Sexual Assault Awareness Month:
Bringing Attention to Child Sexual Abuse Prevention

Emily Nichols

Throughout the month of April, sexual assault awareness is highlighted to educate communities throughout the nation on how to prevent sexual violence. Each April, events and activities are planned through college campuses, government agencies, businesses, and many other organizations to bring about social justice awareness on sexual violence and emphasize the need for prevention efforts.

This year, the National Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) campaign has chosen to focus on healthy sexuality and its connection to child sexual abuse prevention. SAAM believes that if adults learn about the different characteristics of healthy childhood sexual development in children and adolescents, adults will be able to better identify risks, support healthy boundaries, and challenge negative messages surrounding children and sexual violence today.

SAAM provides many resources and tools to help adults better understand the different components of healthy childhood sexual development. They emphasize that sexuality is much more than sex—it is also about our values, attitudes, feelings, interactions, and behaviors. In today’s society, messages about sexuality seem to travel at light speed due to technology and the media. Due to this increased transportation of information, there is bound to be a few incorrect and possibly harmful messages sent out about sexuality. Once these mixed messages are out in the open, it can be difficult to change people’s perceptions of the messages. This only increases the importance of adults being able to talk to children at younger ages about healthy sexuality so that as children grow up they can recognize and fight the harmful messages about sexuality.

Additionally, SAAM examines how sexual development starts much earlier in life than many believe. Although infants and young children may not talk or think about sexuality in the same ways as adults, they still learn and interpret messages related to sexuality that shape their future actions and attitudes. Therefore, it is important to be aware of what implications adults are sending to children of all ages about sexuality. Although this may seem simple, SAAM notes how difficult it can be to talk with young children about sexuality, especially because the conversation can be considered taboo by many and may cause discomfort. However, raising these difficult questions through accurate education is what breaks down the negative messages provided to children through out society.

The recent sexual assault case in Steubenville, Ohio is the perfect example of how negative messages about sexuality can spread very quickly through the media. Multiple news sources and members of social media talked about the trial at length and often supported the stories of the perpetrators. Instead of supporting the young victim that will probably have to deal with the pain of the sexual assault for the rest of her life, the media focused on how the lives of the two male culprits would be ruined. This sends the message that we should feel bad for the individuals that committed the sexual assault, and not the victim who should have never been attacked in the first place and now has to deal with the pain that comes with experiencing sexual violence. It is important that younger children learn from adults that the messages sent out about this case and sexuality are incorrect and damaging.

Michigan State University has multiple resources for individuals wanting to learn more about sexual assault on campus. The MSU Sexual Assault Program helps those that have been affected by sexual violence and attempts to prevent violence and oppression on campus. The Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence (SARV) Prevention Program aims to educate first year and transfer students about college social life and create conversations around sexual assault, rape, relationship violence, and the myths surrounding these topics on campus. To learn more about these programs as well as sexual assault awareness, check out their websites provided below.

MSU Sexual Assault Program: http://www.endrape.msu.edu/
SARV Prevention Program: http://studentlife.msu.edu/sarv
Source: http://www.nsvrc.org/saam/current-campaign

April is ...
Tim Wise was welcomed to MSU by a packed auditorium on Wednesday, March 20, 2013. The crowd was a reflection of the diversity of campus and the greater Lansing community. From students and faculty to interested community members, the audience was ready for an eye opening lecture. And that’s exactly what they got!

Wise was brought to campus by the MSU Women’s Resource Center as part of the Gender and Its Intersections series. Wise’s talk titled, “What Do White Guys Know About Race and Gender?” focused on white privilege, sexism and “straight/cisgender” supremacy and the ways in which each of these forms of oppression dominate and negatively impact everyone. (“Cisgender is a term used to describe people who are born into a body that accurately reflects their gender identity). As a white, straight, cisgender male, Wise talked about privilege saying, “It’s complicated. We know more than we let on. It’s not that we don’t know – it’s that we don’t have to think about it. But we know far less than we should.” He continued by stating, “It’s easy to be oblivious to identity when that identity is dominant.” Wise’s point was that no matter what identity categories a person ascribes to, there is ultimately a “gap in our understanding” and each of us carries the “psychological advantage” of the “privilege of obliviousness” in some capacity. Whether that “advantage” is through one’s race, sexuality, class, education level, religion, able-bodied status, gender identity or cisgender status, each of us is implicated in at least one form of privilege in society. Therefore, understanding privilege is imperative for breaking the silence around discrimination.

