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THE SEXUAL BATTERY COMMITTEE OF THE
GAINESVILLE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, INC.

29th Annual Conference
Thursday, May 20, 2010



EXAMINING SOCIETAL AND SYSTEMIC REVICTIMIZATION

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
4000 NW 53RD AVENUE
GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

5 HOURS CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

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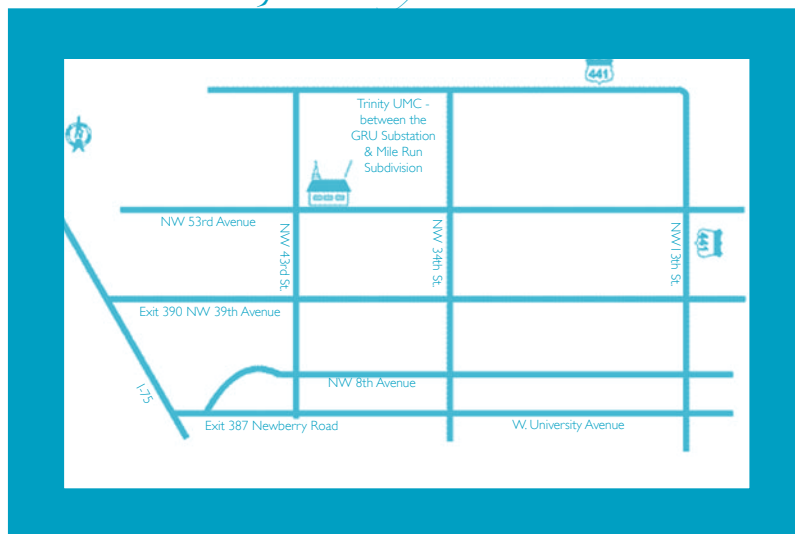
In 1980, the City of Gainesville Commission approved the establishment of the Gainesville Commission on the Status of Women. In 1994, after concerns over what some Commissioners viewed as controversial actions by the GCOSW, including providing condoms for a health fair, the City of Gainesville Commission severed ties with GCOSW. Those involved with GCOSW's cause realized, however, that Gainesville was still in need of an organization to advocate for the needs of women and girls in our community. GCOSW incorporated as a not-for-profit organization and continues to this day to work towards its mission to seek for every woman and girl dignity and opportunities equal to her potential, respecting diversity in ability, race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity, creed, and age.

The **Sexual Battery Conference** is but one of the projects supported by GCOSW. GCOSW's **Social Action Committee** offers mini-grants twice each year to support innovative programs and projects that address the needs of women and girls in our community. The **Education Committee** seeks to increase community awareness of women's history and women's contributions to history. It aims to recognize women who have made a significant contribution to our community. Presentations are made during Women's History Month. This year's award recipients were Ann Williams for the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Award and Gwendolyn Saffo for the Ida B. Wells Award. The **Status of Women Committee** analyzes existing data about the current status of women in Gainesville and Alachua County regarding such factors as completed educational level, type and level of current employment, current salary, and other related areas. After the data are analyzed, conclusions and recommended actions will be made.

Some of you may have noticed the absence of the **Survivors' Art Exhibit** this year. After fourteen years of dedicated service to this invaluable project, the committee leadership decided that they were no longer able to spend the time and energy necessary to make the exhibit happen. It was with deep sadness, though understanding and appreciation, that this resignation was accepted. Though we were unable to find someone to fill this important role in time to hold the exhibit this year, the GCOSW Board members are committed to bringing new life to this important project and are looking for people who would be interested in taking on this important work.

If you are interested in participating in any of these projects or are interested in supporting GCOSW as a whole, please consider joining GCOSW and contributing your time and talents to the important work of advocating for women and girls in our community. You can send your membership fee of \$25.00 with your registration. Please contact Phyllis Meek, GCOSW Board President, at pmeek@dso.ufl.edu with any questions or concerns.

Map to Conference Site



EXAMINING SOCIETAL AND SYSTEMIC REVICTIMIZATION

Purpose:

This program provides a forum to discuss the potentially revictimizing impact of societal attitudes and misconceptions surrounding victims of sexual violence as well as potential unintended harmful consequences for victims of sexual violence by the systemic interventions and institutions that are intended to provide help and assistance to these individuals. The program will explore ways to address these challenges for the purpose of providing victim-centered intervention and prevention services and of promoting recovery from various forms of oppression including child abuse, domestic and intimate partner violence, sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and sexual battery. This conference is relevant for those who work in law enforcement, child advocacy, mental health, victim services, domestic violence shelters, education, medical settings, the judicial system, and for survivors and other members of the public who are concerned with these issues.

Educational Objectives – Participants will be able to:

1. Identify problematic language that misrepresents the harm caused to victims of sexual violence and causes secondary victimization.
2. Identify and discuss the effects of sexual abuse on both child and adult male survivors.
3. Discuss and utilize the critical components of the intimate partner Lethality Assessment.
4. Identify the relationship between substance abuse and dependence disorders and traumatic victimization.

