MSU Safe Place Awareness Month

January is National Stalking Awareness Month, a time to focus on a crime that affects 6.6 million victims a year.¹ This year’s theme—“Stalking: Know It, Name It, Stop It.”—challenges all of us to fight stalking by learning more about it.

Stalking is a crime in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, yet many victims and criminal justice professionals underestimate its seriousness and impact. In one of five cases, stalkers use weapons to harm or threaten victims, and stalking is one of the significant risk factors for homicide of women in abusive relationships.³ Victims often suffer anxiety, social issues, and severe depression at much higher rates than the general population, and many lose time from work or have to move as a result of their victimization.⁴

Stalking is defined as a course of conduct composed of 2 or more unconsented contacts that would cause a reasonable person to feel frightened, terrorized, intimidated or harassed. Stalking may take many forms, including:

- Assaults, threats, vandalism, burglary, or animal abuse
- Unwanted contact (phone calls, texts, e-mails, gifts, or visits)
- Following or showing up wherever the victim goes
- Damage to home, car, or other property
- Monitoring phone calls or computer use
- Using technology, like hidden cameras or global positioning systems (GPS)
- Driving by or hanging out at the victim’s home, school, or work
- Threatening harm to the victim and their family, friends, or pets
- Gathering information about the victim by using public records or online search services, hiring investigators, going through garbage, or contacting friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers
- Other actions that control, track, or frighten

Most stalking occurs in the context of relationship violence, by someone known to the victim, but stalking from a stranger or acquaintance can also occur. If you or someone you know is being stalked, you don’t have to deal with this alone. MSU Safe Place offers safety planning, advocacy, counseling, safe shelter, information/referrals and other support to individuals who are experiencing stalking. All services are free and confidential. You can contact MSU Safe Place at (517) 355-1100 or by e-mail at noabuse@msu.edu.

MSU Safe Place will be posting information about stalking throughout the month of January on Facebook (www.facebook.com/MSUSafePlace) and Twitter (@MSUSafePlace). More information about MSU Safe Place and stalking can also be found at www.safeplace.msu.edu. For additional National Stalking Awareness Month resources, please visit http://stalkingawarenessmonth.org and www.ovw.usdoj.gov.

⁴Ibid.

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MSU Safe Place

Register & Win!

Are you currently registered on the MSU Women’s Resource Center *listserv? If not, get registered today and you may win two (2) free passes to attend a MSU Women’s Basketball game at the Breslin Center! You and a friend will join the WRC staff in a “Breslin Suite”—compliments of the MSU WRC!!

Already on the WRC listserv? Encourage a friend to register on the MSU WRC listserv, make sure they include your name in the body of their email message, and if they win, you will join your friend and their guest for this special event!!

To register for the MSU WRC Listserv, email: wrc@msu.edu and include “Entry” in the subject line.

Entry Deadline: Monday, January 28, 2013

*Joining the MSU WRC listerv provides you with up-to-date information about happenings in the WRC and the MSU community!
Celebrating MLK Jr.’s Birthday: His Life and Legacy
Arielle LaBrecque

January brings the tribute of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the infamous African-American activist who was known for his commitment to social justice and nonviolent civil disobedience. The birthday of Dr. King is celebrated the third Monday in January, and is recognized as a U.S. Federal Holiday. A pioneer in disrupting the brutal, cyclical nature of racism and prejudice, Dr. King and his vision for an equal world significantly altered the socio-political atmosphere of the 1950s and thereafter.

King, one of the foremost figureheads of the African-American civil rights movement, was born January 15, 1929. A scholar with a BA from Morehouse College and a PhD from Boston College, King’s most significant achievements include helping to lead the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott, leading the March on Washington in 1963 where he delivered his “I Have a Dream” speech, and winning the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. King, who was established by the FBI and other authorities as a radical, later went on to expand his activist efforts to include poverty and the Vietnam War.