Wise encouraged the audience to examine the connections between all types of discrimination and to recognize that there is a “cultural force that encourages denial” and that there is a “silence about these topics” which makes us blind to the consequences of race, sex and gender. Wise argued that racism and sexism are the only types of oppressions that our culture says, “If you just stop talking about it, it will go away.” He jokingly gave the example that if we were to say the same thing about hunger – that if we just ignore it, bread will magically appear for people who are hungry – it seems ridiculous to try to make that argument about other types of oppression.

In conclusion, Wise examined straight and cisgender privilege as an example of the ways that we live in a “humanity destroying culture.” Wise argued that gay bashing (violence against people who are/thought to be homosexual) is a form of misogyny. He suggested that through the threat of violence and by shaming gay people that straight/cisgender supremacy acts as a silencing force. Wise ended his lecture by stating that “silence does not equal justice.”

This program was generously co-sponsored by: MSU LBGT Resource Center, Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen), MSU Counseling Center, MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine, Division of Student Affairs and Services, Honors College, Division of Residential and Hospitality Services, College of Veterinary Medicine, African American and African Studies, College of Arts & Letters, Office of the Provost and Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives.

Sarah Davis
Office Assistant III
College of Veterinary Medicine

Sarah Davis views her receiving of the Jack Breslin Distinguished Staff Award as a way of challenging herself in different ways. Davis is the Office Assistant for Vetward Bound, a program in the College of Veterinary Medicine through the Office of Diversity. Davis has been at Michigan State since 2004. “It was very humbling to be considered [for the award],” Davis said. This is Davis’ first award.

Davis serves as the assistant to four persons in her department, including the Vetward Bound Program Director, Academic Advisor/Assistant to the Director, Outreach Program Coordinator and Support Services/Activities Coordinator. The Vetward Bound Program has been running for 35 years on a grant renewal basis. It was designed to serve underrepresented students through outreach programs in the community. Davis said much of the Vetward Bound Program takes place in Lansing. This summer, the annual program will take place with 40 to 44 undergraduates over the course of seven weeks.

Davis said a large part of this award is about the support she has had throughout the years. “The recognition of this award alone speaks to the support I have,” Davis said. “If I wasn’t supported, this would not have happened.” Davis recognized that the nomination process was a lot of effort in itself. “It just shows how fortunate I am,” Davis said.

Considering herself to be a novice runner, Davis has participated in three half marathons, two 10ks, and several 5ks over the past three years. She is planning on running three half marathons in 2013. Davis also hopes to travel soon with her husband. Davis offers advice to others in saying, “We keep moving forward.” Even though these words of wisdom were taken from a movie Davis watched with her two young children, they nonetheless instruct about perseverance, attitude, and success.

Amanda Frederick
Nurse Manager
College of Osteopathic Medicine—Pediatrics

For Amanda Frederick, receiving the Jack Breslin Distinguished Staff Award was something she never envisioned twelve years ago when she first arrived at Michigan State. Frederick is the Nurse Manager at the College of Osteopathic Medicine Pediatrics. Before coming to Michigan State, Frederick worked in Oncology at Ingham. “This is a huge honor,” Frederick said. “It’s very humbling because there are other people who
are just as much deserving." This is Frederick’s first award. “It makes you feel good about the work you do,” Frederick said.

Frederick’s experience in the medical field, and especially nursing, has been gratifying. “The nursing career is a very rewarding career and not often recognized,” Frederick said. Frederick additionally recognized that while nursing may not always be viewed as prestigious as other careers in medicine, it is nonetheless an important one. Frederick approaches her job as Nurse Manager with equality and respect in mind. “I try to treat people how I want to be treated by putting myself in someone else’s place,” Frederick said.

