



## WELLESLEY CENTERS FOR WOMEN

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Nan Stein is a senior research scientist at the Center for Research on Women, Wellesley Centers for Women at Wellesley College where she directs national research projects on sexual harassment, teen dating violence, gender violence, and bullying in schools. She frequently gives lectures, keynote addresses, and training to school personnel, and has served as an expert witness in lawsuits on sexual harassment and child sexual abuse in K-12 schools. She was co-principal investigator and lead author of the *Seventeen* magazine (September 1992) survey on sexual harassment in the schools, *Secrets in Public: Sexual Harassment in Our Schools*. Stein has co-authored three teaching guides: *Flirting or Hurting? A Teacher's Guide on Student-to-Student Sexual Harassment in Schools for Grades 6 through 12* (1994); *Bullyproof* (1996) that explores teasing and bullying in elementary grades as the antecedents of sexual harassment; and *Gender Violence/Gender Justice: an Interdisciplinary Teaching Guide for Teachers of English, Literature, Social Studies, Psychology, Health, Peer Counseling, and Family and Consumer Sciences (grades 7-12)* (1999).

Her book, Classrooms and Courtrooms: Facing Sexual Harassment K-12 Schools, was published in 1999 by Teachers College Press of Columbia University. Her writings have appeared on op-ed pages, in education journals, law journals, and in several books. Among those journals that have published her writing include *The Harvard Educational Review*; *Journal of School Violence*; *Violence against Women*; *Violence & Victims*; *Journal of Emotional Abuse*; *Duke University Journal of Gender Law & Policy*; *Hastings Women's Law Journal*; *Educational Leadership*; *Women's Studies Quarterly*; *West's Education Law Reporter*; and *The Peabody Journal of Education*. Her op-ed pieces have appeared in *Education Week*; *New York Teacher*; and *USA Today*.

In 1998, Dr. Stein was commissioned by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP of the U.S. Department of Justice) through the Hamilton Fish National Institute on School and Community Violence at George Washington University to write papers on sexual harassment and sexual violence in schools. Beginning in 1998, she served as co-principal investigator for the establishment of a National Violence Against Women Prevention Research Center funded for five years by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and has worked with staff from sexual assault and domestic violence agencies in their prevention education efforts in K-12 schools.

Additionally, her research has been supported by the U.S. Department of Education, the National Education Association, and by several private family foundations. In 2000, with funding from The Soros Foundation and several smaller foundations, she conducted research on the intersection of sexual harassment and school safety/zero tolerance, and has published several articles/chapters on the gendered dimensions of school safety.

Beginning in 2005, Dr. Stein's federal research funding increased substantially. That year she



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became the CO-Principal Investigator in a two year research project funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice (NIJ), working with 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders in the greater Cleveland area looking at the “precursors of teen dating violence.” Additionally, in September 2007, she began a three year research project along with the University of Illinois on the intersection of bullying and sexual violence in middle schools, funded by the CDC. More NIJ funding was received in October 2007-December 2010 for an expanded research project on “precursors of teen dating violence” with both classroom lessons and school-wide interventions in 50 middle schools in the New York City schools. A three year longitudinal research project of middle school students began in January 2011 with more funding from NIJ. Peer reviewed articles have been published about the results from these projects.

Dr. Stein has appeared on many television news and talk shows, including *The Today Show*; *NBC Nightly News*; *CNN*; *Nightline with Ted Koppel*; *CBS Evening News with Dan Rather*; *The Oprah Winfrey Show*; *Good Morning America*; and the *Phil Donahue Show*. She has conducted dozens of radio interviews, including segments on Christian Science Monitor Radio, and on *All Things Considered* on National Public Radio, and has been interviewed by scores of journalists. She has served on the editorial boards of the Violence Against Women Journal (2000-2003) and the Journal of School Violence (2001 - 2008), and on several federal proposal review and conference committees.

Dr. Stein has been working on sexual harassment in schools for over 30 years; she developed the first curriculum on the subject in 1979 for the Massachusetts Department of Education, and conducted the first survey in the country on peer-to-peer sexual harassment in 1980. Prior to working at the Massachusetts Department of Education, she was a middle school social studies teacher in Dayton, Ohio, and also worked in the Somerville, Massachusetts schools as a drug and alcohol counselor.

Stein holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Wisconsin, a Masters of Arts in Teaching from Antioch College Graduate School of Education, and a Doctorate in Education from Harvard University Graduate School of Education. In 2003, Dr. Stein was appointed by the Governor of Massachusetts as a Commissioner on Sexual and Domestic Violence Commission for a term of three years. For a five year period until 2005, Dr. Stein taught a seminar on Gendered Violations at Wellesley College with Professor Sally Merry of the Anthropology Department. In 2007, she received the Outstanding Contribution to Education award from the Harvard University Graduate School of Education.

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