Fall 2014

Boy Gets Girl Theatre Production

Open to: All

CWC is co-sponsoring the production of Boy Gets Girl, a play addressing stalking, directed by UMass senior Kari Collins. A Talk-Back with the actors, production crew and CWC staff will follow each performance. For more information check out the facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/events/1588912007997386/?ref_dashboard_filter=upcoming.

Warning: this play includes realistic depictions and discussions of stalking behavior and the psychological impact of stalking on victims/survivors.

Stalking and Technology

December 4, 1:30-4:30pm
Hampshire County Family & Probate Court

Open to: Western MA SAFEPLAN Advocates

Co-sponsors: MOVA

A stalking and Technology DVD was shared with the advocates to talk about best practices/ and multi agency collaboration when working with a victim that is being stalked or harassed via technology.

Training for Law Enforcement about Substance Abuse, Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence
December 4, 2-3:30pm

Sunderland Police Department

Open to: DVIP Law Enforcement and Advocates

Co-sponsors: Northwestern District Attorneys Office Domestic Violence Intervention Project (DVIP)

CWC Staff presented information about the connection between substance abuse and sexual and domestic violence. The training identified characteristics of addiction and explored how trauma and addiction are often related. The training also debunked myths associated with sexual assault, domestic violence and substance use.

International Women around the World Group
December 2, 11am-3pm

UMPD

Open to: International women

Provide information 54 international participants about the Civilian Advocate's role for The CWC as well as briefly outlined the services available at CWC. Made the CWC hotline number available.

Supporting mental health and self-care of graduate women of color
November 19, 2014, 5:30-7:30pm

Campus Center 174-76

Open To (audience): Graduate Women of Color

Co-sponsors: Graduate Students of Color Association

A support group session co-sponsored by Graduate Students of Color Association and Center for Women and Community, focused on supporting mental health and self-care of graduate women of color. Facilitated by Dr. Mamta Dadlani, this session will provide an opportunity for graduate women of color to share concerns they face in graduate school, as well as leave with coping strategies for dealing with these challenges. Food and refreshments will be provided.Space is limited to 20 participants. Registration required.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1l8-3LSdt9ahS7zPzmv__ez1CS33T9cc78n_wnF4MtW-AT8/viewform
IT'S ON US UMASS is part of a national campaign to end sexual assault on college campuses. Through engaging the entire UMass community and connecting all the organizations doing great work on these topics, we can change the overall campus climate regarding sexual assault.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- OPEN MIC: Speak Out Against Sexual Assault
  Thursday, October 16th
  7 to 10 p.m. in Earthfoods Café
  Sponsored by CERC (Coalition to End Rape Culture)

- MICHAEL KIMMEL, GUYLAND: The Perilous World Where Boys Become Men
  Wednesday, October 22nd
  7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom
  Sponsored by the Men and Masculinities Center

- CANDLELIGHT VIGIL
  Thursday, October 25th
  7 to 9 p.m. in the Cape Code Lounge
  Sponsored by the Center for Women and Community

- FLIRTING WITH DANGER: Young Women's Reflections on Sexuality and Violence
  Saturday, October 25th
  12:30 p.m. in the Integrative Learning Center
  Sponsored by The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

- PROJECT UNBREAKABLE
  Monday, November 3rd
  6 to 8 p.m. in the Honors College Events Hall
  Sponsored by the Sociology Department

- KNOW YOUR IX
  Wednesday, November 5th
  4 to 6 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom
  Sponsored by CERC (Coalition to End Rape Culture)

- BOYS AND MEN HEALING
  Thursday, November 13th
  7 p.m. in the Malcolm X Cultural Center
  Sponsored by the Men and Masculinities Center

www.facebook.com/ItsOnUsUMass
Boys and Men Healing from Childhood Sexual Abuse

An evening exploring men healing from childhood sexual abuse including a film, discussion and panel of survivors.