In regards to being a woman in the medical field, Frederick understands that nursing has traditionally been dominated by women. “For me, nursing just seemed to fit my personality,” Frederick said. For this successful Nurse Manager, it’s about more than simply doing what you love. “I enjoy the fact that women now have the ability to gain an education, be in a rewarding career, be able to support themselves or contribute to their family income, yet still be able to have and raise a family,” Frederick said. Frederick is definitely a family person. She enjoys cooking, camping, and going to the beach with her two daughters and husband.

As to words of wisdom, Frederick says, “You can never know what life changes may occur, and being able to support yourself and a family is crucial.” Frederick says this was a piece of advice her mother gave her, and Frederick will be passing it down to her children as well.

Murgittroyd’s philosophy of serving others began at her first job out of graduate school at the Michigan Institute of Public Health. “It [also] provided me with a philosophy of compassion, non-judgment, and accountability,” Murgittroyd said. It is evident that Murgittroyd approaches her position at the Sexual Assault Program with these principles in mind. Like many others in this field, Murgittroyd understands sexual assault as an issue that not many people are readily willing to approach or discuss. Murgittroyd, who identifies as a feminist and social justice advocate, said that being recognized with a university-wide award possibly means our society is ready to talk about sexual assault and a culture that systematically oppresses women. “The award will help promote [that conversation],” Murgittroyd said.

In her free time, Murgittroyd enjoys being surrounded by nature, especially on the water or in her garden. She has been skydiving for Operation Freefall: The Two-Mile-High Stand Against Sexual Assault in April. When she retires, she hopes to have an organic farm. Murgittroyd has recognized that it is hard to do this work when there is so much violence and pain. “It is difficult to find beauty and joy,” Murgittroyd said. Thus, Murgittroyd follows Helen Keller’s words of wisdom: “The best and most beautiful things cannot be seen or even touched—they must be felt with the heart.”

For Christie Tobey, it’s all about the finding meaning in the work she does. “I definitely have accomplished the tree of life, with the different seasons representing the different phases of healing. This project came to fruition when student volunteers and the Advocacy Coordinator, Cassie Désir, partnered up with a local artist. Another initiative supported by the department includes a Photovoice Participatory Research Project with the Department of Psychology where photographs document the impact of sexual assault and trauma. “It speaks to the clientele we serve, and we are really happy to support that,” Murgittroyd said.

Christie Tobey
Executive Staff Assistant
Lyman Briggs College

For Christie Tobey, it’s all about the students. Tobey is the Executive Staff Assistant to the Assistant Dean of Lyman Briggs College, and has worked at Michigan State for over 30 years. “It’s nice for the university to recognize people who have been here for a long time,” Tobey said. “It makes it all worthwhile.” Tobey is familiar with the Jack Breslin Distinguished Staff Award from her colleagues, and was nothing less than utterly surprised when she realized she was one of this year’s recipients. “The students were very excited, and my colleagues and coworkers were very happy for me,” Tobey said.

Tobey’s student-centric career has made her realize the importance of finding meaning in the work she does. “I definitely have accomplished the goals I set out when I began working,” Tobey said. Tobey also mentioned that the residential nature of the program fosters a supportive and inclusive environment. This in turn facilitates and enhances Tobey’s own principles of teamwork and commitment. “This has been a very fulfilling position,” Tobey said. That is made very evident as Tobey said the department never lets students leave the office without an answer.

Tobey is also the unit’s security administrator. Currently, Tobey is conducting an internal security access audit. “We are constantly working to evaluate and improve aspects of our program,” Tobey said.
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As many award recipients have realized, Tobey also said that receiving this award is a great way to be recognized as a woman at the university. “Working at an educational setting like Michigan State is a really good way to feel like you are doing something worthwhile,” Tobey said.

When she is not working with students, Tobey can be found camping, attending music festivals, or baking bread. Travel is also an important hobby for Tobey, and she recently returned from a trip to Hawaii. Tobey’s words of wisdom can illuminate the future paths for many students: “You have to like what you are doing, but you also have to feel that what you are doing is important.”

