



# Education for Critical Thinking

## What We Stand For...What We're Doing About It...

Thank you for your continuing interest in the work of Education for Critical Thinking (ECT)—*challenging community institutions to end men's violence against women and girls!*

ECT seeks to create a world where women are safe and free from gender violence and oppression. We envision a world where women have equal economic status with men and their voices are heard and valued. We imagine a world where men reject entitlement, the objectification of women and settling conflicts through violence. We see a day when men end their silence, become leaders and engage other men and boys on ending domestic and sexual violence and the demand for trafficked women. We can change our culture! Through film, curricula, community dialogues, national and international training, ECT in collaboration with other organizations confronts gender-based violence and human rights violations.

We encourage you to check out our website at [www.educationforcriticalthinking.org](http://www.educationforcriticalthinking.org) for the latest news with all the exciting work we are doing! ECT urges you to get involved in any way that you can. **You can donate [here](#).** Please share this information with your professional organizations.

## The Past Six Months—What We Have Done



In the past six months ECT has been very busy. In September of last year, Michael Paymar, showed his film *With Impunity: Men and Gender Violence* and led a discussion to an international group of practitioners and advocates at the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma in San Diego, California.

In October of last year, Laura Goodman and Michael Paymar were off to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland where they met with members of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), The World Future's Council (WFC), Rising Women, Rising World, and others who are interested in ending gender violence. Michael, as an elected state representative and co-founder of the Duluth Model was invited to address the IPU's General Assembly. You can hear his speech on our website under "[News](#)".



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Also, in Geneva, on behalf of the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project (DAIP), Michael accepted the WFC's *Gold Future Policy Award* for the Duluth Model recognized internationally for its success in addressing



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domestic violence. The Duluth Model was developed by Michael and his colleague, the late Ellen Pence, thirty years ago.

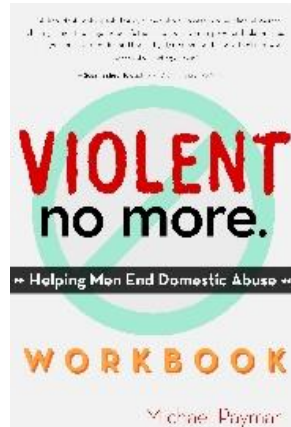
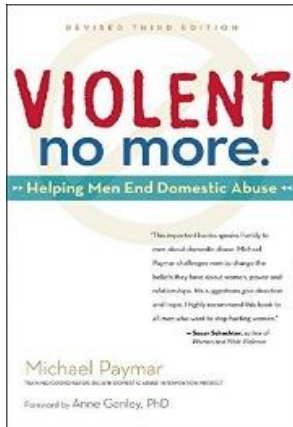
In November of last year, Michael Paymar and Laura Goodman were invited to the United Nations in New York City to meet with policymakers, civil societies and professionals who are working to end gender violence. The discussion included ways to adapt the Duluth Model internationally to assist other countries in developing an effective coordinated community response to address gender violence. They participated in the UN Women's *Orange Campaign* to end violence against women. Michael served on a panel with other award recipients where they shared their expertise on the programs that received awards from the WFC.



## What We Are Doing

Since returning from New York City, Michael Paymar and Laura Goodman have been working on an Instructor's Guide and making adaptations to the award-winning documentary *With Impunity: Men and Gender Violence*, which will be coming out this spring as a training package. We expect domestic and sexual violence programs, colleges and universities, community-based violence prevention organizations, the military, etc. to take an interest not only in the training package but in contracting with ECT for workshops and trainings.





Michael Paymar and Laura Goodman made the final edits to the third edition of Michael's book *Violent No More: Helping Men End Domestic Abuse* and a new accompanying workbook for counseling programs working with offenders. The book and workbook are **scheduled for release February 24, 2015**. The book and workbook are available through Turner Publishers [www.turnerpublishing.com](http://www.turnerpublishing.com), and ECT [www.educationforcriticalthinking.org](http://www.educationforcriticalthinking.org).

Click [here](#) to order.

## Upcoming Events

***Violent No More* book and accompanying workbook by Michael Paymar will be released on February 24, 2015! See ordering details above!**

Michael Paymar returns to the UN in New York City in March of this year to participate on a panel discussion organized by the Council on the Status of Women. This year the two-week session that Michael will participate in will examine the progress and gaps in the implementation of the 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. Michael will represent the Duluth Domestic Abuse Intervention Project along with representatives of the World Future Council and Advocates for Human Rights.



**EVAWI**

End Violence Against Women International

April 6-9, 2015, Laura Goodman presents training on *Effective Strategies to Engage Crime Victims for Law Enforcement* at the End Violence Against Women

International Conference in New Orleans. Join fellow law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, victim advocates, judges, parole and probation officers, medical personnel, faith community members, educators and others in this three day conference highlighting promising practices and emerging issues in sexual assault, domestic violence and campus responses. Register online at [www.evawintl.org](http://www.evawintl.org).

April 15-17, 2015, Michael Paymar will give the keynote address at the international conference of the Batterer Intervention Services Coalition in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This conference is an unprecedented opportunity to hear and mingle with some of the leading experts from around the world. A variety of thought provoking plenary sessions will address topics of research, culture, women's use of force and how the field can move forward. Register here <http://www.biscmi.org/>.



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