

# **Betty Jo Barrett**

**Associate Professor, Women's and Gender Studies Program at University of Windsor**  
Windsor, ON, CA

Research specialization: Gender Based Violence

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## **Biography**

Dr. Betty Jo Barrett is an Associate Professor of Women's and Gender Studies at the University of Windsor. For over ten years, she has conducted research on intimate partner violence in both heterosexual and LGBTQ2A+ relationships, with a specific focus on survivors' help seeking and their interactions with sources of support in the aftermath of violence. She is currently conducting research on the intersection of animal abuse and woman abuse as well exploring the experiences of bystanders to partner violence in LGBTQ2A+ communities. Prior to her position at the University of Windsor, she was a community social worker in the areas of child welfare and family violence, specializing in work with child and adolescent survivors of childhood sexual abuse.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Women, Research

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Gender based violence, Violence against women and children, Police response to domestic violence, Domestic violence against women, Domestic violence and animal abuse, Domestic violence in LGBTQ2A+ communities, Violence against LGBTQ2A+ communities, Media representations of gender based violence, Professional wrestling (World Wrestling Entertainment), Feminism, Survey Research

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## **Affiliations**

Animal and Interpersonal Abuse Research Group, University of Windsor, Health Research Centre for the Study of Violence against Women, University of Windsor

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## **Education**

**University of Wisconsin, Madison**  
PhD Social Welfare

**University of Wisconsin, Madison**  
MSSW Social Work

**Virginia Commonwealth University**  
BSW Social Work

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## **Accomplishments**

**University of Windsor Outstanding Researcher Award (mid-career category)**  
2016 Honoree, University of Windsor Research Excellence Award

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