King’s influences and peaceful approach to volatile issues was most likely a result of his friendship with another peace activist, Mahatma Gandhi. Howard Thurman, an influential American author, philosopher, theologian, educator and civil rights leader, also shaped King’s notions of peace, inclusion, and justice. King’s pragmatic idea of civil disobedience came from literary influences such as Leo Tolstoy and Henry David Thoreau. King was a Baptist minister and helped to found the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Until his tragic assassination in 1968, King was untriring in his efforts to raise awareness about the necessity of an equitable and just society.

Dr. King’s legacy tells us how we should attempt to live out our daily lives in a changing 21st century. The day of recognizing Dr. King’s achievements should motivate all of us to research the issues affecting our communities, our country, and our world. His legacy instructs us to not be afraid of what we believe in, and that even if our voice is the only one, it will be heard. As one of King’s friends and mentors said, “Be the change that you want to see in the world.”

*Please note that although classes will be cancelled Monday, January 21st in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the university remains open for the many sponsored activities and programs across the campus community. For a full list of events and activities, visit: www.inclusion.msu.edu.

Sources: thekingcenter.org and nobelprize.org

MLK, Jr.—Little Known Facts

- In 1939, Martin sang with his church choir in Atlanta at the gala premiere of the movie Gone With The Wind.
- He skipped the 9th and 12th grades in school and entered Morehouse College at age 15.
- He had Bachelor degrees in sociology and theology. In 1955 he received his PH. D. from Boston University.
- In 1964, at age 35, he was the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.
- King is 1 of 10 20th century world martyrs who has a statue at Westminster Abbey.

Source: http://www.squidoo.com/Martin_Luther_King_Jr.

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MSU Safe Place

Did you know that MSU Safe Place provides free education to the community?

MSU Safe Place staff are happy to come speak to student groups, church/community organizations, staff gatherings or any other group you may be involved in.

Presentations can be tailored to your needs, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

- Relationship Violence and/or Stalking 101
- Myths and facts
- Statistics/prevalence
- Batterer tactics
- How to be an active bystander
- What is a healthy relationship?
- Why do victims/survivors stay in abusive relationships?
- The use of technology to stalk
- How can you help someone affected by relationship violence or stalking?
- Community resources

Videos and activities may also be utilized to add to the learning experience.

Call (355-1100) or e-mail (noabuse@msu.edu) MSU Safe Place for more details. You can also connect with us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/MSUSafePlace) or Twitter (@MSUSafePlace).

Check out MSU Safe Place on the web at: http://www.safeplace.msu.edu/
January 2013

WRC Staff: Jayne Schuiteman, Interim Director, Associate Professor and Personal Safety Coordinator; Patricia M. Lowrie, Consultant; Vacant, Educational Program Coordinator; Audrey C. Smith, Office Manager; Evette Chavez Lockhart, Administrative Assistant

WRC Students: Arielle LaBrecque, Emily Nichols, and Bennetta Thomas, Department Aides.
Save The Date!!
The 20th Annual Dia de la Mujer Conference
“La Nueva Epoca de la Mujer Latina”, “The New Era of the Latina Woman”

The DIA DE LA MUJER Conference is an annual meeting of Chicana/Latina women who come together from all parts of the community in Michigan and the Midwest to celebrate our successes, share information, and discuss issues of concern to our people. It is a day of workshops, exhibits, and entertainment focusing on La Mujer—the personal, professional, political, and academic aspects. More importantly, it is an opportunity to meet with other women like ourselves who believe in the value of community building and positive interaction.

Saturday, March 30, 2013
8:00AM—5:00PM
Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center

Keynote Speaker:
Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch

Contact:
Juan Flores
353-7745 or floresj2@msu.edu

Illami (Mimi) Martinez
353-7745 or mart1091@msu.edu

Office of Cultural and Academic Transitions (OCAT)

To register and/or for more information, visit:
http://ddlm.ocat.msu.edu/

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http://wrc.msu.edu

SAVE THE DATE
June 3—4, 2013

2013 State Conference - Michigan American Council on Education Network for Women Leaders in Higher Education

2013 Conference Theme - Build Inclusion:

Join faculty, staff and administrators from around Michigan as we seek to create a better future for all women through empowerment, solidarity and networking.