The MSU Women’s Resource Center Celebrates The Outstanding Accomplishments of the Women of MSU and beyond

Congratulations!

“Ask A Spartan” Is Launched!

Ask A Spartan is a Q&A app that enables people to ask questions about relationships, sexual health, mental health, and sexual identity in English or Chinese and have their questions answered by MSU experts from the MSU Counseling Center, MSU Sexual Assault Program, LBGT Resource Center, Olin Health Center, MSU Women’s Resource Center, Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence Prevention Program (SARV), Safe Place, and The Office for International Students and Scholars. The app was developed by Venturit and MSUglobal Knowledge & Learning Innovations.

The app was developed at MSU in response to the continued increase of Chinese international students enrolled at the University. Information regarding topics can be challenging for all students, but perhaps more so for students for whom English is not their primary language. Ask A Spartan aims to provide responses to questions on these topics so that students and members of the community have access to accurate information and resources.

If you have questions about Ask A Spartan, please contact Jayne Schuiteman, PhD., Associate Professor at Michigan State University and Interim Director of MSU Women’s Resource Center at Schuitem1@msu.edu or (517) 353-1635.

“Ask A Spartan” App link: http://askus.msu.edu/ask-a-spartan

To learn more about Ask A Spartan go to the MSUAA Knowledge Network at: http://knowledgenetwork.alumni.msu.edu/ask-a-spartan/askaspartan.html

Ask A Spartan is App of the Week!!! Visit: http://detroit.cbslocal.com/2013/03/24/app-of-the-week-ask-a-spartan/

Congratulations! MSU School of Social Work Recipient of the 2013 Teal Ribbon Award

Social Work Earns Teal Ribbon Award—The MSU Counseling Center’s Sexual Assault Program announced it has named the MSU School of Social Work as the recipient of the 2013 Teal Ribbon Award. The award, presented annually, recognizes years of dedication by School of Social Work faculty to promote awareness, education and prevention of sexual violence on campus.

Dr. Gary Anderson, director of the School of Social Work, noted the pride he has in his program for earning this award. “Through our research, teaching, field education, continuing education and dedicated student groups, we have sought to continually promote awareness of sexual violence and work to educate and prevent such violence,” he said. “It is so encouraging and gratifying to have our continual efforts recognized in this special manner by the Counseling Center and Sexual Assault Program.”

In nomination materials, faculty such as Dr. Anderson, Sue Bowden, and Julie Navarre were pointed out as having direct and impactful involvement in this kind. An event will be held on April 4, 2013 to honor the MSU School of Social Work as the recipient of the 2013 Teal Ribbon Award.

“The MSU School of Social Work serves as a catalyst for promoting awareness, education relevant to the impact of sexual assault in our campus community and throughout the State of Michigan,” said Sexual Assault Program Coordinator Shari Murgittroyd. “The commitment to empowerment and education is critical for the well-being of our campus community and is particularly important for survivors of sexual violence.”

The teal ribbon is an international symbol used to promote sexual assault awareness, and the MSU Sexual Assault Program uses the symbol for this award created in 2008 to recognize campus efforts of this kind. An event will be held on April 4, 2013 to honor the MSU School of Social Work and its outstanding work.

Source: http://mysocialscience.msu.edu

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April 2013
Monday, April 1, 2013: April Fool's Day!

Thursday, April 4, 2013: MSU Student Employee of the Year Award Reception. For additional information, contact: barnera@msu.edu or (517) 884-0198.

Thursday, April 4, 2013: Teal Ribbon Award Ceremony. 4:00PM—5:00PM, Kellogg Center—Red Cedar Rooms. (See ad on page 4).

Saturday, April 6, 2013: Girls Get Going!! 8:30AM—1:00PM, MSU IM Sports West. FREE girls sports clinic for 3rd through 8th grade girls. For additional information and to register, visit: http://wrc.msu.edu under the "Events" tab.

Saturday, April 6, 2013: 5-Hour Shizzle Style Furniture Painting Workshop. 12:00N—5:00PM, MSU Recycling Education Center. Cost: $130.00. Workshop includes 5-hours of hands-on painting and instruction, individual guidance, all necessary paint, wax, and brushes and other supplies, lots of fun, laughter, and encouragement! Instructors, Shelly Andrade and Kathy Blood. For more information and to register, visit: recycle.msu.edu/educate/workshops.

