

# April 2007

## Stop Abuse For Everyone News that "Makes a Difference"

### Why Do Educated and Intelligent People Mislead Those Who Trust Their Expertise?

COMMENTARY - Lee Newman- April 2007

Recently I read this comment in an article written by Professor Jasmine Rault which, I consider extremely shortsighted and biased.

Although women do commit acts of sexual violence, Professor Rault believes that it is "dangerous to begin talking about violence by women against men because this can take the emphasis and attention away from what's clearly a much larger problem, which is violence against women."

(says, Cultural Studies Professor Jasmine Rault)

Excuse me, but I have to wonder, what is Ms. Rault thinking?

How could including discussions and information about male victims of violence be "dangerous to women"?

Maybe she should discuss these things with those of us who are on the front lines of this battle against abuse and those especially who approach this work from a perspective that is not gender biased or based in an outdated and incorrect premise!

Having listened to men and women who have been abused as well as some abusive partners of both genders over the years, I think that I and many other open-minded Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Advocates who assist everyone, regardless of gender will have opinions that differ greatly from this Cultural Studies Professor!

Violence against anyone is against the law and hurts the individual, regardless of gender!

If you don't discuss these topics in a more gender neutral and inclusive way, you will only be addressing a fraction of the problem!

Domestic violence, Intimate Partner Violence or Sexual Violence is NOT exclusively what men perpetrate against women and when people like Professor Rault, sell the mainstream a bill of goods that it is, she is doing a disservice to women as well as men!

Professor Rault and others who believe what she expresses in this statement should visit <http://www.safe4all.org> or <http://www.SAFE-NH.org> to look at the research and other information available there before she makes these short-sighted and narrow-minded judgments!

Victims of violence deserve no less!

### Duke University Rape Case is only "The Tip of the Iceberg"

By : Lee Newman (04/13/07)

Press Release:

Over many years with SAFE-NH I have attended Conferences, Council meetings, media events and other venues where the mainstream battered women's organizations have treated my observations and my suggestions for review and reform of their protocols with disdain and with no regard.

The NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence and their member organizations have continuously denied that women have the ability and sometimes the willingness to be untruthful in their accusations against innocent men when it comes to charges of domestic violence and sexual assault.

During a council meeting I attended not too long ago, I was asked why I was offering information about DNA testing along with my other outreach materials. I explained that I felt that paternity fraud was a crime and one that abused both fathers and children, and that in addition DNA testing was also something that could prevent a man from going to prison due to false allegations of sexual assault/rape.

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**The days are too  
short even for love;  
how can there be  
enough time for  
quarreling?**

**-Margaret Gatty**

This last statement caused the Executive Director of one of the largest battered women's crisis centers in the State of New Hampshire to become very volatile as she stated to me that "women NEVER lie about either of these crimes, least of all rape!"

This is generally the same response from many who make a living in the mainstream "DV Industry", as it has come to be known. This is also the theory that drives the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) which, is directly biased against males being treated equally by the programs it funds.

This biased and judgmental attitude is also responsible for the fact that women can go to a Court of Law and Law Enforcement, claiming to be a victim of domestic abuse or sexual assault, later to be found to have perjured herself under oath, and then is not held accountable for the devastating effects on another person's life.

In effect, when a person is falsely accused of such crimes, they suffer the equivalent of defamation of character and slander but because of the biased laws fueled in part by VAWA, they have no recourse against their attacker. This is because organizations with a vested interest in keeping the status quo have convinced our officials at every level that "women often recant their stories, due to fear" and therefore "arrest and prosecution must take place regardless of recanting of testimony by the "victim.

As a parent and a grandparent I want protection for my daughter, my son and my grandson equally, from domestic abuse or from sexual assault. I also want to know that they are equally protected from false allegations and if this did occur to ANY of them and that they would have recourse to clear themselves and hold their false accuser accountable...legally as well as in civil proceedings.

Men and women, boys and girls are all potential victims of domestic abuse, child abuse, sexual assault and yes, even rape!

Although most of the mainstream calls the sexual assault of a teen girl by an adult male a crime, it's often called "an affair" when it's a sexual assault of a teen boy at the hands of an adult female... The media most often "reports" these crimes in such a manner.

However, take a moment and think about your 14 yr old son or grandson, imagine that he has reported to you that his 39 yr old female teacher had been having sex with him, would you reach for the phone to report the crime against him in the same way as if it had been your daughter being molested/raped by her 39 yr. old male teacher?

Would you call your son's molestation/rape, acceptable, while your daughter's is not?

If your son was falsely accused of rape, and when he was proven innocent, still was not able to legally hold his accuser accountable, had suffered loss of reputation not to mention the emotional toll on him and the changes in his personality...and yet has no recourse, how would you feel as the parent of this young man?

If you are a man and you are falsely accused of domestic violence or sexual assault under the laws we currently have, you will find yourself exactly where these young men from Duke University are.

Even though they have no case against them, they will carry the stigma of the accusations with them forever. The same goes for those with false allegations of domestic violence and with false restraining orders placed against them.

Not only do they become instantly prohibited from entering their homes, seeing their children and sometimes even lose their jobs but they are also under the threat of arrest, based simply on the "victim" claiming that they called or happened to see them in a public place.'

Ultimately, if the restraining order is dropped by the "victim", that does not mean that the defendant won't be tried in a criminal court for having "assaulted" their accuser. Even if they are proven to be innocent, they will suffer the stigma of having been accused and some people will always assume the worst. False accusations and lack of accountability ruin the lives of many and it's time for a change!

