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National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence

Media in the Movement: Shattering the Silence of Sexual Violence

March 31, 2011, 8-11am: National Press Club, Washington DC

As a kickoff to Sexual Assault Awareness Month, this interactive event will bring together nationally recognized experts as well as survivors of sexual assault to allow journalists, elected officials and agencies to learn about ongoing concerns in the fight against sexual violence and empowering ways to shatter the silence. Speakers have been featured on Today Show, CNN, MSNBC, FOX and many other media outlets.

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Wendy Murphy: Legal Analyst, Attorney, and Author of "And Justice for Some"

Angela Rose: PAVE Founder and Public Relations Co-Chair at National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence

Liz Seccuro: Founder of STARS Survivors and Author of "Crash Into Me"

Joyce Thomas: CEO and Co-founder of Center for Child Protection and Family Support

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April 1, 2011 Re-Cap ~ Media in the Movement: Shattering the Silence of Sexual Violence

The Emcee for the event was emmy-award winning journalist Lesli Foster who talked about the need for journalists to be trained – reporters that want to be responsible may not have the tools or knowledge on how to correctly report on crimes of sexual violence. She said after the event, “I came away with a better understanding of what we in the media can do to help move this issue forward ... and you can be assured that I will do my part to make sure that our station is responsible in our coverage.”

Frances Ashe-Goins RN MPH: Deputy Director - HHS Office on Women’s Health – Discussed the impact of sexual violence from the health perspective and also the importance of shattering the silence of sexual violence in our own homes and families.

Joyce N. Thomas, RN, MPH, PNP: CEO and Co-founder of Center for Child Protection and Family Support – Discussed the cultural factors of victims and the ways in which media covers these crimes – disproportionate coverage of white children being victimized – most often stranger assault and/or kidnapping. Also discussed was her pioneering role in child sexual abuse from the role of her nursing background.

Liz Securo: Founder of STARS Survivors and Author "Crash Into Me" – Liz has been featured in countless local and national media about her personal story of dealing with sexual violence in college and the fight for justice that ensued afterwards. She discussed her relationship with the media and how important it is for journalists to be compassionate and accurate. She illustrated that it is a privilege for journalists to have the opportunity to interview survivors since it is a very silent crime.

Angela Rose: PAVE Founder and Public Relations Co-Chair at National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence: Recounted her personal experience with the media for the past nearly 15 years of being involved in the movement to shatter the silence of sexual violence. She talked about the power of using media to cultivate social change. She also discussed the power of language in the healing process for survivors – that “victim-blaming” language that is perpetuated in the media is often used in our communities. Media also has re-enforced the “stranger-danger” myth, when the reality is over 80% sexual violence is committed by someone who we know and trust. Also a huge issue is the gendered language that is often used - many male survivors are continually silenced.

Jacquelyn W. White, PhD: Co-Director of National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence: Discussed the critical importance of uniting for social change and breaking through our silos. With her role with NPEIV, she works to link science, practice, policy, and advocacy – and the media involvement is key in creating a national movement.

Wendy J. Murphy, J.D.: New England Law|Boston Director, Sexual Violence Legal News; Judicial Language Project and Author of "And Justice For Some": Every reader or viewer of media is a potential juror and the language that is used in media can impact the criminal justice process. A massive issue is the passive/active voice used in media such as “she was raped” doesn’t even mention the actor, which should be reported as the perpetrator. Also, stories of sexual violence are often eroticized with language such as “panties”. Another issue is vagueness – such as molestation or sexual assault (it can mean a huge range from grabbing a person’s rear end to a violent gang rape). She also made the point that media stories often refer to the victim as the accuser and in essence that is a false statement because it is the government that is the actual accuser.



THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB

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RESOURCES:

Wendy Murphy is one of the nation's leading experts in language. She helped to establish the Judicial Language Project at New England Law | Boston, the first of its kind in this country.

Initiated in 2005, the Judicial Language Project was the first of its kind in the country. The project aims to identify language in judicial opinions that inappropriately implies that the victim of the violence sought out the violence, participated willingly in the violence, or otherwise was in some way responsible for the violence.

Students who work in this project identify the objectionable language, state why it is objectionable, and propose more acceptable ways of saying the same thing. The goal of this project is to make the public and the judiciary aware of language that is demeaning or insulting to women, children, and other victims of violence.