Saturday, April 6, 2013: The Breslin Takeover II Carnival and Resource Fair. 1:00PM—5:00PM, Breslin Center. Animal Oasis Petting Zoo, Impression Five Museum, Karaoke, Food, Bounce Houses, MSU Bug House, Clowns and much more!! (See ad on page 9).

Friday, April 12, 2013: Young Women, Strong Leaders Conference. 8:00AM—4:00PM, Lake Superior State University—Sault Ste. Marie, MI. (See ad on page 7).

Saturday, April 13, 2013: The Crimson & Crème “Pearls Are Forever” Scholarship Ball. 7:00PM, MSU Union—Ballroom (2nd Floor). To register, visit: www.dstee1913.weebly.com.

Sunday, April 14, 2013: 2nd Annual Peace Summit. 1:00PM—5:00PM (Check-in begins at 12:30PM), MSU Union—Ballroom (2nd Floor). Keynote Speaker: Donzaleigh Abernathy, writer, speaker, actress, director, producer, and the daughter of Civil Rights Activist Ralph and Juanita Abernathy. Hosted by the Successful Black Women of MSU. While the event is FREE and OPEN to ALL, registration by April 3, 2013 is required and can be made under the “Events” tab at: http://wrc.msu.edu.

Sunday, April 14, 2013: Race for the Place—5K Run. 1:00PM Start time, Jenison Field House—Michigan State University. Enjoy a 5K run, walk or wheel while the kids enjoy a 1-mile fun run and 100-yard dash. All proceeds benefit MSU Safe Place. For more information and to register, visit: https://spartanpartners.msu.edu/2013/02/2013-race-for-the-place/.

Thursday, April 18, 2013: Investment Planning for Women. 12:00N—1:00PM, MSU Federal Credit Union—Farm Lane Branch, 4825 E. Mt. Hope Road, E. Lansing, MI. Learn the principles of financial planning, as it pertains to your needs and concerns. Presented by Jose Yanez, Full Circle Financial Planning. To RSVP, sign up at MSUFCU.org, e-mail pday@msu.edu or phone 664.7725. Co-sponsored by MSUFCU and MSU Women’s Resource Center.

Sunday, April 21, 2013: Self Defense for Women. 3:00PM—5:00PM, Location TBD. (See ad on page 6 for additional details).

Monday, April 22, 2013: Earth Day!

Monday, April 22, 2013: Jack Breslin Distinguished Staff Awards and the Ruth Jameyson “Above and Beyond” Award Ceremony and Reception. 1:00PM—3:00PM (Ceremony 1:30PM—2:15PM), Jack Breslin Student Events Center, North Auxiliary Gym.

Thursday, April 25, 2013: Take Your Child To Work Day! 8:00AM—3:00PM, Tours at various locations. 12:00N—1:00PM, Recognition Ceremony held in the Union Building—Main Lounge. No RSVP necessary. For details visit: wrc.msu.edu under the “Events” tab.

Friday, April 26, 2013: Annual “Women Matter” Luncheon and Celebration! 11:30AM—1:30PM, The University Club—Ballroom, 3435 Forest Road, Lansing, MI. Keynote Speaker: Dr. June Pierce Youatt, Acting Provost. Hosted by the MSU Women’s Resource Center. For more information, and to register online, please visit: wrc.msu.edu under the “Events” tab.

April 22, 2013 is . . .

Earth Day 2013
The Face of Climate Change

• Climate change has many faces
• And they’re not only human faces
• These faces of climate change are multiplying every day
• Luckily, other faces of climate change are also multiplying every day

What are you doing for Earth Day?

Source: http://www.earthday.org/
Please join us for
The MSU Women’s Resource Center’s
Annual “Women Matter” Luncheon & Celebration!

Friday, April 26, 2013
11:30AM—1:30PM
The University Club—Ballroom
3435 Forest Road, Lansing, MI

Online Registration and Payment begins:
Thursday, April 11, 2013 at:

http://wrc.msu.edu

(Click on the “Events” tab and locate the “Women Matter” event to register and pay by credit card).