**Understanding and Reporting Sexual and Relationship Violence Under Title IX**

November 12, 2014
Open To (audience): UHS Staff

Co-sponsors: EOD; Athletics; UHS

CWC Staff will co-facilitate a training with other Title IX Team members on recognizing behaviors that constitute sexual harassment, assault or relationship violence, receiving disclosures of abuse and effectively supporting survivors, and campus resources for intervention and reporting.

**No Blurred Lines: Getting Clear Consent (Public Health 160: My Body, My Health)**
Friday, November 7, 2014

Open to: Students in Public Health Class

This workshop will discuss what consent looks like and the many ways to prevent sexual violence. Participants of this workshop will come together to create a shared definition of consent, identify warning signs of sexual violence, and generate strategies for interrupting violence using real life examples.

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**November Social Hour at WOCLN**
November 5, 2014, 12-2 PM

127 New Africa House

Open To (audience): All

The Women of Color Leadership Network at CWC would like to invite you to our Social Hour!

This is a time for networking and making connections. Come meet our staff, connect with women of color, network and relax from your busy schedule, or simply just come say hello! Stop by between classes or stay for longer conversations. All are welcome, and light snacks will be served. Bring a friend.
“Keeping it Consensual: Hooking Up in College” - discuss what consent looks like and the many ways to prevent sexual violence. Participants of this workshop will come together to create a shared definition of consent, identify warning signs of sexual violence, and generate strategies for interrupting violence using real life examples.

Women of Color and Media (Mis)Representations

November 5, 2014, 4:30 PM

UMass Campus Center Room 804-08

Open To (audience): All

Co-sponsors: Graduate Women’s Network (GWN-GSS) and

Supported by the Association of Latin American and Caribbean Students & Friends (ALACS) and the Graduate Students of Color Association (GSCA)

Join the Women of Color Leadership Network (WOCLN) in a panel discussion about the powerful role of media; the implications of (mis)representations of women of color across their varied social identities; and the potential
for (counter)representations in resistance to stereotypes and for transformative construction for women of color in different media outlets.

Panelists Include:

Prof. Mari Castañeda, Communication Department, UMass Amherst
Cassandra Rodriguez, Ph.D. Student, Sociology Department, UMass Amherst
Donna Moody, Ph.D. Candidate, Anthropology Department, UMass Amherst
Prof. Allison Butler, Communication Department, UMass Amherst
Prof. Karen Y. Morrison, Department of Afro-American Studies, UMass Amherst

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Community Health Education Class
Tuesday, November 4, 2014
Open To: Students in Class

Participants will learn about what they can do to prevent sexual violence in our community. This workshop will challenge participants to think about violence prevention as a cultural and environmental change, rather than risk reduction. Participants will discuss the multiple ways to confront sexual violence that are both safe and healthy. By the end of this workshop participants will begin to understand how they can be agents of social change.

AFROTC Sexual Assault Workshop
Tuesday, November 4, 2014
Open To: AFROTC Members

Participants will actively engage in uncovering myths surrounding rape and sexual assault. This workshop will challenge stereotypical beliefs about sexual violence and leave participants with information about the realities and prevalence of sexual assault, as well as discuss the multiple ways to confront sexual violence that are both safe and healthy.

Project Unbreakable
November 3, 2014, 6-8PM
Commonwealth Honors Events Hall in Roots Cafe, UMass
Open to: UMass Community
Co-sponsored by: VOX, Commonwealth Honors College, UMass Pride, Sociology Department

Project Unbreakable started as a creative advocacy strategy aimed at supporting survivors of sexual assault, child abuse, and domestic violence in the act of healing by helping them to reclaim the words that were used against them. The Project Unbreakable team (the Executive Director is a former UMass Amherst Political Science major) travels to Universities around the nation raising awareness and encouraging students to engage their creativity in the service of social change.
The Project Unbreakable event will feature founder Grace Brown and Executive Director (and UMass alum) Kaelyn Siversky. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A.

http://project-unbreakable.org/

**South Hadley High hosts Pioneer Valley Youth Clothesline Project**

**October 29, 2014**

**Open To: South Hadley High School community only**

The Pioneer Valley Youth Clothesline Project is a collection of t-shirts decorated by teens in order to express the impact relational trauma has had on their lives. The South Hadley High community will have the opportunity to view the shirts and, if desired, make shirts of their own to contribute to this growing display.

