



**I'M HERE
FOR YOU.**

LET'S TALK.

Dating Violence • Sexual Assault • Stalking
LUC.edu/ccrt



I'm Here for You Newsletter Spring 2016

New White House Blog

Posted January 28th, 2016

The White House celebrated the two-year anniversary of the Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault. Since its creation, the Task Force has accomplished a great deal, developing a number of [resources](#) for schools to adapt and use as they address the unique circumstances and needs of their distinct campus communities.

We hit another major milestone last week when the Bureau of Justice Statistics, with RTI International, partnered with the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), and published a major study in which they further refined the Task Force's [2014 toolkit](#) for conducting sexual assault climate surveys. The complete report on the results of this new study, the Campus Climate Survey Validation Study (CCSVS), can be found [here](#).

The CCSVS report provides data on prevalence of sexual harassment, sexual assault victimization, and intimate partner violence on nine college/university campuses. By carefully selecting the participating schools, the research scientists who conducted the survey were able to offer variation in terms of size, public vs. private status, two- vs. four-year, program length, and geography. Surveys were completed by more than 23,000 undergraduate students

(approximately 15,000 females and 8,000 males), and the average response rate across all nine schools was 54% for females and 40% for males. The CCSVS report offers important information and guidance in several respects. It affirms and expands our knowledge of the data on campus sexual assault. It demonstrates that sexual assault presents differently on each campus. It illustrates the importance of campus-specific climate studies. It offers a model that schools can use to conduct their own sexual assault surveys, and subsequently develop campus-specific prevention and response programs.

Overall, female students, younger students, and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students reported the highest rates of sexual assault amongst CCSVS survey respondents at all nine schools. Amongst the noteworthy findings: the overall prevalence rate of sexual assault for transgendered students was nearly 28%. The survey also found higher rates of sexual harassment and sexual assault at schools whose student respondents had negative perceptions of school leadership on sexual assault issues. Students' confidential, self-reported data that is reflected in the CCSVS paints a very different picture than official statistics. For instance, the CCSVS [chart](#) indicates that 2,380 student respondents experienced a completed rape in the 2014-15 school year, though only 170 student respondents—or 7%—reported the rape to school authorities.

March is National Women's History Month



Gloria Anzaldúa
Scholar of Chicana cultural theory, feminist theory, and queer theory



Charlene Teters
Native American artist, educator, and lecturer



Maya Angelou
Author, poet, and civil rights activist



Malala Yousafza
Activist for female education and the youngest-ever Nobel Prize Laureate

Updates Made to Loyola's Community Standards Around Consent

In January 2016, the following text around incapacitation was added to the consent section of the Community Standards: *"If the respondent knew, or should have reasonably known, that the complainant was incapacitated by use or consumption of drugs or alcohol, or that the complainant's physical or mental condition would hinder their ability to give consent, the respondent did not receive consent. A respondent being intoxicated or impaired by drugs or alcohol is never an excuse for sexual misconduct, stalking, or dating/domestic violence, and does not diminish the respondent's responsibility to obtain consent or recognize incapacitation"*. For the rest of Loyola's Community Standards, visit [here](#).

Events to look forward to in April, for Sexual Assault Awareness Month!



Help Me, Harlan!

Damen MPR, Monday, April 4th
from 6-8pm (see poster below)

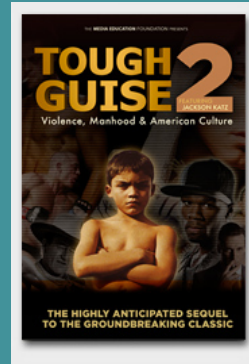


Breaking the silence: A poetry
event by Rape Victims Advocates

Thursday, April 21st

Uncommon Ground 7pm-10pm

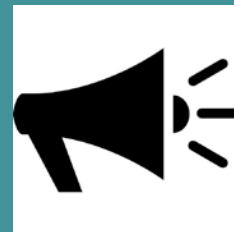
Stay tuned for more information [here](#)
about SAAM 2016 events!



Film Screening: Tough Guise 2 by
Dr. Jackson Katz

Damen Student Cinema

Monday, April 25th from 6-8pm



"Finding your Voice", tabling events in the
Damen Student Center:

Thursday, April 7th from 10am-12pm

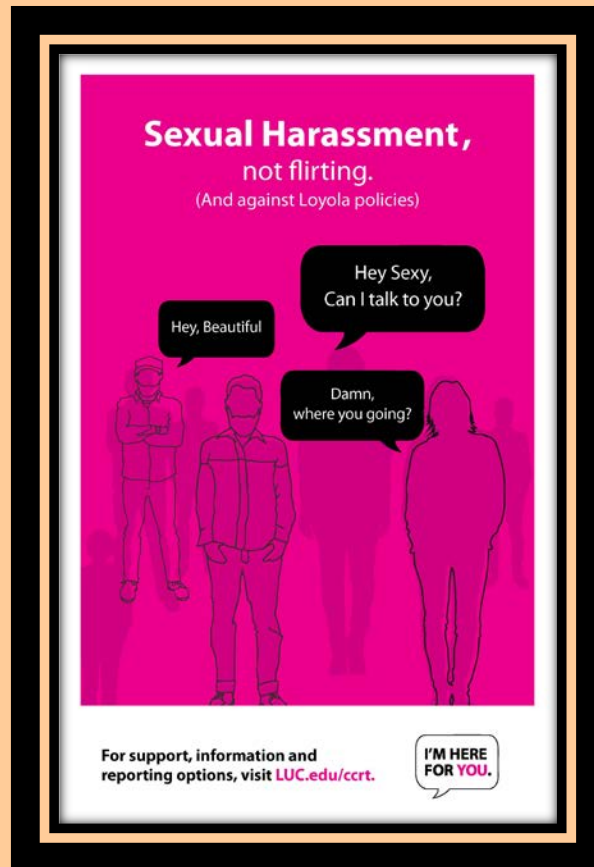
Thursday, April 14th from 1-3pm

Monday, April 18th from 1-3pm

Monday, April 25th from 10am-12pm

#SAMMCHI

The Coordinated Community Response Team's Latest Social Marketing Campaign



*Two more posters later in the issue

These posters were created to raise awareness of and combat sexual harassment, which is a form of gender-based violence.