Problematic Language: <http://bit.ly/fW1rZS>

Appropriate Language: <http://bit.ly/ezoAvS>

Wendy is also a contributor to The Daily Beast: <http://www.thedailybeast.com/author/wendy-murphy/>

IMPACT:

This event was featured on news media websites from Hawaii, to Tuscon, to Nashville and many more. Also on Yahoo National News through PR News Wire.

A few examples –

<http://yhoo.it/i4ypul>

<http://www.kgun9.com/Global/story.asp?S=14339950>

<http://www.wlox.com/Global/story.asp?S=14340010>

<http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/Global/story.asp?S=14339937>

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Shattering The Silence of Sexual Violence, Press Conference, 3/31 – National Press Club, Washington DC

Washington DC - In the wake of the controversy and public outrage surrounding the New York Times article published on March 8 about the gang rape of a child and the inclusion of victim-blaming language, the national nonprofit PAVE: Promoting Awareness, Victim Empowerment is holding an event at the National Press Club on March 31, 2011 from 8-11am called: **MEDIA IN THE MOVEMENT: Shattering The Silence of Sexual Violence.** This event will be hosted by Emmy award-winning journalist Lesli Foster from 9NEWS NOW.

This interactive press conference as a kickoff to Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Awareness Month will bring together nationally recognized experts as well as survivors of sexual assault to allow journalists, elected officials and agencies to learn about ongoing concerns in the fight against sexual violence and empowering ways to shatter the silence. Also being discussed are other recent media stories about sexual violence such as journalist Lara Logan and Libyan Iman al-Obeidi.

Speakers have been featured on Today Show, CNN, MSNBC, FOX and many other media outlets.

Speakers Include:

- *Frances Ashe-Goins RN MPH: Deputy Director, Office on Women's Health - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- * Wendy J. Murphy, J.D.: New England Law|Boston Director, Sexual Violence Legal News; Judicial Language Project and Author of "And Justice For Some"
- *Angela Rose: PAVE Founder and Public Relations Co-Chair at National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence
- *Liz Seccuro: Founder of STARS Survivors and Author "Crash Into Me"
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- *Jacquelyn W. White, PhD: Co-Director of National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence

Angela Rose Founder of PAVE said, "Sadly, sexual violence is shrouded in silence where many survivors have deep feelings of shame and guilt. These feelings are intensified when victim-blaming language is perpetuated by the media and then used on the streets and in our communities. This unprecedented event will feature some of the most prominent experts on violence and we will be focusing on proactive solutions to shatter the silence of sexual violence."

The New York Times article earlier referenced is an example of the lack of awareness and tolerance of inexcusable acts of sexual violence. The story covered the gang rape of an eleven-year-old girl by 18 boys ranging in age from young teens to 27-years-old. The tone of the article was empathetic of the perpetrators, indifferent of the victim and did not aim to answer any real questions about what this act reflects about the community or why our society is not one that wants to change its infrastructure of ideas to stop this violence.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/03/09/us/09assault.html>

"As a society, we must have a comprehensive understanding of the impact of trauma on young victims of sexual assault and other crimes against children," said Joyce Thomas, CEO of Center for Child Protection and Family Support. "Every child deserves a childhood and adults must recognize the needs of abused and neglected children. Programs and services that promote social justice, foster healing, and strengthen self-esteem, are essential for the positive outcomes for children and their families."

This event emphasizes the role everyone has in raising awareness about sexual violence, especially that of journalists, elected officials and other individuals and organizations that report and respond to social issues shaping our social agenda.

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PAVE: Promoting Awareness, Victim Empowerment thanks our collaborating organizations:

US Department of Health and Human Services, Stop the Silence, STARS Survivors, NPEIV: National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence, Center for Child Protection and Family Support

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About Frances E. Ashe-Goins RN, MPH

Frances E. Ashe-Goins is a registered nurse, health educator, policy analyst, and innovator. As the Deputy Director, she is responsible for the overall functions of the Office of Women's Health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and she participates in the formulation of policies, goals, and activities related to women's health. She is responsible for health policy analysis and program leadership in this nationwide women's health program. She has a diverse background of experience in clinical health care and public health education.