**Understanding and Preventing Child Sexual Abuse**

**October 24, 2014**

**Open to (Audience): Safe Passage Volunteers**

**Co-sponsored by: Safe Passage**

CWC Staff provided information on what constitutes child sexual abuse and the role of adults in preventing perpetration. The workshop included information about warning signs that a child may have been abused; warning signs of adult sexually abusive behavior and strategies for discussing healthy sexual development with adults and children.

**UMass Efforts to Address Sexual Violence at Faculty Senate Health Council**

**October 24, 2014**

**Open To: Health Council**

**Co-sponsors: Faculty Senate Health Council**

CWC Staff discussed current efforts on campus to prevent and respond to sexual and relationship violence including CWC federal grants addressing the issues; the UMass Title IX Committee; coordinated support and intervention for survivors; confidential vs. private reporting options and online education for incoming students.
Candle Light Vigil

Join the Center for Women and Community, the sisters of Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority for our annual candlelight vigil in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The candlelight vigil honors all those who are affected by domestic violence and provides an opportunity for the community to unite. Take a stand against domestic violence by supporting the survivors who choose to speak out against domestic violence and learn about key community resources for responding to violence.

The Perilous World Where Boys Become Men, a talk with Michael Kimmel
October 22, 2014, 7pm
Student Union Ballroom, UMass

Open to : UMass Community
Sponsored by: Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies & Men and Masculinities Center

Come and hear Michael Kimmel, sociology and gender studies professor at Stony Brook University and director of the Center for the Study of Men and Masculinity, discuss his book Guyland. Kimmel will touch upon how men learn to navigate their 20s and offer suggestions to help young men head to a more conscious adulthood. The Center for Women and Community will be on site to provide resources and information.

Domestic Violence Workshop
October 22, 2014, 7-9PM
Campus Center room 911
Open to: UMass Community
Co-sponsored by: Sigma Psi Zeta

This workshop will invite participants to discuss the qualities of a healthy relationship. Participants will learn about the signs and patterns of intimate partner violence, as well as the impacts of intimate partner violence on survivors and their loved ones. Participants will learn about what they can do to prevent relationship violence, support survivors, and become agents of social change.

Mobile Consulate of Mexico to Offer Services in Sunderland MA
October 18, 2014, 9-5 PM
Sunderland Elementary School, 1 Swampfield Drive, Sunderland MA
Open To (audience): All
Co-sponsors: NELCWIT, Safe Passage

CWC Latino Services collaborated with Safe Passage and NELCWIT to bring the Mexican Mobile Consulate to Sunderland. At the Mobile Consulate, residents could apply to receive new or updated Mexican passports and request passports for children.

Spoken Word
October 15, 2014, 2014, 7 PM
Shirley Graham Dubois Library- 203 New Africa House (2nd Floor)
Open To (audience): All

Looking for an opportunity to speak your truth in a creative, diverse, vibrant, and welcoming environment? Join WOCLN for an evening of spoken word performances! All are invited to perform original spoken word or poetry pieces or read from the works of your favorite artists/authors in relation to power, liberation, oppression, cultural and social identities, resistance, solidarity, and other social justice related topics. If you’re interested in performing, please email woclncstuaf.umass.edu. Refreshments will be served. Free, open to all, and wheelchair accessible.
Understanding and Responding to Sexual Violence (Safe Passage)
October 14, 2014

Open to (Audience): Safe Passage Volunteers

Co-sponsored by: Safe Passage

Center for Women and Community (CWC) staff will provide several trainings to new Safe Passage volunteers. These sessions will introduce basic information regarding sexual assault. Participants will actively engage in uncovering myths surrounding rape and sexual assault, learning about the typical experiences of survivors, and discussing how this information fits into their work in Domestic Violence prevention and direct service.