The 2013 Annual State Conference of the Michigan ACE Network for Women Leaders in Higher Education will be held June 3—4, 2013 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing, Michigan.

Call for Proposals:
Please consider submitting a proposal for the 2013 MI-ACE conference to be held at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing on June 3-4. Below are possible suggestions for proposals, however all relevant topic ideas are welcome.

- Topics of interest to women in academia including mentoring and career preparation
- Diversity and inclusion
- Transformative leadership
- Specific examples of higher learning institutions advancing inclusion, (i.e. policies, processes, services, organizational infrastructure and culture)
- 40 years of Title IX and its impact on women’s equity
- Public policy in Michigan related to gender equity and social justice
- Faculty research on women’s issues and gender equity

Submit a proposal at http://emich.edu/miace. The deadline for proposal submissions is January 18, 2013.
Announcements & Resources Continued

SISTRUM Auditioning for New Members!

Wednesday, January 16, 2013
7:00 PM

Sistrum is a women's community chorus. Lesbian, bisexual, heterosexual, queer and transgender women are welcome. Sistrum membership is open to women with varying musical skills, political interests, physical abilities, religious beliefs, racial identities and life experiences.

Orientation and Auditions for Spring 2013 will be held Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at 7:00pm at The First Presbyterian Church, 211 N. Chestnut Street, Lansing, Michigan. For more information visit, www.sistrum.org or send an email to the communications team at info@sistrum.org.

Web Resources for Women in Higher Education (Continued)

American Association University Women
http://www.aauw.org
Promotes education and equity for all women and girls.

Association of Black Women in Higher Education
http://www.abwhe.org
ABWHE has been an advocate for and celebrant of the accomplishments of Black women in higher education for more than two decades.

CareerWISE
http://careerwise.asu.edu/
The CareerWISE resource is unique. It's the only place where the best research on social science topics is applied to the everyday situations you encounter in science and engineering doctoral programs. Remember you're in a marathon race, not a sprint. You want to make it to the finish line. CareerWISE is your personal, expert, and confidential coach to get there. CareerWISE materials help you build personal resilience skills to go the distance, now and in your career.

Feminist Bookstore Network
http://www.litwomen.org/WIP/Stores.html
The Feminist Bookstore Network is a collaboration among feminist booksellers across the United States and Canada.

Gender Equity in Sports (University of Iowa)
http://bailiwick.lib.uiowa.edu/ge/
Excellent site for Title IX history, cases and statistics.

HERS (Higher Education Resource Services)
http://www.hersnet.org
Leadership and Management Development for Women in Higher Education Management

Hispanic Outlook
http://www.hispanicoutlook.com/
Nat'l magazine. Issues affecting minorities and minority issues in higher education. People, places and publication sections, conference coverage, success stories. 15th year of publication.

INSIGHT Into Diversity
http://www.insightintodiversity.com
INSIGHT Into Diversity (formerly Affirmative Action Register) is a leading national equal opportunity employment magazine and website that connects employers to the most highly qualified individuals regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, veteran status, gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation.

National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum
http://napawf.org
NAPAWF is the only national, multi-issue Asian and Pacific Islander (API) women's organization in the country. NAPAWF's mission is to build a movement to advance social justice and human rights for API women and girls.

National Organization for Men Against Sexism
http://www.nomas.org
Welcome to our online home! The National Organization for Men Against Sexism is an activist organization of men and women supporting positive changes for men. NOMAS advocates a perspective that is pro-feminist, gay affirmative, anti-racist, dedicated to enhancing men's lives, and committed to justice on a broad range of social issues including class, age, religion, and physical abilities.