Formerly, as the Deputy Director and Director of the Division of Policy and Program Development, she was responsible for numerous women's health issues, including HIV/AIDS, domestic violence, rape/sexual assault, lupus, diabetes, organ/tissue donation, minority women's health, international health, female genital cutting, mental health, homelessness, and young women's health. Mrs. Ashe-Goins also coordinated the regional women's health coordinators programs. Her performance and expertise have been acknowledged with many HHS Secretary and Assistant Secretary Awards for Superior Service.

She has created many innovative programs to address HIV/AIDS, including the formation of the National Collaborative Workgroup on Women and HIV/AIDS, the HHS Secretary's Workgroup on Women and HIV/AIDS, Incarcerated and Newly Released Women with HIV/AIDS/STD Program, Model Mentorship Program for Organizational Development, Women in Rural Communities, National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (March 10), and Prevention and Intervention AIDS-Related Services for Girls at Risk for Juvenile Delinquency.

With regard to violence against women (VAW), she has created and implemented the following programs: National Nurses Task Force and National Nurses' Summit on VAW, National Social Worker's Task Force and National Social Workers' Summit on VAW, HHS National Domestic Violence Workplace Education Day (annually), HHS Employee Guidelines on Domestic Violence, and the HHS National Sexual Assault Awareness Month Event. She collaborates with the Department of Justice/Office on Violence against Women in the development and implementation of the activities of the National Advisory Committee on VAW, as well as other federal agencies in their programs that address VAW. She is a featured author of a chapter on domestic violence in the book, *Policy and Politics in Nursing and Health Care*, 4th edition.

She developed the National Young Women's Health Summits to create young women health experts and advocates throughout the nation. The original Summit was held in 2000, regional summits were held in 2001 and the culminating 2002 national summit included "Parents as Partners." She initiated the OWH Lupus Educational Awareness Project which originally comprised HHS staff awareness sessions and, based on the overwhelming need, culminated in a Capitol Hill Town Hall seminar, which was broadcast throughout the nation. This program comprises targeted educational sessions throughout the nation with community health centers, community groups, and medical and professional organizations. Currently she is the lead for the highly successful National Lupus Awareness Campaign, targeted toward young minority women, which was released in March 2009.

She developed the National Minority Women's Health Summits in 1997, 2004, and 2007. The original Summit generated the Minority Women's Health Panel of Experts, which is comprised of national leaders in minority women's health issues and who advise OWH on its minority women's health programs. In addition she has created additional innovative programs addressing organ and tissue donation, mental health, diabetes and mentorship. Mrs. Ashe-Goins received a Masters of Public Health in Health Education from the University of South Carolina in 1980. She has written many articles, appeared on many radio/television programs, been featured in magazine and newspaper articles and calendars, made presentations at national and international conferences and workshops, and received many awards/commendations.



About Lesli Foster

Lesli Foster is an Emmy award-winning journalist who co-anchors 9NEWS NOW at 5pm, and is the solo anchor on 9NEWS NOW at 6pm. She also leads the 9NEWS NOW Consumer Unit, covering major consumer issues that affect area residents.

Lesli joined WUSA 9 in 2001, and has covered everything from the aftermath of the September 11th terrorist attack on the Pentagon, to the 40th Anniversary of the March on Washington, to the Serial Sniper story, to Chandra Levy's disappearance and murder, to HIV/AIDS and the "Down-Lo."

Lesli is a featured journalist in the book, *Women Journalists at Ground Zero*, by Judith Sylvester and Suzanne Huffman, which documents the personal experiences of 24 female journalists who covered September 11th.

Lesli has interviewed many national luminaries including former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, Queen Noor, Dorothy Height, Vernon Jordan, Walter Cronkite, Danny Glover, Pat Buchanan and many others.

Prior to joining 9 NEWS NOW, Lesli was a reporter for WBAL-TV, where she was named Best TV-News Personality by Baltimore's City Paper. She began her career in her native Michigan, where she was a weekend anchor and reporter for WEYI-TV, an NBC affiliate in Flint, Michigan.

A graduate of DC's Howard University, Lesli gives her time to many causes and organizations throughout the metropolitan Washington, DC area. Journalism, she says, is her life's work, and an essential way to make a difference in the lives of people. Lesli lives in Maryland with her husband and daughter.



About Wendy J. Murphy, J.D.