Featured Speakers:

Wendy Murphy, J.D., is an adjunct professor at New England School of Law in Boston. 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. Wendy was a visiting scholar at Harvard Law School, where her work focused on the status of women in their capacity as victims in the criminal justice system. Wendy is also a practicing 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 has published numerous law review and pop culture articles and has served as a legal analyst for CNN, Fox News, MSNBC, and CBS News. Her first solo book "And Justice for Some" was published by Penguin/Sentinel in 2007.

Special Agent Al Danna is the Coordinator of the Crimes Against Children Unit for the Tampa Bay Region of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). He has spent 23 years of his 37 year career in law enforcement with FDLE. Special Agent Danna is assigned to the Violent Crime Squad and is a member of the FDLE academy staff. He instructs courses on Interviewing and Interrogation and Investigating Crimes Against Children Cases. Prior to working with FDLE, Special Agent Danna was a Uniformed Officer and Detective with the Baltimore Police Department, where he was assigned to the Vice Enforcement Unit and the Sex Crimes Division. He was the first Detective in the Baltimore Police Department to specifically investigate Crimes Against Children. He is a nationally recognized expert in investigating crimes against children and has lectured on the topic throughout the United States, Canada, and Central and South America. **John Benton** is a survivor of childhood sexual abuse. John reported this abuse as an adult and worked with Special Agent Danna in the investigation and prosecution of his abuser. Since the successful prosecution, John has worked with Special Agent Danna to provide education and awareness about childhood sexual abuse and investigations of these crimes to a wide array of audiences.

—Preliminary Program—

8:15 - 9:00	REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
9:00 - 9:15	WELCOME & INTRODUCTION Tanja Philhower, MSW, SBC Chair, GCOSW
9:15 - 10:15	RAPE, LAW, LANGUAGE, AND SOCIETY Wendy J. Murphy, J.D.
10:15 - 10:30	BREAK
10:30 - 12:00	MORNING WORKSHOPS

SESSION 1 THE INTERSECTION OF ETHNO-CULTURAL IDENTITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND TRAUMATIC STRESS IN AFRICAN AMERICAN GAY MEN

This session will address identity development in African American gay men and identify how they may experience traumatic stress in negotiating their ethno-cultural and sexual orientation identities. Participants will learn to identify three signs of traumatic stress in African American gay men as well as to identify three strategies to improve the identity development trajectory for African American gay men.

Presenter: Richmond Wynn, M.S., LMHC, Ph.D. Candidate University of North Florida
Moderator: Carlos Hernandez, Ph.D., University of Florida Counseling and Wellness Center

SESSION 2 ADDICTIONS AND TRAUMA

The rates of substance abuse disorders among survivors of childhood sexual abuse, rape, intimate partner violence, and other forms of violence are very high. This presentation will discuss how to differentiate between substance abuse and substance dependence disorders; the reasons why trauma survivors typically turn to substances as well as the functions those substances serve; the cycle of addictions and trauma; and forms of re-victimization that occur on individual/group, institutional, and societal levels in persons with substance abuse and trauma disorders.

Presenter: Carol D. Miller, M.H.S., C.R.C., L.M.H.C., Senior Clinician, Meridian Behavioral Healthcare
Moderator: Jackie Ayers, Ph.D., Director, University of Florida Employee Assistance Program

SESSION 3 ASSISTING VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING: A HOLISTIC APPROACH

This presentation will focus on assisting victims of sex trafficking. The presenter will highlight delivery of services using a victim-centered approach that is mindful of the victim's human rights with particular emphasis on how mental health providers and other agencies can address the unique needs of these victims. Participants will consider and evaluate their agency's ability to respond to a sex trafficking case as well as their individual, professional, and personal responses when working with victims of sex trafficking.

Presenter: Ana Vallejo, J.D., *Lucha Project* Supervising Attorney, Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center
Moderator: Sherri Kitchens, LMHC, CEO, Child Advocacy Center

SESSION 4 RAPE ON CAMPUS: WHAT DO LAWS AGAINST RAPE AND UNEQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF BASKETBALLS HAVE IN COMMON?

When Title IX was enacted, it forbade colleges and universities to discriminate against students "based on sex," but few connected this idea to sexual violence on campus. Long considered a federal law that demands equitable distribution of resources for women's sports, Title IX also obligates schools to adopt policies and procedures that provide victims of sexual harassment and sexual assault with "prompt and equitable" redress. Learn what Title IX requires - how lots of schools are not complying with the law - and what you can do about it.

Presenter: Wendy J. Murphy, J.D., Adjunct Professor, New England School of Law
Moderator: Lua Mellman, J.D., Assistant State Attorney, Eighth Judicial Circuit

12:00 - 1:30	LUNCH Presentation of Martha V. Varnes Award Entertainment by Gosia and Ali
1:30 - 2:30	BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT - A SURVIVOR'S STORY PART I Special Agent Al Danna and John Benton
2:30 - 2:45	BREAK

2:45 - 4:15 AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

SESSION 5 BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT - A SURVIVOR'S STORY PART II

This workshop is a continuation of the afternoon keynote speech. Special Agent Danna and John Benton will present a case study of John's experience as a survivor of childhood sexual abuse by a priest, including the eventual reporting of this crime and John's assistance with the prosecution of his abuser as an adult. Audience participation and questions are welcomed and encouraged.