To register and pay by MSU departmental account number, print out a registration form at http://wrc.msu.edu (or last page of the newsletter) and return to the MSU Women’s Resource Center by Monday, April 22, 2013.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, April 22, 2013

There will be a nominal cost of $18.00/person to offset the cost of lunch.

* Register Now! *

Self-Defense For Women!

Sunday, April 21, 2013
3:00—5:00 PM
Location TBD

Free and open to all, however space is limited! To reserve a space, please email wrc@msu.edu or call 353-1635.

Students and Mother/Daughter pairs are encouraged to register and participate together (daughters 12 years of age and older).

This event is co-sponsored by Self Defense Program and the MSU Women’s Resource Center Women’s Initiative for Leadership Development (WILD).

Successful Black Women of MSU Presents:
2nd Annual Peace Summit “Putting The Puzzle Back Together”

Sunday, April 14, 2013
1:00PM—5:30PM
(Check-In begins at 12:30PM)
MSU Union—Ballroom (2nd Floor)

Keynote Speaker: Ms. Donzaleigh Abernathy
Writer, Speaker, Actress, Director and Producer and daughter of Civil Rights Activists Ralph and Juanita Abernathy

The Summit is open to ALL MSU students, regardless of race, gender, religion, socio-economic status, or political persuasion. This will be an opportunity for students from different cultural backgrounds to come together to share and to learn, and more importantly, to commit to sustaining the bridges that we hope will be built so that we can become better citizens within and outside of our communities (promoting Peace, Unity, and Social Justice on MSU’s campus).

While the event is FREE and OPEN to ALL, registration by April 3, 2013 is required at:

http://wrc.msu.edu
(under the “Events” tab)

For additional information, please contact Tinisha Sharp at sharptin@msu.edu or the MSU Women’s Resource Center at (517) 353-1635 or wrc@msu.edu.
**Save the Date!!**

**Girls Get Going**

*10 Year Anniversary!!*

**girls sports clinic**

**Saturday, April 6, 2013**

**8:30 AM—1:00 PM**

**IM Sports West, MSU**

Girls Get Going is a **free** Girls Sports Clinic for 3rd to 8th Grade Girls.

Registration forms will be available online, beginning Monday, March 18, 2013 at [www.girlsports msu.edu](http://www.girlsports msu.edu).

Pre-registration is required! Space is limited!

**Co-sponsored by:** Recreational Sports and Fitness Services, MSU Family Resource Center, Intercollegiate Athletics and MSU Women’s Resource Center.

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**Save The Date!**

The MSU Women’s Resource Center Presents:

**“Women in the Middle” Conference**

**Thursday, May 30, 2013**

@ **12:00PM—5:00PM**

The University Club—Ballroom

3435 Forest Road, Lansing, MI

Are you in the “middle” of a career change, elder care, child rearing, divorce, illness, education, wedding planning, etc.? Or, just in the “middle” of life?! You get the picture! Then join us for a time of self-pampering, empowerment, rejuvenation, and fun!!

Online registration and payment begins Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at: [http://wrc.msu.edu](http://wrc.msu.edu) (under the “Events” tab). $25.00—Registration Deadline: Friday, May 24, 2013.

For additional information, contact the MSU Women’s Resource center at: (517) 353-1635 or wrc@msu.edu.

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**Write Your Own Story at the**

**YOUNG WOMEN / STRONG LEADERS Conference**

**Friday April 12, 8:15 – 4:15**

Lake Superior State University, Cisler Center

Registration (online only) now open at [wrc.msu.edu/ywsl.php](http://wrc.msu.edu/ywsl.php)

**Workshop sessions:** Conference attendees are invited to connect with women leaders in a variety of career paths and to attend sessions on issues such as financial planning for women, promoting yourself online and on the page, finding a mentor in your field, starting and running a small business, investigating non-traditional career paths, and more.

