

Niagara County Family Violence Intervention Project

Safe at Home Conference 2024



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Niagara Falls, NY



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Noelle M. St. Vil is an Associate Professor in the UB School of Social Work. St. Vil is a graduate of Howard University, where she studied under Tricia Bent-Goodley, a leading expert in the field of intimate partner violence in the Black community. She completed her postdoctoral studies at Johns Hopkins University, under the guidance of world-renowned domestic violence expert, Dr. Jacqueline Campbell, creator of the Danger Assessment. Dr. St. Vil's research focuses on supporting positive Black intimate relationships, with the aim of strengthening Black families and communities.

Her research challenges scholarship that ignores systemic oppression, pathologizes, victim-blames, and stereotypes Black intimate relationships. Dr. St. Vil's work highlights the disproportionate risks and dangers faced in Black intimate relationships but looks at these risks and dangers through a lens that is critical of historical and structural racism and affirming of Black resilience. Her scholarship concentrates on two dimensions of Black intimate relationships: 1) Violence Against Women; and 2) sexual behavior, health, and well-being. She has published 25 articles and seven book chapters.