livingston, J. D.** (2006, Jan). Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START): Validation of a new structured professional judgement guide. Grand Rounds presented at the Forensic Psychiatric Hospital, Coquitlam, Canada.
- Nicholls, T. L., Brink, J., & **Desmarais, S. L.** (2006, Jan). Challenges around every corner: Overlapping risks and needs in forensic psychiatric patients. Grand Rounds presented at the Forensic Psychiatric Hospital, Coquitlam, Canada.
- Hucker, S., & **Desmarais, S. L.** (2005, Nov). *Multi-site follow-up study of mentally disordered accused: An examination of individuals found Not Criminally Responsible*. Keynote presentation at the Mental Health Research Showcase, Banff, Canada.

Published Abstracts

- Webster, C., **Desmarais, S. L.**, Nonstad, K., Lough, R., Jenkins, T., & Haque, Q. (2006). Starting START; Overcoming implementation barriers and establishing clinical and research networks. *6th Annual International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services Conference Book of Abstracts*, 90.
- Desmarais, S. L., Nicholls, T. L., & Koch, W.** (2005). Women abused by intimate partners: Prevalence of female-perpetrated aggression and psychiatric symptoms. *55th Annual Canadian Psychiatric Association Conference Book of Abstracts*, 78.
- Desmarais, S. L., & Read, J. D.** (2005). Mental health and the justice system: Community perceptions of the NCRMD defence. *Canadian Psychology*, *46*, 152.
- Read, J. D., **Desmarais, S. L.**, Rojas, E., & Vander Veen, S. (2005). Juror knowledge of memory processes in forensic contexts: Which topics require expert opinion evidence? *Canadian Psychology*, *46*, 292.
- Nicholls, T. L., **Desmarais, S. L.**, Koch, W. J., & Kropp, P. R. (2004). Obstacles to ending abusive relationships. *Canadian Psychology*, *44*, 101.

Research Reports or Reports Produced for the Government

- Desmarais, S. L., & Hucker, S.** (2005, June). *Multi-site follow-up study of mentally disordered accused: An examination of individuals found Not Criminally Responsible and Unfit to Stand Trial*. Report for the Research and Statistics Division of the Department of Justice, Ottawa, Canada.
- Nicholls, T. L., Koch, W. J., **Desmarais, S. L.**, & Kropp, P. R. (2005, January). *Women's health and decision-making in abusive relationships: A study to prevent violence against women*. Report for the Lions Gate Healthcare Research Foundation, North Vancouver, Canada.

Ad Hoc Journal Reviewer

Archives of Women's Mental Health	2008 – Present
Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology	2010 – Present
Journal of Interpersonal Violence	2009 – Present
Law and Human Behavior	2006 – Present

Conference Reviewer

American Psychological Association	2005 – Present
American Psychology-Law Society	2004 – Present

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Interests

Introduction to Forensic Psychology; Special Topics in Forensic Psychology; Violence Prevention; Mental Health & Addictions; Research Methods; Test Development & Validation

Courses Taught

- Introduction to Forensic Psychology (PSYC 331) 2009
 University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
 Overview, lecture-based course on the application of psychological science to legal contexts.
- Health Promotion through Violence Prevention (SPPH 580E) 2009
 University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
 Seminar course examining violence across the lifespan.
- Forensic Psychology (PSYC 430) 2008 – 2009
 University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
 Overview, lecture-based course on the application of psychological science to legal contexts.

Guest Lectures

- PSYC 4931 Forensic Psychology 2010
 University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
 Instructor: Dr. Eva R. Kimonis
 Lecture: *Violence Risk Assessment*
- SPPH 537 Perinatal Epidemiology 2009
 University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
 Instructor: Dr. Patricia A. Janssen
 Lecture: *Disorders of Mental Health in Pregnancy*

Student Supervision

- COGS 402 Research in Cognitive Systems (Co-Supervisor) 2010
 University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
 Student: Rachel Teo
 Project: *Applying Visual Analytics to Forensic Psychology*
- PSYC 440 Directed Studies (Co-Supervisor) 2009 – 2010
 University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
 Student: Daniel Marks
 Project: *Applying Visual Analytics to Forensic Psychology*
- PSYC 400 Clinical Psychology Research Placement 2009 – 2010
 University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
 Student: Ashley Pritchard
 Project: *Abuse during Pregnancy*
- PSYC 366 Methods in Research Senior Project 2009 – 2010
 University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
 Students: Amanee Elchehimi & Jacqueline Wong
 Project: *Impact of Media on Perceptions of Child Witness Credibility*

Interdisciplinary Women's Reproductive Health Trainee Lab Rotation 2009
 Child & Family Research Institute, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
 Student: Tuan-Anh Nguyen (Ph.D. Candidate)
 Project: *Comparing animal vs. human research protocols for assessing depressive symptomatology*