Keeping it Consensual: Hooking Up in College

My Winning Season: Understanding Relationship Violence
October 6, 2014, 4:30 - 5:30PM

Open To (audience): Athletes participating in My Winning Season

Co-sponsored by: The Men & Masculinity Center and the Athletics Department

CWC Staff is partnering with the Center for Men & Masculinity and the Athletics Department to provide education to student athletes on understanding and responding to relationship violence. Discussion will focus on recognizing the warning signs of an abusive relationship, identifying strategies to intervene and campus and community resources to support survivors.
**October Social Hour at WOCLN**  
October 1, 2014, 12-2 PM  
127 New Africa House  
Open To (audience): All  
The Women of Color Leadership Network at CWC would like to invite you to our first Social Hour of this year! Social Hour is a time for networking and making connections. Come meet our staff, connect with women of color, network and relax from your busy schedule, or simply just to say hello! Stop by between classes or stay for longer conversations. All are welcome, and light snacks will be served. Bring a friend.

**Sexual Harassment and Bystander Intervention Training**  
September 22, 23, 29, 30, 2014,  
Open To (audience): OIT Student Staff  
Co-sponsored by: UMass OIT  
Representatives from the Center for Women and Community (CWC) will provide a dual-session workshop to OIT’s student staff. Over the course of two sessions, participants will explore the dynamics of sexual harassment and build the skills necessary to act as a positive bystander in interrupting and preventing sexual harassment in their communities.

**Sexual Harrassment and Bystander Intervention with OIT Staff**  
September 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 30th  
UMass  
Open To (mention audience): UMass OIT Student Staff  
Representatives from the Center for Women and Community (CWC) will provide a dual-session workshop to OIT’s student staff. Over the course of two sessions, participants will explore the dynamics of sexual harassment and build the skills necessary to act as a positive bystander in interrupting and preventing sexual harassment in their communities.

**Supporting Survivors**  
September 30, 2014, 4:30 - 5:30PM  
Smith College  
Open To (audience): SASA Members  
Co-sponsored by: SASA (Smith Students Against Sexual Assault)  
Center for Women and Community educators will provide a presentation that allows participants to learn and practice the skills necessary to support survivors of sexual assault as well as gain knowledge of local resources for survivors.
**WOCLN Goes Hiking!**  
*September 27, 2014, 11 AM*

The Amethyst Brook Conservation Area (Pelham Road- Amherst)

Open To (audience): All

Please join the Women of Color Leadership Network for a short hike on the Amethyst Brook Conservation Area that is part of the Robert Frost Trail.

You can meet us outside New Africa House, UMass Amherst at 11 AM for car pooling, or meet us in the parking lot of the trail on Pelham Road by 11:15 AM.

The trail is a flat terrain by a beautiful brook. Bring your own water and snacks if you like. RSVPs are appreciated. Email us at wocln@stuaf.umass.edu to let us know whether you will be joining, and where you will be meeting us. If you need a ride, then RSVP is required by September 25th.


**Outreach to new CCPH Interns**  
*September 22, 2014*

Open To (audience): CCPH Interns

Co-sponsored by CCPH

Rape Crisis Staff met with new CCPH Interns to discuss sexual and relationship violence on college campuses. UMASS Title IX protocols and campus resources were discussed, as well CWC services and programs. Staff also discussed strategies for supported referrals and collaborations.

**Understanding Sexual Harassment & Title IX Training for Student Government Association**  
*September 22, 2014*

Open To (audience): SGA Officials

Co-sponsored by: UMass Equal opportunity & Diversity Office; Student Government Association

Staff from CWC and EO&D presented a training on understanding and responding to sexual harassment and sexual violence to members of the UMASS Student Government. The training focused on understanding the University’s obligations under Title IX, identifying sexual violence, including sexual harassment, and campus and community resources to support students and employees that experience sexual violence.

**Smith Conduct Board Training**  
*September 21, 2014, 1:00 - 4:00PM*

Smith College
Open To (audience): Smith Conduct Board Members

Co-sponsored by: Smith College Dean of Students Office

Center for Women and Community educators will present a training that informs the members of the Smith College Conduct Board about common dynamics of sexual assault and survivor responses in order to provide them with the information needed to hear potential sexual violence cases in a trauma-informed manner.