Wendy is an adjunct professor at New England Law|Boston where she teaches a seminar on sexual violence and directs two projects she developed in conjunction with the school's Center for Law and Social Responsibility. The "Sexual Violence Legal News" project is an internet-based alert service that distributes appellate cases of interest, with editorial comment, related to interpersonal violence. The "Judicial Language Project" uses socio-linguistic research to critique the language used in law and society to describe interpersonal violence.

She was a Visiting Scholar at Harvard Law School from 2002-2003 where her work focused on the status of women in their capacity as victims in the criminal justice system. Wendy previously taught "Reproductive Rights and Technologies" at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and in 2002 served as the Mary Joe Frug Visiting Assistant Professor of Law at New England Law|Boston where she has taught courses in sexual violence, reproductive rights and technologies and constitutional criminal procedure.

She is a trial and appellate attorney specializing in the representation of crime victims, women, children and victim service providers and is the founder and director of the Victim Advocacy & Research Group, a volunteer legal advocacy organization that has provided free legal services to victims and other third-parties in the criminal justice system since 1992.

Wendy is a former child abuse and sex crimes prosecutor who sits on many boards and has served on the Massachusetts Governor's Crime Commission and Commission against Sexual and Domestic Violence. She has also consulted with Congress, worked with the White House Women's Office and has served on the faculty at the Poynter Institute in connection with programs related to language and the media's reporting on sexual violence, and provides consultation on constitutional law, legal policy and litigation strategy regarding victims', children's and women's rights. Wendy has published numerous law review and pop culture articles and she lectures widely on women's, children's, and victims' rights and criminal justice policy. She has worked for CNN, Fox News, MSNBC and CBS News as a legal analyst, and appears regularly on network and cable television. A columnist for The Daily Beast and Gatehouse News, and author of several chapters in consortium books, her first solo book, *And Justice For Some*, was published by Penguin/Sentinel in September 2007.



About Angela Rose

Angela Rose is a national leader in the movement to shatter the silence surrounding sexual violence. Angela Rose's decade of work on the issue of sexual violence has made her a highly-respected, engaging speaker and an expert on sexual assault and violence prevention. She is also widely recognized as an advocate for survivor empowerment. Angela's efforts have been profiled by CNN, The Today Show, TIME Magazine, The Montel Williams Show, The John Walsh Show, CosmoGirl, Girl's Life magazine and in newspapers nationwide.

At the age of 17, Angela was abducted at knife point outside a suburban Chicago shopping mall. She was assaulted by a repeat sex-offender on parole for murder—and was eventually released by her attacker. Bruised and disoriented, she then suffered at the hands of authorities who—instead of helping her—subjected her to scrutiny, blame and additional victimization. The anguish of her abduction was immediately magnified by anger and a strong sense of injustice at her treatment by authorities.

Angela worked with her attacker's previous victims and other concerned community members to help enact Illinois' Sexually Dangerous Persons Commitment Act in 1998.

Angela continued her activism on the issues of sexual violence prevention as she entered college. There, she perceived a lack of activism on the issues. She then founded the organization, PAVE: Promoting Awareness, Victim Empowerment, to create education and action surrounding the issues of sexual violence. The organization was immediately recognized for its inclusiveness to all individuals and their experiences. Through PAVE, Angela has trained students (including athletes, fraternities and sororities) in sexual assault prevention, produced a documentary entitled Transition to Survivor, and founded Men Opposing Sexual Assault, a student group that highlights the importance of men in the anti-sexual assault movement. PAVE is a grassroots organization with nearly 40 chapters and affiliates in 3 countries.

Angela Rose graduated from the University of Wisconsin- Madison where she presented the commencement address and in 2010 received the "Forward Under 40" award from the UW Alumni Association. Angela has received many local and national accolades including the "Inspiration Award" from Today's Chicago Woman magazine and the "Promise Award" from the YWCA.

Angela serves on the Executive Committee for the National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence serving as the Co-Chair of the Public Relations Action Team. She is on the Board of Directors for Green Star Movement, which provides schools and community centers with mural projects that celebrate diversity, urban life and the natural environment.

Angela is a sought-after speaker and travels the country educating a wide range of audiences including students, clinicians, and military. www.AngelaRoseInfo.com - <http://www.campuspeak.com/speakers/rose>

About PAVE: Promoting Awareness, Victim Empowerment

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About Liz Seccuro

Liz Seccuro is a wife, mother, and victims' rights activist who is one of the first rape victims to share her story with the country when she brought one of her rapists to justice after a long and circuitous journey. She documents her story in her 2011 memoir, *Crash Into Me: A Survivor's Search for Justice*.