Invited Workshops and Training Seminars

- Desmarais, S. L.** (2010, May). *The effects of witnessing interparental violence on children: The state of science and practice*. Half-day workshop to be conducted at the Family Justice Center of Hillsborough County, Tampa, FL.
- Nicholls, T. L., Brink, J., & **Desmarais, S. L.** (2010, Mar). *Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START)*. One-day workshop conducted at the American Psychology-Law Society conference, Vancouver, Canada.
- Desmarais, S. L.** (2009, Oct). *Getting a start on START: Introductory training for Coast Cottages*. Two-hour workshop presented to the Coast Cottages mental health staff, Coquitlam, Canada.
- Desmarais, S. L., & Nicholls, T. L.** (2009, Oct). *Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START)*. Two one-day workshops conducted at the West London Mental Health NHS Trust, London, UK.
- Nicholls, T. L., **Desmarais, S. L., & Hediger, M.** (2009, Apr). *The Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START): Introductory training in assessing risks and strengths*. One-day workshop conducted at the 5th Annual Forensic Psychiatry Conference, Vancouver, Canada.
- Desmarais, S. L., Murphy, K., Espinoza-Magana, N., Janssen, P., & Martin, R. E.** (2008, Dec). *'Doing Time' interviewer training*. One-day workshop for peer researchers (formerly incarcerated women) conducted at Alouette Addictions Services Society, Maple Ridge, Canada.
- Nicholls, T. L., **Desmarais, S. L., & Hediger, M.** (2008, Sep). *Introductory training in integrating patients' vulnerabilities and strengths into risk assessment and management using the START*. One-day workshop for case managers (nurses, social workers), psychologists, and psychiatrists conducted at the Oregon State Hospital, Salem, OR.
- Brink, J., Nicholls, T. L., & **Desmarais, S. L.** (2008, Sep). *Introductory training in integrating patients' vulnerabilities and strengths into risk assessment and management using the START*. One-day course conducted at the meetings of the Canadian Psychiatric Association, Vancouver, Canada.
- Brink, J., Nicholls, T. L., **Desmarais, S. L., & Martin, M.-L.** (2008, Jul). *Introductory training in the START: Integrating patients' vulnerabilities and strengths into risk assessment and management*. One-day workshop conducted at the meetings of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, Austria, Vienna.
- Desmarais, S. L.** (2008, Jun). *The Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START): Training researchers in assessment of forensic psychiatric patients' strengths and vulnerabilities*. Half-day training workshop conducted at Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, Canada.
- Brink, J., Nicholls, T. L., & **Desmarais, S. L.** (2008, Apr/Jun). *The Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START): Training for implementation*. Series of six one-day training workshops for case managers (nurses, social workers), psychologists, and psychiatrists conducted at the British Columbia Forensic Psychiatric Services Commission's regional outpatient clinics.
- Brink, J., Nicholls, T. L., & **Desmarais, S. L.** (2008, Apr). *The Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START): Introductory training in assessing risks and strengths*. One-day workshop conducted at the 5th Annual Forensic Psychiatry Conference, Vancouver, Canada.
- Brink, J., Nicholls, T. L., & **Desmarais, S. L.** (2008, Feb). *The Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START): Training for implementation*. One-day workshop conducted at Riverview Hospital, Coquitlam, Canada.

- Brink, J., Webster, C. D., Nicholls, T. L., **Desmarais**, S. L., & Martin, M.-L. (2007, Nov). *Introductory training in integrating patient risks and strengths into assessment and management: START*. Three-hour course conducted at the meetings of the Canadian Psychiatric Association, Montreal, Canada.
- Brink, J., Nicholls, T. L., & **Desmarais**, S. L. (2007, Oct). *The Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START): Training for implementation*. Two one-day workshops conducted at Riverview Hospital, Coquitlam, Canada.
- Webster, C., Martin, M.-L., Brink, J., Brink, J., Nicholls, T. L., & **Desmarais**, S. L. (2007, Jun). *Get a START for the Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability*. One-day workshop conducted at the meetings of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, Montreal, Canada.
- Brink, J., Nicholls, T. L., & **Desmarais**, S. L. (2007, Mar). *The Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START): Introductory training in assessing risks and strengths*. One-day workshop conducted at the 4th Annual Forensic Psychiatry Conference, Victoria, Canada.
- Martin, M.-L., Webster, C., Brink, J., Nicholls, T. L., & **Desmarais**, S. L. (2007, Feb). *Starting START: Training for implementation*. Series of four one-day workshops conducted at Riverview Hospital, Coquitlam, Canada.
- Brink, J., Nicholls, T. L., & **Desmarais**, S. L. (2006, Sep). *The Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START): Training for implementation*. One-day workshop conducted at Riverview Hospital, Coquitlam, Canada.
- Brink, J., Nicholls, T. L., & **Desmarais**, S. L. (2006, Apr). *The Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START): Introductory training in assessing risks and strengths*. One-day workshop conducted at the 3rd Annual Forensic Psychiatry Conference, Vancouver, Canada.
- Brink, J., Nicholls, T. L., & **Desmarais**, S. L. (2006, Jan/Feb). *The Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START): Training in assessing risks and strengths in a mental health context*. Two-day workshop conducted at Richmond General Hospital, Richmond, Canada.
- Brink, J., Webster, C., Nicholls, T. L., & **Desmarais**, S. L. (2005, Nov). *START training workshop*. One-day workshop conducted at Riverview Hospital, Coquitlam, Canada.

PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Service to the University

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| Reviewer and Judge, Undergraduate Research Symposium
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL | 2010 |
| Research Ethics Board
Children's & Women's Hospital / University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada | 2009 |
| Steering Committee, Interdisciplinary Women's Reproductive Health Training Program
Child and Family Research Institute / University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada | 2008 – 2009 |

Service to the Community

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| Member of the Child Welfare & Domestic Violence Steering Committee
Family Justice Center of Hillsborough County, Tampa, FL | 2010 - Present |
| Discussion Panel Moderator
Topic: <i>Advances in new reproductive and prenatal diagnostic technologies: Weighing the costs and benefits</i>
Research Training Workshop held at the Child & Family Research Institute, Vancouver, Canada | 2010 |
| Advisory Committee Member
Provincial Health Services Authority Mental Health Promotion Capacity-Building Clinical Training Tools and Resources, Vancouver, Canada | 2009 – Present |

Forensic Psychiatric Services Representative Centre for Mental Health Promotion, Provincial Health Services Authority, Vancouver, Canada	2009 – 2010
British Columbia Mental Health & Addiction Services Representative Violence, Abuse & Neglect Working Group, British Columbia Ministry of Healthy Living & Sport, Vancouver, Canada	2009 – 2010
Member of the Board of Directors British Columbia Crime Prevention Association, Vancouver, Canada	2009
Poster Competition Judge Summer Student Research Program's Poster Day, Child & Family Research Institute, Vancouver, Canada	2009
Round Table Discussant Topic: <i>Choosing Your First Post Doc Position</i> Child & Family Research Institute, Vancouver, Canada	2009
Research Advisory Committee Forensic Psychiatric Services / British Columbia Mental Health & Addiction Services, Coquitlam, Canada	2008 – 2010
Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START) Implementation Committee British Columbia Mental Health & Addiction Services, Coquitlam, Canada	2006
Graduate Student Representative, Conference Advisory Committee American Psychology-Law Society	2006 – 2008

Memberships in Professional Organizations

British Columbia Crime Prevention Association	2009 – 2010
Association for Psychological Science	2008 – 2010
British Columbia Mental Health and Addictions Research Network	2008 – Present
Child & Family Research Institute	2008 – 2010
RISC-Team (IAFMHS Special Interest Group on Risk Assessment and Management)	2008 – Present
Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice (Division 37 of APA)	2008 – Present
Women's Health Research Institute	2008 – Present
Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition	2007 – 2009
American Psychological Association (APA)	2006 – Present
Society for the Teaching of Psychology (Division 2 of APA)	2006 – Present
Canadian Psychiatric Association	2005 – 2009
Consortium for Applied Research and Evaluation in Mental Health	2005 – 2009
American Society of Trial Consultants	2005 – 2008
International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services (IAFMHS)	2005 – Present
American Psychology-Law Society (Division 41 of APA)	2004 – Present
Canadian Psychological Association	2003 – 2010
Mental Health, Law and Policy Institute (Simon Fraser University)	2003 – Present

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Getting Your First Operating Grant Funded! Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute, Vancouver, Canada	2009
Creating and Managing Your Research Budget Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute, Vancouver, Canada	2009
Epidemiological Methods 1 (HCEP 502) UBC School of Population & Public Health, Vancouver, Canada	2008
Research Team Leadership and Management Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute, Vancouver, Canada	2008
Danger Assessment (DA; Campbell, 2003) Training Workshop 5 th Annual Forensic Psychiatry Conference, Vancouver, Canada	2008
Measurement Matters: A Day of Training in Clinical Research Measures British Columbia Mental Health and Addictions Research Network, Vancouver, Canada	2008
Successful Grant Proposals: Advice and Opportunities for Beginners American Psychology-Law Society, Jacksonville, Florida	2008
Planning for Change: Managing a Change Initiative in a Mental Health Setting British Columbia Mental Health & Addiction Services, Coquitlam, Canada	2007
Grants 101: Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop The Grant Institute, Vancouver, Canada	2007
First Stage Trauma Treatment for Women: A Gender Contextualized Approach Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Toronto, Canada	2007
Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale (BPRS; Ventura et al., 1993) Training Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada	2007
Certificate Program in University Teaching and Learning Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, Canada	2006 – 2007
Understanding the Origins of Violent Behavior University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada	2006
Forensic Psychology workshops American Academy of Forensic Psychology, Vancouver, Canada	2005
Forensic Risk Assessment Training Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada	2005
Effects of Separation and Divorce on Children Justice Institute of British Columbia, New Westminster, Canada	2004
Risk for Sexual Violence Protocol (RSVP; Hart et al., 2003) Training Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada	2004
Working with Victims of Sexual Assault British Columbia Women's Hospital, Vancouver, Canada	2004