Presenter: Special Agent Al Danna, Coordinator, Crimes Against Children Unit, Florida Department of Law Enforcement and John Benton, Survivor
Moderator: Paul Wheeler, Ph.D., LMFT, Private Practice

SESSION 6 THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF RELATIONAL CONFLICT

Workshop participants will be provided with an overview of the Relational Cultural Theory and an outline of the characteristics of growth-fostering relationships. The presenters will discuss the challenges and rewards of conflict within relationships and healthy uses for conflict within relationships. Workshop participants will explore and discuss personal, professional, and systemic experiences of conflict.

Presenters: Natalie Arce Indelicato, Ph.D., LMHC, University of North Florida Counseling Center and Jaime Jenkins, Ph.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Florida Counseling and Wellness Center
Moderator: Jamie Funderburk, Ph.D., Clinical Associate Professor, University of Florida Counseling and Wellness Center

SESSION 7 VICTIM IMPACT AND ACCOUNTABILITY: A DISCUSSION AND VIEWING OF THE FILM "SOMEWHERE BEYOND"

Victimization cannot be erased, but people can recover, re-establish purposes for living well, and return to purposeful living in the aftermath of violence. For some people, even though the case is resolved through the legal system, there may still be a need to meet with the offender years after the sentencing is over in order to ask and resolve questions. For most people, however, that opportunity will not be possible, which may lead to an exploration of alternative ways to address a defendant or inmate about victim impact and accountability. The short film "Somewhere Beyond" will be shown in this workshop. The presenter will discuss surrogate options to Victim/Offender Dialogue and long-term needs of survivors.

Presenter: Gretchen Howard, Director of Victim Services and Project Payback, Office of the State Attorney Eighth Judicial Circuit
Moderator: TBA

SESSION 8 (2:45 - 4:45) NEW LEGAL ISSUES AND LOCAL PRACTICES IN THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FRONT

THIS SESSION MEETS THE TWO HOUR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REQUIREMENT FOR NURSES AND FOR 490 AND 491 LICENSEES. PLEASE NOTE THAT PARTICIPANTS MUST ATTEND THE ENTIRE TWO HOUR WORKSHOP TO RECEIVE THIS CREDIT.

This workshop will focus on recent legal and coordinated community responses to domestic violence in our community. The four-person multidisciplinary panel represent stakeholders in the field of domestic violence prevention and intervention. The panel will inform participants of the legal issues and local practices that survivors of domestic violence may encounter including the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) and new enhancements to state law regarding dating violence and strangulation.

Presenters: Bruce Ferris, Detective, Domestic Violence Unit, Gainesville Police Department; Theresa Harrison, Ph.D., Executive Director, Peaceful Paths; Theresa Drake, J.D., Director, Intimate Partner Violence Clinic, UF Levin College of Law; Laura Knudson, Bureau Chief, Trauma Intervention and Special Services, Alachua County Sheriff's Office

Moderator: Gladys Wright, Detective, Domestic Violence Unit, Gainesville Police Department

4:15 - 5:00 INFORMAL WRAP-UP/NETWORKING/PASS OUT CE'S

Conference Coordinators

Judith Bellaire	Kristy Maculan
Brandi Corbin	Tanja Philhower
Laura Collopy	Lucille Rhim
Kenya Davis	Michele Shriner
Bruce Ferris	Debbie Snyder
Jamie Funderburk	Debbie Weiss
Sara Larsen	

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION FORM

EXPLORING SOCIETAL AND SYSTEMIC REVICTIMIZATION

Registration Form

Conference Date: Thursday, May 20, 2010
Early Registration: \$65 (post-marked no later than May 10, 2010)
Registration: \$75
Full-time Student Registration: \$35
Fee Includes: Conference attendance, breakfast, lunch, & snack.
CE's: Psychologists and Mental Health Professionals (as defined by F.S. Chapters 490 and 491) add **\$25.00** for CE credits.

Satisfactory Completion: Participants must have paid the tuition fee and completed an attendance/evaluation form in order to receive a certificate of completion/attendance. **PLEASE NOTE:** Florida psychology participants must also complete and turn in a scan card for each session attended. Participants not fulfilling these requirements will not receive a certificate. Failure to complete these documents will result in forfeiture of credit for the entire course. No exceptions will be made. Certificates for psychologists will be sent after the seminar or posted on the internet at www.cmehelp.com, and certificates for nurses and 491 licensees will be available at the end of the conference.

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 We regret that child care is unavailable.**

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	REGULAR	\$75 FEE: _____
	STUDENT	\$35 FEE: _____
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