In 1984, Seccuro was drugged and raped when she was a 17-year-old freshman at the University of Virginia. The rape was committed by a stranger and fellow student, William Nottingham Beebe, at the fraternity house Phi Kappa Psi. Seccuro has always maintained that there were possibly other attackers. The university did nothing to aid her in seeking justice and offered no official remedy, leaving her confused and lost. Despite the events of that night, she moved on and graduated four years later.

Her entire world changed when, in 2005, Seccuro received a letter of apology from Beebe in which he invited her to contact him so that he may explain what led him to rape her and, ostensibly, to help her heal. His admission came, according to Beebe, as part of his recovery in the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. She began a frightening, eerie, and courageous email correspondence with him to ascertain his mental status as well as to begin to understand why he had raped her and what his life in the aftermath had been. As the email correspondence became more erratic, she contacted the Charlottesville Police Department on what she called a random "gut check" and was shocked to learn that, unlike what she and her parents had been told by University of Virginia officials in 1984, Charlottesville Police Department did indeed have jurisdiction over the fraternity house where she had been raped and that there is no statute of limitations on felony rape in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Seccuro also learned Beebe had been "tracking" her for nine years with the aid of the University of Virginia Alumni office.

At this point, Seccuro turned over the evidence and provided a statement of what had happened to her all those years ago. After a thorough investigation, Beebe was arrested in 2006. He was indicted on several felony counts after a preliminary hearing where Seccuro testified and was cross-examined in the courtroom, only eight feet away from her rapist.

In a stunning admission, Beebe pleaded guilty to aggravated sexual battery, avoiding a trial as he assisted the Commonwealth in the prosecution of other person(s) who had raped her that night.

Ultimately Beebe was sentenced to 18 months in prison, required to perform 500 hours of community service related to educating university students about alcohol abuse and sexual assault, will have two years of supervised probation, will have to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life, and is forbidden from ever again contacting Seccuro or her family.

Seccuro now devotes a great deal of her time to advocating on behalf of rape survivors and has created a Donor Advised Fund called STARS (Sisters Together Assisting Rape Survivors) to assist all survivors of rape, sexual assault, and incest. Seccuro's story is about her fight for justice in a cold case, the wonderful people she's met along the way, the terror involving questioning herself, and the peace she has found in the process after becoming part of a system that does not treat rape victims with the proper care and respect. Most of all, she speaks for those who do not have a voice. This is not a story of victimization or pity, but one of strength, triumph, humor, grace and, hopefully, a story for all families who want to protect their greatest treasures: their children.

Engaging and wry, Seccuro puts a riveting but hopeful face on the devastating crime of rape and its aftermath without sparing any of the ugly details, so that others may come to "know" her as a friend.



About Joyce N. Thomas

Joyce N. Thomas, RN, MPH, PNP, FAAN is a nationally and internationally recognized pioneer in child welfare, victimization of children, and domestic violence. She is an expert in cultural diversity in the fields of child welfare and domestic violence prevention, and is active in policy, research and practice forums. She is an advanced practice pediatric nurse practitioner and program administrator who maintains “first hand” experience as a specialist on all aspects of child maltreatment. She received her BS from Holy Names University in Oakland California, her Master’s Degree in Public Health from the University of California, Berkeley and her Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

Certification from Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Ms. Thomas is Co-founder and President of the Center for Child Protection and Family Support, Inc. of Washington, DC, and is former President of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. She is also the former director of the Division of Child Protection at Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, DC, and under her leadership, this hospital-based child abuse unit was recognized as an Exemplary Project, by the National Institute of Justice for developing pioneering intervention strategies for the treatment of sexually abused children.

Ms. Thomas is a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and is recognized as a premier nurse leader and scholar in the field of child abuse and domestic violence. She currently serves as an expert panel member for the Cultural & Linguistic Competency Study as part of the National Evaluation of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families. She is also an expert panel member on Violence for the American Academy of Nursing, and she serves as a Steering Committee member for the Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community since 1993. She serves on the Executive Committee of the National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence, and is co-chair of the Policy Committee. The Black Administrators of Child Welfare has designed Joyce Thomas as an outstanding leaders of a child welfare agency, and her other awards include: Humanitarian of the Year, T. Barry Brazelton Lecture Award, Margery Fry Outstanding Services as Victim Assistance Practitioner, and Washington DC Psychiatric Society’s Community Achievement Award.

