



Board of Advisors

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Press Kit

Katie Koestner, Board President

Katie Koestner has been a leader in the movement to end sexual violence since she took her own solo stand as the first survivor of date rape to speak out nationally and publicly at age eighteen. After appearing on the cover of TIME Magazine on June 3, 1991, Katie worked with HBO to make a documentary film about her story. She has subsequently appeared on nearly 50 national television programs, over 1500 college and school campuses, and led over 400 Take Back The Night marches and rallies.

Suraiya Baluch, Ph.D.

Suraiya Baluch, PhD. is the director of Princeton University's Sexual Harassment/Assault Advising, Resources and Education (SHARE) office. She holds bachelor's degrees in psychology and religion from Rutgers University, a master's degree in psychological counseling from Columbia and a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Fordham University. Her professional interests include working with survivors of sexual assault, relationship abuse, sexual harassment, childhood sexual/physical/emotional abuse, harassment due to sexual orientation/gender identity and multicultural counseling.

Christina Hernandez

Christina Hernandez graduated from the University of Nevada Las Vegas with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology in 2005 and is currently working on a graduate certificate in Women's Studies. For the past two years Christina has been involved with the Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence, and currently serves as Board Secretary. As the Outreach & Awareness Coordinator of the Jean Nidetch Women's Center at UNLV, Christina has helped the center establish PAAVE, a peer advocacy and education program regarding sexual and domestic violence prevention and coordinate a campus Interpersonal Violence Response Team, ASERTAV.

Jennifer Hill, Board Secretary

Jennifer Hill, Program Director for Take Back The Night, is a graduate of Millersville University and holds a BA in English. She has over 13 years of experience writing editorial and advertising copy with published works in numerous media outlets. A multi-tasking mother of four, Jennifer is impassioned by the cause of Take Back The Night and committed to promoting safety, awareness and education to those at risk, while providing support and encouragement to survivors.

Heather Horton

Heather Horton, a clinical psychologist, has worked with survivors of sexual abuse and assault in a variety of settings. Since 2005, she has served as the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) for Colorado College. She works directly with students seeking support and resources after an assault, and designs and implements prevention education programming on campus and with the Colorado College community to increase awareness and involvement in stopping sexual violence.

Susan Marine, Ph.D.

Susan Marine, PhD. is Director of the Harvard College Women's Center, and has worked as an educator, researcher, and advocate in the field of sexual assault and relationship violence prevention for 12 years at institutions including Harvard, Dartmouth and Colorado College. Susan also specializes in researching and developing effective initiatives for the support of transgender and other gender-variant youth.

Jen Luettel Schweer, M.A., LPC

Jen Luettel Schweer is the Sexual Assault and Health Issues Coordinator at Georgetown University. Before coming to Georgetown, she was the Sexual Assault Services Coordinator at Voices of Hope (formerly the Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Center) in Lincoln, Nebraska and was the Victim Advocate at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She currently provides confidential services to survivors at Georgetown, in addition to training, education and awareness activities. She holds a B.S. in Education and an M.A. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Karen Singleton, Ph.D.

Karen Singleton joined Health Services at Columbia University in 2003. Karen has completed an internship in clinical psychology at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York where she currently holds an adjunct faculty position in the Department of Psychiatry. Karen's professional interests include working with survivors of sexual trauma, students of color, and lesbian, gay, and bisexual students.

Lauren Sogor

Lauren is the Prevention Campaign Specialist at the National Sexual Violence Resource Center. She manages the Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign and assists with writing and editing NSVRC publications. Lauren earned her BS from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in Psychology and her Master's in Public Health in Public Health Communications and Marketing from the George Washington University. Lauren has been involved in the anti-sexual violence field for 6 years, beginning as a peer educator during college.

Pam Swider

Pamela Swider is the head of Michigan Takes Back the Night, the community organization that plans the Take Back the Night Rally and March at the University of Michigan. She is also the co-owner of Women for Hope and as a rape survivor, knows the importance of breaking the silence to help survivors heal and let others know that they are not alone.