

# **Tracie O. Afifi**

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## **Biography**

Dr. Afifi has developed two primary research interests in the areas of child maltreatment (including child abuse, neglect, physical punishment, and exposure to intimate partner violence) and problem gambling. She has used population-based data from Canada, the United States, and the Netherlands to investigate mental and physical health correlates of both family violence and problem gambling. Dr. Afifi has published over 75 peer-reviewed journal publications and presented research findings in over 90 national and international conference proceedings. Dr. Afifi has participated in over 100 media interviews for print, radio, television, and social media resulting in over 1,500 known worldwide news stories. With regard to child maltreatment, Dr. Afifi is interested in studying mental and physical health correlates of physical punishment, protective factors related to resilience following child maltreatment, and effective child maltreatment interventions. In the area of problem gambling, Dr. Afifi is interested in studying gender differences related to problem gambling, the incidence of problem gambling and trends over time, the impact of parental gambling problems on children, and the relationship between family violence and problem gambling.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Childcare, Health and Wellness, Health Care - Services, Philanthropy, Social Services, Public Policy, Public Safety

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Problem Gambling, Domestic Violence, Physical Punishment, Child Maltreatment, Sociology, Psychology, Community Affairs

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## **Affiliations**

Winnipeg Rh Institute Foundation, United Nations (UN) Convention on the Rights of the Child

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## **Education**

**University of Manitoba**

Ph.D. Community Health Sciences

**University of Manitoba**

M.Sc. Science

**University of Manitoba**  
B.Sc. Science

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## **Accomplishments**

### **CIHR New Investigator Award**

Dr. Afifi is currently holds a CIHR New Investigator Award (2013-2018).

### **Merit Award in Research**

In 2013, Dr. Afifi was the recipient of a Merit Award in Research from the University of Manitoba.

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