



Leanna Ireland

Research Assistant (on leave to pursue Ph.D.) Traffic Injury Research Foundation

Leanna Ireland is a Research Assistant of the Traffic Injury Research Foundation (TIRF), a charitable, independent road safety institute. TIRF is a world leader in research, safety programs, and policy development.

Career and research highlights:

Leanna's main research area is the intersection of traffic, policing, and gender. Her projects with TIRF have included exploring the perceptions and experiences of women who have driven after drinking and/or been passengers of drinking drivers. She has further explored these topics in relation to drug-impaired driving.

Leanna has also been involved in a TIRF project looking at gendered norms related to drinking and driving in Belize.

Outside her work with TIRF, she has been involved in numerous research projects collecting and analyzing statistics on sexual victimization, synthesizing literature on juvenile drug-court systems, and participating in focus groups and coding data on sexual victimization in university institutions.

Academic highlights:

- > Leanna is currently on leave while pursuing her Ph.D. in Sociology at Virginia Tech.
- > She has a Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice Policies from the University of Guelph.
- > She obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Criminology from King's University College at Western University.