

# **Mindy Erchull**

**Professor of Psychological Science at University of Mary Washington**

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Dr. Erchull focuses on feminist issues.

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## **Biography**

Cat calls, honking and whistling aren't just annoying to the object of unsolicited sexual advances; they can be traumatic. That's the discovery psychologist Mindy Erchull and her colleagues at the University of Mary Washington found after interviewing nearly 350 women for the study on sexual objectification "Stop Looking at Me!," published in the *Psychology of Women Quarterly*. "Women who undergo more evaluation of their bodies by others and women who experience more unwanted sexual advances also had more body shame and more trauma symptoms," said Dr. Erchull, an expert in sexualization of women, feminism and feminist identity. In addition to her recent research, she has conducted research on how jealousy is perceived by men and women, and its relationship to violence. Honored by the American Psychological Association as an emerging leader, Dr. Erchull has extensive expertise in social psychology, health psychology, psychology of women, women's health, social influence, and statistics and research methods. She also serves as a consulting editor for *Psychology of Women Quarterly*, *Women's Reproductive Health*, and *Gender Issues*. In addition, she also regularly reviews manuscripts for other journals including *Sex Roles*, *Health Care for Women International* and *Basic and Applied Social Psychology*. She has presented her work at numerous conferences including meetings of the American Psychological Association, the Association for Psychological Science and the Association for Women in Psychology. She has also published articles on her research in such academic journals as *Psychology of Women Quarterly*, *Sex Roles*, *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, and *Health Psychology*, most recently "Desire for Marriage and Children: A Comparison of Feminist and Non-feminist Women" in *Gender Issues*.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Training and Development, Research

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Feminism, Psychology of Women, Objectification and Sexualization of Women, Body Image, Menstruation, Social Influence

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## **Affiliations**

Member-at-Large Society for General psychology. division of the American Psychological Association, Society for Menstrual Cycle Research 2015 Awards Coordinator, Program Chair Society for the Psychology of Women, Consulting Editor *Psychology of Women Quarterly*, Editorial Board *Gender Issues*, Associate Editor for reCycling a blog by the Society for Menstrual Cycle Research

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## **Education**

**Arizona State University**  
Ph.D. Graduate Studies

**Arizona State University**  
M.A. Graduate Studies

**Connecticut College**  
B.A. Undergraduate Studies

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## **Accomplishments**

**Emerging Leader, awarded by the American Psychological Association**

The recognition honors psychologists who have made a substantial contribution to women in psychology and show promise of an extensive, influential career.

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