Ms. Thomas has been the invited guest of the President of the United States, the Attorney General of the United States, and the Surgeon General of the United States to provide critical input for policy development on a host of topics related to the safety and protection of children and families. She has authored numerous professional articles, testified before Congress, and lectures to audiences throughout the globe. She has served on the faculty of Trinity College in Washington, DC, and is an Adjunct Faculty member at Johns Hopkins University, School of Nursing. She has lectured at Georgetown University, Howard University, Spellman College, University of Maryland, Southern Methodist University, and other institutions of higher learning.



About Jacquelyn W. White, PhD

Dr. White is a Professor of Psychology at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Associate Dean for Research in the College of Arts and Sciences. Her research focuses on gender issues, aggression, and intimate partner violence. Dr. White has conducted research in the area of aggression and violence for over 30 years, publishing numerous articles and chapters. Recent publications reflect an ecological developmental perspective to aggression and violence. She has conducted one of the few longitudinal studies of sexual and physical dating violence among adolescents and college students, a five-year project funded by NIMH and NIJ was co-investigator on a NIDA-funded project on substance abuse and trauma. She is particularly interested in sorting out predictors and consequences of sexual and physical assault, examining in particular various mental health problems and substance use. Her developmental approach suggests that adolescent dating violence should be considered within a social ecological model that embeds the individual within the context of adolescent friendships and romantic relationships, as well as family and other social institutions that shape a young person's sense of self.

She is co-editor of the two volume series being published by the American Psychological Association: Violence against women and children: Consensus, critical analyses, and emergent priorities. Volume 1: Mapping the Terrain and Volume II: Navigating Solutions. She has been a consultant on a project with the US Navy examining the impact of pre-military experiences with physical and sexual abuse on military experiences. She is a past editor of *Psychology of Women Quarterly* and on the Board of Editors for *Aggressive Behavior*. She recently completed a term as director of Women's Studies, is a past president of the Southeastern Psychological Association, past president of the Society for the Psychology of Women, and the 2008 recipient of the Carolyn Wood Sherif Award and 2010 American Psychological Association's Committee on Women's Leadership Award.

She is the co-director of the National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence. In December of 2010 she was one of four academic researchers invited to participate in a White House roundtable of teen dating violence and sexual assault, hosted by Lynn Rosenthal, the White House advisor on violence against women.

About NPEIV: National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence Across the Lifespan

NPEIV: National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence Across the Lifespan is an overarching network of state, regional, and national organizations, agencies, and coalitions that embraces a multi-disciplinary and multicultural commitment to violence prevention across the lifespan. The organization is committed to reducing interpersonal violence and its consequences by linking science, practice, policy, and advocacy. www.NPEIV.org

About Shattering the Silence of Sexual Violence

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually abused by the time they are 18 years old. Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Every 2 minutes, someone in the U.S. is sexually assaulted (US Dept of Justice)

25 percent of college women will be victims of rape or attempted rape before they graduate within a four-year college period (US Dept of Justice)

Women between the ages of 16 to 24 will experience rape at a rate that's four times higher than the assault rate of all women (US Dept of Justice)

Many people do not know how to react when a story of sexual violence is disclosed - often times victim-blaming language is used. This event will aim to educate on the power of language, not just in the media – but how it is perpetuated on the streets.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

INTERNATIONAL RACE TO STOP THE SILENCE

Join us in Washington, DC for the seventh annual International Race to Stop the Silence, and help stop child sexual abuse (CSA). CSA is a silent epidemic that critically affects children, adult survivors, and society. You can be a part of the solution. Thank you for helping to Stop the Silence. www.stopcsa.org



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“SURVIVING
is not a passive act
YOU HAVE TO DO IT
busses & trains are filled
WITH NON-SURVIVORS
YOU DIDN'T SURVIVE KATRINA
because you were alive when
it ended
you survived when you **REBUILT**
WHEN the porch light came back on &
you first closed your eyes to **BREATHE”**

Tiffany, sister, advocate, survivor, believes in shattering the silence. Speak out about sexual violence.
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PAVE Walk to Shatter the Silence – April 30, 2011
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