VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: THEORY, ISSUES AND PREVENTION
Spring 2007
CLASS OUTLINE
Nicole Baran, MSW, MA

4 units, Tues & Thurs: 3:15-4:45, 1 hour section TBD, Location: CDC 2nd Floor

Description: Violence against women issues explored from an interdisciplinary, feminist perspective. This course examines the root causes of abuse, addresses the multi-leveled approaches to ending violence against women and explores the relationship between violence against women and other forms of oppression: racism, economic exploitation, heterosexism and social class. Framework addresses the institutional barriers that maintain violence against women in our culture, and how solutions must also address individual, community, political, legal, national and global dimensions. Students from every discipline, women and men, are encouraged to become allies in this effort and will apply theoretical perspectives to educational campus service learning projects.

Tuesday April 3, 2007
3:15 pm - 4:45 pm

Introduction to the course and class overview: Violence against women as a human rights issue: the intersection of oppression and violence

Film: Amnesty International Stop Violence Against Women (15 min.)

Reading:

Thursday April 5, 2007
3:15 pm - 4:45 pm

Understanding the problem: Interpersonal and Institutional Tactics of Power and Control

Reading:


**Tuesday April 10, 2007**
**3:15 pm - 4:45 pm**

**Heterosexism and Same Sex Relationship Abuse**

**Reading:**


**Handouts:**

Burk, C. Think, Re-Think: Domestic Violence in Lesbian, Bisexual and Trans Relationships.

NW Network-Asherah, K.L. The Myth of Mutual Abuse

NW Network- Some thoughts on the Myth of Mutual Abuse

[www.nwnetwork.com article](http://www.nwnetwork.com)

**Thursday April 12, 2007**
**3:15 pm - 4:45 pm**

**Feminist Theories About Sexual Violence**

**Reading:**


**Tuesday April 17, 2007**

3:15 pm - 4:45 pm

**Integrating Theory Into Practice: Research project/methods, needs assessment, focus groups & surveying**

**Reading:**


**Thursday April 19, 2007**

3:15 pm - 4:45 pm

**Feminist Theories of Masculinity and Violence**

**Film:** “Tough Guise”

**Reading:**


Tuesday April 24, 2007
3:15 pm - 4:45 pm

Feminist Theories of Masculinity and Violence Part II

Film: Beyond Beats and Rhymes


Thursday April 26, 2007
3:15 pm - 4:45 pm

(5:30PM INCITE! Women of Color Against Violence Andrea Smith & 9PM: Take Back the Night)

Transnational Perspectives on Violence


Optional:

Tuesday May 1, 2007
3:15 pm - 4:45 pm

3.24.07
Understanding the problem: Feminist Theories of Relationship Abuse

Reading:


Optional:


Thursday May 3, 2007
3:15 pm - 4:45 pm

Systemic Re-victimization of Children in the Context of Domestic Violence (45 min)

Reading:


Teens & College Students (45 min)

3.24.07
Reading:


Additional articles: to be distributed in class

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**Community Organizing: Helping Friends/Peers & Woman Defined Safety Planning**

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**Tensions with the Criminal Justice System**

Film: Defending our lives


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**SAFETY PLAN DUE**

**The Anti-Feminist Backlash: Gender Neutralization**

**Reading:**


**Tuesday May 22, 2007**
**3:15 pm - 4:45 pm**

**Anti-Violence Movement Building**

**Reading:**


**Additional articles:** to be distributed in class

**Thursday May 24, 2007**
**3:15 pm - 4:45 pm**

**Language & Violence (45 minutes)**

**Reading:** to be distributed in class

**Marketing (45 minutes)**

**Reading:**
Media Violence & Media Justice: A Critical Analysis (45 min)

Reading:

Additional handouts: to be distributed in class in class.

Challenging Victim Blaming (45 min)

Reading: To be distributed in class

Presentations: Frequently Asked Questions: Your Responses

Movement In Practice: Challenges, Successes and Self-Care


Final Project Presentations

Date TBD INTERN RETREAT 2 hours

Skill building: violence prevention project, facilitation skills, sustainability, and evaluation.