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may be exactly  
measured by  
decrease in  
bitterness.  
--Friedrich Nietzsche***

## Speaker's Corner

### SAFE Speakers Bureau

#### From the Desk of:

#### **Ira Streitfeld**

#### **Director of the SAFE Speaker's Bureau and a Board member of SAFE**

Starting a Speakers Bureau from scratch is not an easy task. But, since our vision is a serious and consequential one, I took on the assignment!

Over the years, we have put together a carefully selected group of diverse professional experts in their field who have a passion to educate the public on our message to society.

This elite group is committed to improving the quality of life of victims of domestic violence in underserved groups who fall between the cracks of traditional funding and services.

To date, we have succeeded in having our speakers in front of audiences comprised of community based organizations, educational institutions, non profit associations and foundations, government agencies and army bases. They have spoken to teens, law enforcement and judicial groups, medical and psychological personnel, social workers, victim's advocacy programs and clergy.

We are proud of their accomplishments and our choices of whom represent a large geographical area from coast to coast US and Canada.

#### Speaker's Bureau Purpose:

To promote the SAFE vision and increase public awareness.

To present our SAFE brochures and informational materials.

To attract new SAFE members.

To promote positive relations among professionals and the community through education and training.

To present a variety of topics related to domestic violence, intimate partner abuse, stalking, bullying and similar issues..

#### How We Choose Members of The Speaker's Bureau:

We accept presentations from professional speakers in their fields who must share the SAFE vision to end violence in families, and promote safety and well-being for all community members regardless of race, age or gender.

Submission packets must include: Current CV, Current Photo, List or copies of any published books or articles, any media videos, testimonials or references, and a current fee schedule.

The packets are circulated to our International Board and then voted on at our next monthly meeting for approval.

#### Current members of the SAFE Speaker's Bureau:

**Christina M. Dalpiaz:** Founder of CHANCE ( Changing How Adults Nurture Children's Egos) a non profit organization.

Topic: Healing a Child From the Trauma of Family Violence.

**Richard L Davis:** A retired Lieutenant for the MA Police Department. Author of "Domestic Violence: Facts and Fallacies."

Topics: Law Enforcement, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence

**Dr Don Dutton:** Is a Psychology professor at the University of British Columbia. He worked for the prosecutor in the OJ Simpson trial. Author of 3 books including "The Batterer: A Psychological Profile."

**Stanley Green:** Is a Victim's Services Advocate and internationally recognized spokesperson for male victims of domestic violence.

He has spoken at Army bases on Gender Issues in DV and Sexual Assault and on the topic of Male Victims in many venues.

**Philip Cook:** Phil is a noted journalist and author of "Abused Men: The Hidden Side of Violence."

Topic: Battered Men.

## SAFE Speaker's Bureau

(cont'd)

**John Hamel LCSW:** Is a family counselor and recognized expert in the field of anger management and family violence. Author of "Gender Inclusive Treatment of Intimate Partner Abuse."

Topics: New Approaches for Effective & Inclusive Batterer Intervention.

**Thomas James:** Is an attorney and mediator. Author of "Domestic Violence: The 12 Things You Aren't Supposed to Know."

Topics: Gender Bias in the Courts.

**Dr RL McNeely:** is a professor of Social Welfare at the University of Wisconsin and a practicing attorney.

Topics: The Legal Aspects of DV.

**Dr Linda Mills:** Is a professor of Social Work and Vice Provost at NYU.

Author of 3 books including "Insult to Injury: Rethinking Our Responses to Intimate Abuse."

**Dr Jill Murray:** Is a practicing Psychologist and leading expert on the subject of teen dating abuse in the US.

She has appeared several times on the "Oprah" Show as guest expert. Author of 3 books including "Destructive Relationships."

**Dr Judith Sherven & Dr James Sniechowski:** A husband and wife psychological team are sought after as authorities on changing the way we experience differences in our relationships. Authors of several books including "Be Loved For Who You Are."

Topic: Conflict Resolution.

**Greg Schmidt:** Is a Lieutenant in the Seattle Police Department and law enforcement counselor. He helped establish an elder abuse department.

Topics: Police Trainings, Law Enforcement and Elder Abuse.

**Sheila Smith LCSW:** Is in private practice and provides assessments for the chronically mentally ill and the corrections population. She has appeared many times a guest expert on TV News shows.

Topics: Gender Differences in Criminal Behavior and Crime Analysis.

**Dr Reena Sommer:** Is an internationally recognized family life and divorce consultant and expert witness.

Topics: The Politics of DV and Custody Battles as a Result of DV.

**Dr Jack Turteltaub:** Is a clinical Psychologist, professional Coach and freelance Writer.

Topics: Stigma in the Sexual Minority Community and Stereotypes vs Reality.

If you want to make a submission or inquire to book a SAFE Speaker for your Conference or other event, you can email Ira at [Ira@safe4all.org](mailto:Ira@safe4all.org)

You may also reach him by calling the phone number for SAFE International.

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**Christopher Bergeron**

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Pam's art work has been shown and sold in businesses and galleries throughout New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Pam has been drawing abstract designs since she can remember. She works primar-

ily in Pen & Ink and draws exclusively by hand.

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**-Lee Newman, SAFE-NH-**

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Thank you!



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