



Continuing the Dialogue from SVRI:
New Developments and Future Directions in GBV Work
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8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Elizabeth (Liz) Dartnall is a health sector specialist with over 20 years of health research, public policy and project management experience. Liz has post-graduate degrees in psychology and science - MSc(Medicine). She has worked in multiple sectors on health-related matters including academia, state, and national governments in South Africa and Australia and the NGO sector. Liz currently manages the Sexual Violence Research Initiative. She has undertaken public policy and legislation development on mental health care in Australia, been involved with the South African Demographic and Health Survey, development of the South African Clinical Trials Register, and drafting of South African guidelines for the ethical conduct of clinical trial in South Africa. She has also done health systems research, specifically on mental health care and deinstitutionalization, monitoring and evaluation of mental health care in South Africa, as well as participatory research with communities to develop community based development programmes. Liz's current interests lie in using research to improve responses and prevention of violence against women and girls in low and middle-income countries. She is also interested in the area of vicarious trauma, the emotional impact of researching violence against women and how we can prevent it.

Amy Bank is a co-founder, former Executive Director, and now Senior Advisor to *Puntos de Encuentro*, a feminist NGO based in Nicaragua that works throughout Central America. Amy and Puntos de Encuentro are best known for taking social norms change approaches to scale through their communications for social change strategies that combine the mass reach of their "social soap" TV dramas *Sexto Sentido* and *Contracorriente* with movement building and community mobilization. Puntos is also known for being one of the first feminist organizations in Latin America to incorporate working with men as a strategy for gender equality. Puntos is currently working with InterCambios to develop a new collective impact violence prevention initiative that brings together actors working on different aspects of violence against women, violence against children and youth violence for collaborative community-based initiatives. Elected to the Ashoka Fellowship in 2007, Amy lived in Nicaragua for more than 20 years.

Manisha Mehta is the Program Director of the Reproductive Rights and Women Rights Programs at Wellspring Advisors. She provides strategic direction on work in several thematic areas across both programs, including violence against women, land and property rights, and abortion rights at the country level in East Africa and Latin America. She has over 20 years of experience in the women's rights and reproductive rights fields, especially in gender, violence prevention, and maternal health. Before joining Wellspring in September 2009, Manisha was the Gender Team Leader at EngenderHealth, an international reproductive health organization. She has also consulted for the Open Society Institute, and was an Associate Professor at the New School for Social Research for several years. A native of Kenya, Manisha has a BA in Economics and Political Science from the University of Texas, and a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University.

Esther Spindler is a research practitioner interested in the nexus of structural, gender and socio-normative factors, and sexual and reproductive health outcomes. Esther's background is in mixed-methods research, monitoring and evaluation in the areas of gender, family planning, gender-based violence, and HIV/AIDS, primarily with immigrant and marginalized populations in Latin America, Eastern Africa and North America. At Georgetown's Institute for Reproductive Health (IRH), Esther works on the FACT and REAL Fathers projects in Uganda, as well as the FACT Jordan and Couples Counseling activities. Previously, Esther consulted with various organizations such as *Instituto Promundo*, *3ie*, and the World Bank, and served as a Health Peace Corps Volunteer in Guatemala from 2009 to 2012. She is fluent in Portuguese, Spanish, and French, holds an MS in Development Studies from American University, and BS in Political Science from SUNY Oneonta.