

## News & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### National Day of Remembrance & Action on Violence Against Women

#### OPENING CEREMONY

Aboriginal Elder, Laureen Waters

#### REMARKS

President Mamdouh Shoukri

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Dr. Tania Das Gupta, Undergraduate Program Director, Department of Equity Studies

In 1991, the Parliament of Canada established December 6 as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women in Canada. December 6 presents an opportunity for members of the York community to acknowledge and reflect on the issues of violence against women as it remains a serious problem in Canada.

Acts of violence can range from overt acts of hatred, such as the Montréal Massacre, to sexually based offences for example sexual harassment. According to a 2006 Statistics Canada report, women and girls are more likely to experience certain types of violence and assault. Provided below are a list of statistics derived from the 'Status of Women Canada' website that demonstrate the gravity of the problem:

- Young women are particularly vulnerable to violence. Between 1997 and 2006, young women aged 15 to 24 were killed at a rate nearly three times higher than for all female victims of spousal homicide;
- Four out of five female undergraduates surveyed at Canadian universities said that they had been victims of physical or sexual violence in a dating relationship;
- The spousal homicide rate for Aboriginal women is more than eight times that for non-Aboriginal women;
- Immigrant women may be more vulnerable to family violence due to economic dependence, language barriers, and lack of access to resources; and
- Senior women are twice as likely as senior men to be victims of violent crime perpetrated by a family member.

### The Centre of Human Rights invites you!

#### SAVE THE DATE!

**WHEN:** December 5, 2013

**TIME:** 11:30AM - 12:30PM

**WHERE:** Vari Hall

*Hot Chocolate Will be Served.*

The Centre For Human Rights invites you to commemorate December 6th

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See you there...



*On December 6th, 1989, Marc Lepine confronted 60 engineering students during their class at l'École Polytechnique in Montreal. After ordering the men to leave the classroom he began his shooting rampage which spread to three floors and several classrooms, yelling, "I want women".*

– Source: "The Montreal Massacre", CBC News.

**Safety, Space and Gender  
Free One-Day Conference****November 20, 2013, 9-5PM**

One of the major issues facing those who are gender diverse or identified as different in a multitude of ways, is safety. This one-day conference will approach this issue and investigate its ramifications for all affected, including those potentially targeted and the community at large. Members of the York community and the public are invited to attend.

There is no charge for the conference, however, registration is required for lunch.

**REGISTER HERE** [www.yorku.ca/sexgen](http://www.yorku.ca/sexgen)

The conference will be organized around generations. The first speaker and panel will focus on youth, including school-age children and families. The second speaker will concentrate on young adults, university students and opportunities for the future. The second panel will include established trans folk from different walks of life. The third speaker will discuss the future of trans as the community is merged into mainstream society, with special attention to those who might be left behind. We will close with a non-denominational Trans Day of Remembrance meditation.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

J Wallace, Rupert Raj, Monica Forrester

**PANELISTS**

Kathy Witterick, Juli(a) Rivera, Sheila Cavanagh, Fiona Green, Syrus Ware Susan Gapka, Nael Bhanji

**PRESENTED BY**

SexGen York; Centre for Human Rights; Sexuality Studies; Department of Philosophy; School of Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies; YUFA; Queer Caucus; Office of Student Conflict Resolution; YFS; LA&PS; Centre for Women and Trans People; Art Gallery of York University (AGYU); Alumni Relations; TBLGay; Vice President, Research & Innovation; York University Accessibility Fund; Office of Conflict Resolution

**Upcoming Events:****SAVE THE DATE!****January 23, 2014 - INCLUSION DAY  
EVERY\_BODY: Rethinking the Bodies that Belong****WORKSHOPS****Sexual Harassment Prevention Workshop**

9:30PM - 12:30PM  
November 7, 2013  
280N York Lanes

**The Role of South Asian Women**

(Mosaic Institute Event)  
2:00PM - 3:00PM  
November 13, 2013  
280N York Lanes

**Safety, Space, and Gender: A Symposium**

9:00AM - 5:00PM  
November 20, 2013

**Navigating Identities**

(Mosaic Institute Event)  
2:00PM - 3:30PM  
November 20, 2013  
280N York Lanes

**We welcome all York students,  
staff and faculty to attend our workshops.**

For more information and to register, please go to:  
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