Women’s Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor
http://www.dol.gov/wb/
Offers reports and statistics on women in the workforce.

Women’s Studies Database
http://www.mith2.umd.edu/WomensStudies/
Contains conference announcements, funding and employment in women's studies.

Source: For a complete listing, visit: http://www.wihe.com/links.jsp

COMING SOON!

Mid-Michigan Women’s EXPO!
Lansing Center—Lansing, MI
February 1—3, 2013
Fashion ■ Health & Wellness ■ Finances ■ Home & Garden ■ and much more!
For details, visit: http://www.kohlerexpo.com/Home.aspx
MSU Union
Grand Re-Opening!

The Historic MSU Union has been busy over the last several months undergoing a physical change to better serve the needs of the ever growing and changing campus community. The finished product of the first floor renovation is ready to be enjoyed and celebrated!

Please stop by the Union Grand Re-opening Party on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 from 4:00-6:00 p.m., to see the improvements, including the new Welcome Desk (with postal service), a larger Biggby, updated furnishings and a brand new Sparty’s store!!!!

Join us for food, giveaways, activities and remarks from MSU’s President, Dr. Lou Anna K. Simon at 5:15 p.m., and share in the joy of celebrating the 90 year history of this amazing building!

For more information, join us on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/events/178147715642915/

Open Position: Specialist-Outreach

Job Location: Michigan State University Human Development and Family Studies Department, 552 W. Circle Drive, 7 Human Ecology, East Lansing, MI 48824

Application information: https://jobs.msu.edu. Posting number 7210.

Posting closing date: 1/17/2013

Position Description: Michigan State University will work with the Michigan National Guard (MING) and the Military Family Research Institute (MFRI) to implement the Star Behavioral Health Providers (SBHP) program across the state of Michigan. This program is designed to train mental health professionals in evidence-based approaches to working with the military, and then to connect Veterans and their families with these trained providers by means on an online registry. This individual in this position will serve as one of the lead trainers for tier I and will assist in coordinating events and in overall management of the program. Tier One provides awareness about topics specific to the military, training in military culture, and information about deployments. This position has an end date of 12/31/2014.

Minimum qualifications: A bachelor’s degree with military experience either as a veteran or a spouse/partner of a veteran who deployed to Iraq/Afghanistan.

Desired qualifications: A master's degree in counseling or related field. Excellent organizational, interpersonal, and presentation skills. Individual will be required to be accomplished in presenting to healthcare providers on military culture and related issues.

Please apply at https://jobs.msu.edu. You will be asked to upload a cover letter and resume.

Tickets on Sale Now!

Vagina Monologues
Friday, February 8, & Saturday, February 9, 2013

For more information, visit: http://whartoncenter.com

A Performing Arts piece to raise awareness on sexual violence being committed against women and children. "The Vagina Monologues" is a series of monologues based on Eve Ensler’s interviews with women on relationships, sex, violence against women and the perception of vaginas. MSU joins an international effort, through V-Day: Until the Violence Stops, to end violence against women and girls. Proceeds from the show go to benefit MSU Safe Place and V-Day.


Horizon Conference
Wednesday, February 6, 2013
Cooley Temple Conference Center

The Horizon Conference has one purpose: to give women the tools they need to pursue their dreams—helping them be more so they can do more.

Wise words are wonderful, but knowledge, confidence and empowerment are what set the Horizon Conference apart. No fluff, no frills, just women taking charge and making big things happen!

For more information: www.horizonmichigan.com
East Meets West: The Transgender Community of Istanbul

MSU Museum
January 21—April 14, 2013

Photographic portraits by Mary Robert, Richmond University, London.

(Content intended for mature audiences. Discretion advised.)

Presented in partnership with the MSU Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives, MSU Asian Studies Center, Center for Gender Studies in a Global Context, College of Arts and Letters (Department of Art, Art History, and Design), and the MSU LBGT Resource Center.