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**Student Employee Of the Year Recognition Program 2013**

**National Student Employee Week**

**April 7–13, 2013**

**MSU Student Employee of the Year Award Reception**

**April 4, 2013**

For additional information, contact: barnera@msu.edu or 884-0198.
**Support MSU Safe Place at Race for the Place!**

Race for the Place, MSU Safe Place’s annual 5K Run/Walk will take place on Sunday, April 14, 2013 with a 1:00PM start time. The Race for the Place is the largest annual fundraiser for MSU Safe Place and allows the program to continue to provide vital services to the members of the MSU and greater Lansing communities who experience relationship violence and stalking.

The Race for the Place 5K course on Michigan State University’s campus begins and ends at Jenison Field House. This year’s race is the traditional kick-off event for the Playmakers Greater Lansing Race Series and has gained considerable respect within the running community. In addition, Race for the Place is a fun-filled family event, with events for kids of all ages, MSU varsity athlete participation and a visit from Sparty!

For registration information, visit: msufcu.org/safeplace

**ENTRY FEE**
- On or before April 3, 2013: $25.00
- After April 3, and Race Day: $30.00
- MSU students with valid ID or under age 18: $20.00
- Group discount (up to 4 individuals) must register together in person or by mail: $60.00

**Kids Run 100-Yard Dash**
The FREE Dash starts at approximately 1:45 p.m., after the 5K, and is open to kids 6 and younger. All participants receive a ribbon and special prizes.

**Kids One-Mile Fun Run**
The One-Mile Fun Run will start immediately following the 100-yard dash. Boy and girl top finishers will be awarded a first-place medal. This run is open to kids 12 and younger. All participants receive a medal and special prizes. $15 entry fee includes a short-sleeved t-shirt with pre-registration.

**Volunteer Opportunities!**
Volunteers are needed between 9am-4pm on Race Day. If you would like to volunteer for Race for the Place, contact Alyssa Baumann, Volunteer/Advocacy Coordinator at: baumann9@msu.edu or 432-9570.

Race for the Place is proudly sponsored by: MSU Federal Credit Union, Foresight Group, Playmakers, MSU Alumni Association, MSU Residence Halls Association, MSU Clerical-Technical Union of MSU, MSU Residence Education & Housing Services, MSU Department of Radiology, MSU Residential and Hospitality Services, Canada Dry Bottling Co. of Lansing, Body Armor Super Drink, Larry Cushion Trophies and Engraving, Skyline Outdoor Advertising, MSU Culinary Services Residential Dining, The United Dairy Industry of Michigan, HOMTV and CAMTV, MSU Recreational Sports and Fitness Services, MSU Physical Plant Division, MSU Counseling Center, MSU School of Social Work, MSU Family Resource Center, MSU Olin Health Education, MSU Student Life, and the MSU SARV Prevention Program.
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The Breslin Takeover II
Carnival & Resource Fair

The Animal Oasis Petting Zoo
Impression Five Museum
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MSU Bug House
Clowns

AND MUCH MORE!!

MSU BRESLIN STUDENT EVENT CENTER

Saturday, April 6, 2013
1:00pm - 5:00pm

Admission: $2/Adults - $1/children under 12yrs

All proceeds go to support the SPOM Scholarship Fund

MSU Student Parents on a Mission (SPOM)

April 2013
Interested in receiving monthly e-mails about upcoming programs and events? To join the **WRC Listserv**, send an e-mail with the subject line “WRC Listserv” to wrc@msu.edu. Be sure to indicate your name and e-mail address.

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**Calendar Key:**  
TBTN = Take Back the Night  
MSU SAP = MSU Sexual Assault Program  
MSU WRC = MSU Women’s Resource Center

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**Sexual Assault Awareness Month**  
**April 2013**