New Africa House Fall Welcome Event

September 10, 2014, 2-5 PM

New Africa House

Open to (Audience): Public

Co-sponsored by: Afro-AM Studies Department, Augusta Savage Gallery

Join the Center for Women & Community, Afro-American Studies Department and Augusta Savage Gallery for our Fall Welcome Event in the Central Residential Area of campus. This celebration will feature live music by the New Africa House Ensemble and refreshments, as well as a chance to meet some of our staff and volunteers.
Come get some information about our services, programs, and how you can get involved with our departments. There will also be an opportunity for you to tell us about the issues that matter to you.

Bring blankets or chairs, weather permitting for live music on the lawn!

**Where’s Love 101?**

**September 09, 2014, 11 AM**

**Open To (audience): Public**

**Co-sponsored by:** The Student Legal Services Office, The Women of Color Leadership Network, The Stonewall Center, The Graduate Women’s Network, Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies and University Health Services

In order to better understand what exactly the term means, the eighth annual “Where’s Love 101: On or Off the Hook: Experiences with Hookup Culture” was held.


**UMass Graduate School Reception**

**September 2, 2014, 5:00 - 7:00PM**

**Student Union Ballroom**

**Open To (audience): UMass Graduate Students**

**Co-sponsored by:** UMass Amherst Graduate School Program

Representatives from the Center for Women and Community (CWC) will be on site to provide UMass Graduate Students with information about the services that the CWC offers, answer questions, and share information about engagement opportunities.

**Adjudicating Cases Involving Sexual Assault/Misconduct, Relationship Violence/Abuse & Stalking**

**August 29, 2014, 2 - 5pm**

**Campus Center**

**Open To (Audience): Public**

**Co-sponsored by:** UMASS Dean of Students Office
CWC Staff provided training to new Conduct Board members addressing sexual and relationship violence and stalking. Training defined what constitutes violence and explored the traumatic impact of experiencing sexual and relationship violence.

**Understanding and Responding to Sexual Violence**  
*August 25, 2014, 11:00AM - 12:30PM*  
*University of Massachusetts*  
*Open To (Audience) New UMass RA's*  
*Co-sponsors: UMass Residential Life*  
CWC staff will provide new UMass RAs with the information they need to respond to survivors of sexual violence in a trauma informed manner. RAs will also learn basic intervention strategies which can be used to prevent violence from occurring.

**Understanding and Responding to Intimate Partner Violence**  
*Monday, August 25th, 2014, 3:30PM - 5:00PM*  
*University of Massachusetts*  
*Co-sponsored by: UMass Residential Life*  
*Open to (Audience): Returning UMass RAs*  
CWC staff will provide returning UMass RAs with information about Relationship Violence. This interactive workshop will explore the dynamics of relationship violence and strategies that can be used to intervene in situations involving relationship violence.

**Hampshire College RA Training**  
*Thursday, August 21, 2014 10am-12pm*  
*Hampshire College*  
*Open to (Audience): Hampshire College Resident Assistants*  
*Co-sponsored by: Hampshire College Residential Life*  
CWC staff will train Hampshire College's RA Staff on topics related to sexual violence including: dynamics of sexual violence, how to support survivors, and prevention strategies.

**Hampshire Residential Life Training**  
*August 15, 2014*  
*Hampshire College*  
*Open To (mention audience): Hampshire College Interns*  
Representatives from the CWC will facilitate a training that will prepare participants to better understand and respond to any well-being concerns their residents might approach them with - examples include sexual violence, depression, eating disorders, and so on. Facilitators will lead a workshop based around the "Listen, Validate, Refer" model used at Hampshire.
Training on 209A modification to include domesticated pets
August 11-August 13, 2014

Open To: Northampton Police Department

Presentation on the new section added to the 209A (Restraining Order Law) stating that the court may order
the possession, care and control of any domesticated animal owned, possessed, leased, kept or held by either
party or a minor child residing in the household to the plaintiff or petitioner. The court may order the defendant
to refrain from abusing, threatening, taking, interfering with, transferring, encumbering, concealing, harming or
otherwise disposing of such animal.