An exhibit exploring sexual identity and transition in transsexuals of Istanbul
The photographic works of Professor Mary Robert

This exhibition gives a rare insight into the lives of people in transition—one of the most dramatic and absolute transitions that can be embarked upon by any individual. The photographic portraits explore the complex identities of the members of a community of male-female transsexuals living in Istanbul, Turkey. Robert’s photographs focus on the human qualities of the subjects who have developed a new, unique aesthetic.

Of the reported 2,000-3,000 transsexuals in Istanbul at various stages of transition from male to female, the vast majority exist in difficult circumstances and are often ostracized by their families.

By embarking on this path, they venture into the twilight world of a no man’s land between macho Turkish male culture and that of the liberated glamorous female. Here they live and operate in the shadowy edges beyond the well lit norms of society and its conventions. As expected in such territory, there is danger, no real protection and plenty of skirmishes and sniping. They are constantly pressurized by the locals, periodically harassed by the police and suffer prejudice from the political system which denies them the right to work legitimately until they successfully convert their blue (male) national identity card to a pink (female) card. This long road of conversion is arduous and expensive. Some work as cabaret entertainers but most survive and pay for their medical treatment by prostitution. In spite of their problems, at home the women are warm, generous, fun-loving people. They provide physical and emotional support for one another with some of the more experienced acting as mentors to new members.

Not all of the community achieve the full metamorphosis to become women; some choose to straddle sexes, some balk at the final irrevocable hurdle, while others can never save the money to be able to afford the operation. If one is not ‘beautiful’, she can neither find work in a club nor be successful as a prostitute. Such individuals may find themselves stuck between sexes forever.

Mary Robert is interested in their everyday private lives when they are at home by themselves and with their friends rather than their public selves as they appear on the streets and in the night clubs. In this body of work she has tried to establish a familial relationship with her subjects, come to know them well, to some extent participate in their lives and to use photography as a means of positive contact between them. These are portraits which sit in the tradition of B&W documentary photography but with the contemporary understanding that the photograph is a 2-dimensional representation of that which has passed. That these are portraits is what is important. In these pictures, the subjects present their being and sexuality in front of the camera; they are fully engaged with the process of capturing their image on film and are active in the choice of how to be presented. They have embarked on a course of physical change and then have had their new identity denied by most. They constantly renegotiate their true identities. They use photography to reinforce those identities. They use the photo sessions to reinforce their perception of their current identity. They reference photographs from publications such as Vogue, Playboy and Loaded as well as those from porn magazines to construct their self image. They use the photographs of themselves as verification of their progression.

These are not constructed documentary images; they are images of constructed identities. Although considered as either freaks or exotic aberrations in their own society, Robert’s photographs focus on the human qualities of these women who have strength and charm.

Also debuting a new collections acquisition at the MSU Museum: Ritzenhein-Wilensky Gay Collections Endowment for gay ephemera and art collections to be used for exhibitions, research and programming in partnership with the MSU LBGT Resource Center.

PROGRAMS
Exhibition Opening
Monday, January 21, 2013
4:00—5:30 p.m.
MSU Museum Heritage Gallery

Presented with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration and this year’s theme, “The Road to Social Justice Begins with One Step”

MSU Department of Art, Art History, and Design 2012-1013 Guest Lecture Series featuring photographer Mary Robert
Saturday, February 9, 2013
1 p.m., MSU Union, Ballroom
2-5 p.m., Reception at MSU Museum
in partnership with Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender Ally College Conference (MBLGTCACC), Feb. 8-10, 2013 at the Lansing Center.

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.
Women's Wellness Day

Saturday, February 9 • 9 am - 4 pm

A day of fitness, fashion, and fun with friends!

Open to all Women!

$35 U-Club members / $45 Non-members
Pick up a brochure at the front desk for more details!

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