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LookOut! Gallery in Snyder-Phillips  
Healing and Coping: Trauma’s Effects  
TBTN workshop  
7:00-9:00pm  
A224 Wells Hall |        | 2. **Opening Reception**  
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TBTN workshop  
105 5 Keloda Hall  
7:00-9:00pm |        | 5. **Thinking intersectionality**  
10:00am-4:00pm  
Erickson Center  
Kimberle Crenshaw, Patricia Hill Collins, and Nina Yovel-Davis |        | 6. **Thriving Post Surviving: A Celebrating Life Open Mic Night**  
6:00-8:00pm  
The Avenue  
2021 E. Michigan Ave |        | 7. **MSU SAP Memorial Painting**  
4:00pm-6:00pm  
14 Student Services Building |        | 8. **MSU WRC Annual “Women Matter” Luncheon and Celebration**  
11:30am-1:30pm  
University Club (Ballroom)  
3880 E Forest Road, Lansing, MI | 14. **Fundraiser for MSU Safe Place**  
Race for the Place  
MSU Jenison Field House  
1:00pm  
www.msu.edu/taiplace | 15. **Art Response to Sexual Violence—Challenging Event**  
Center for Poetry  
2:00pm-4:00pm  
Rivertrail | 16. **Take Back the Night**  
Beauvoir Field  
10:00am-10:00pm  
See attached flyer for more information  
2:30pm -SpeaKout! With Annie Gibson  
6:30pm March to Lansing  
Capitol 8:00 Candlelight Vigil at Capitol steps | 17. **National Crime Victim Rights Week (April 21st - 27th)** | 18. **MSU SAP Memorial Painting**  
4:00pm-5:00pm  
14 Student Services Building | 19.**Michigan Crime Victim Candlelight Vigil**  
6:00pm  
State Capitol Building Rotunda | 20. **Simple Self Defense for Women**  
Sponsored by Women’s Center of Greater Lansing  
Event will be held at 2800 S Washington, Lansing, MI  
Call (517) 372-2163 or email womenscenter@lansinggov.com  
to reserve a spot | 21. **Volunteer Recognition Event**  
5:00pm-7:00pm  
Roger’s Banquet | 22. **2nd Annual Peace Summit**  
“Putting the Puzzle Back Together”  
1:00pm-3:00pm  
MSU Union Ballroom  
2nd Floor  
Register at http://wrc.msu.edu | 23. **40th Annual Women’s Resource Center**  
Volunteer Recognition Event  
5:00pm-7:00pm  
3:00pm  
University Club (Ballroom)  
3880 E Forest Road, Lansing, MI | 26. **MSU WRC Annual “Women Matter” Luncheon and Celebration**  
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4th Annual Indian Gala

Promoting Women’s Education in India

Friday, April 19th

2013

7:00-9:00 PM

Hannah Community Center
2nd Floor Executive Conference Room
410 Abbott Road
East Lansing, MI

Catered Indian dinner,
silent auction,
music performance,
henna artist,
Pranayama instruction,
and more.

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Please Join the Michigan State University Women’s Resource Center for our annual luncheon celebration:

**Women Matter**

Celebrating the Women of MSU and Their Accomplishments

Friday, April 26, 2013 · 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
The University Club—Ballroom (Lower Level)
3435 Forest Road, Lansing, MI

Keynote Speaker:
June Pierce Youatt, Acting Provost
Michigan State University

The tradition of honoring colleagues, whether faculty, staff or student, with individual personal reflections of the extraordinary accomplishments that go unacknowledged continues. You are encouraged to pay special written tribute to a colleague whose day-to-day contributions have positively impacted your life and perhaps the lives of others. All written tributes will be displayed in the Women Matter program. Send written tributes to: wrc@msu.edu with “Women Matter” in the subject line by Monday, April 22, 2013 to be included in the program.

Registration Deadline: Monday, April 22, 2013 by 4:00 PM

There will be a nominal charge of $18.00 to offset the cost of lunch.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR PAYING WITH MSU DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNT
Email or FAX to: wrc@msu.edu or (517) 432-3846

Name: ______________________________________  Phone: _______________________
Email: ______________________________________
Vegetarian:    Yes ________    No  _________

To Pay Using A MSU Departmental Account Number:
Account #:________________________  Sub-Account #:_________________
Department/Unit _________________________  Authorized Signature: ___________________________

ONLINE REGISTRATION BEGINS: THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013
@ http://wrc.msu.edu (Under the “EVENTS” Tab)

***Payment accepted with debit/credit cards ONLY***

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