



“Student-Initiated Confrontations: Understanding the Phenomenon and the Associated Training Implications for Post-Secondary Social Work Educators”

- **Are you a post-secondary social work educator?**
- **Have you had experiences with disruptive, problematic, or confrontational behaviours initiated by students?**

YOU can help...

Over the past three decades, research indicates that post-secondary educators are increasingly experiencing concerning behaviours initiated by students that range from minor disruptive behaviours to more intentional, aggressive, and threatening confrontations. These behaviours can challenge the educator’s authority, professional credibility, and personal character both in and outside the classroom environment. However, many educators can feel ill-prepared to handle these types of situations due to a lack of training, preparation, and institutional support.

My name is Thalia Anderen, and I am a doctoral candidate with the School of Social Work at Memorial University of Newfoundland. This study is being conducted as part of a doctoral dissertation requirement in order to learn from social work educators’ experiences with student-initiated confrontations to better understand the personal, professional, and institutional challenges this phenomenon may pose, as well as strategies to best mitigate these types of situations.

Your stories and experiences can help. You are being invited to participate in a 60-90-minute Zoom interview in which you will be asked to share your experiences with situations involving student-initiated confrontations. As part of this study, you will be asked for some broad and non-identifying demographic information. If you would like more information or you are interested in participating in this study, please contact Thalia Anderen, MSW, RCSW, PhD (Candidate) at tsanderen@mun.ca or by phone at 403-437-1364.

The proposal for this research has been reviewed by the Interdisciplinary Committee on Ethics in Human Research and found to be in compliance with Memorial University’s ethics policy. If you have ethical concerns about the research, such as your rights as a participant, you may contact the Chairperson of the ICEHR at icehr.chair@mun.ca or by telephone at 709-864-2861.