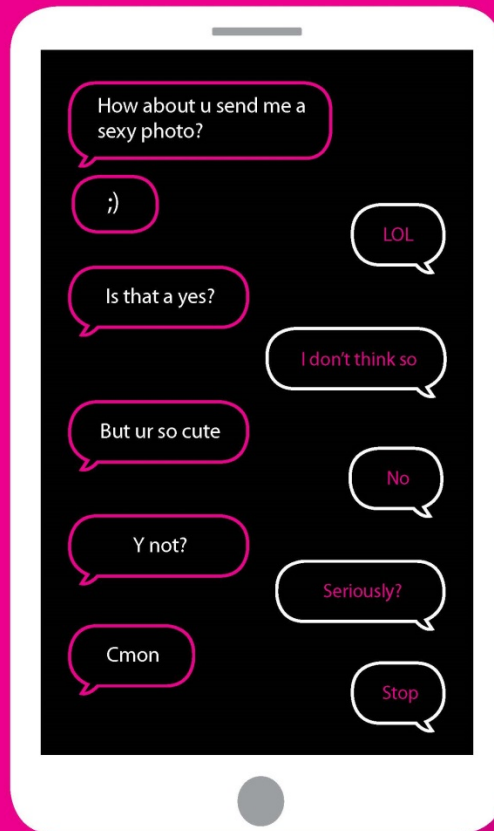
Newsworthy Events This Semester

2016 has brought a great deal of media attention related to issues of gender-based violence nationwide, as well as on our campus. Here's a brief snapshot of some the top-stories:

- **MRA Event** – MRA stands for “Men’s Right’s Activists”. A blogger for a MRA group, attempted to plan a meet-up near Loyola’s Lake Shore Campus in February. While the event was scheduled to take place off-campus, concerned students contacted campus staff and faculty with concerns when news broke about the group. While ultimately, the meet-up and subsequent event were cancelled counter protests happened and messages of support for survivors were written in chalk at the intersection of Sheridan Road and Devon. These messages stayed up for almost two weeks. Groups like these perpetuate rape culture and contribute to a culture that normalizes violence.
- **#LoyolawithKesha** – The pop singer, Kesha, was scheduled to perform at this year’s ((dop)) Colossus weekend. However, she did not make it to campus for personal reasons. Loyola, along with celebrities and many others, wanted to show their support for the performer, who is fighting a legal battle around gender-based violence with her music label. Students from various groups on campus (CARE, Feminist Forum, and the Men’s Project, etc.) came together on the West Quad on Friday, February 26th, to show support for Kesha and bring awareness to the pervasiveness of rape culture in our society. Numerous students spoke about personal ways to support survivors and end sexual violence.
- **The Oscars** – Vice President Joe Biden introduced Lady Gaga, performer and survivor, at the 2016 Oscars for her performance of, “Til it Happens to You”, a song featured in The Hunting Ground. Additionally, fifty survivors of sexual assault joined Lady Gaga on stage. What a chance for those survivors to show the country they are more than a statistic. The Hunting Ground is now available on Netflix for anyone who has not seen the film.

Sexual Harassment, not sexy.

(And against Loyola policies)

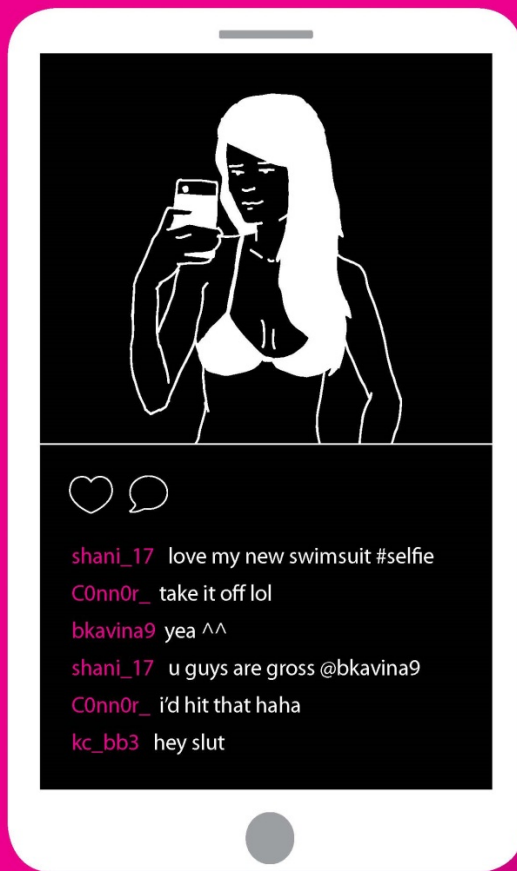


For support, information and reporting options, visit [LUC.edu/ccrt](https://www.luc.edu/ccrt).

**I'M HERE
FOR YOU.**

Sexual Harassment, not funny.

(And against Loyola policies)



For support, information and
reporting options, visit LUC.edu/ccrt.

I'M HERE
FOR YOU.

The Wellness Center & Coordinated Community Response Team bring you New York Times Best Selling Author

Harlan Cohen

For Loyola's Sexual Assault Awareness Month

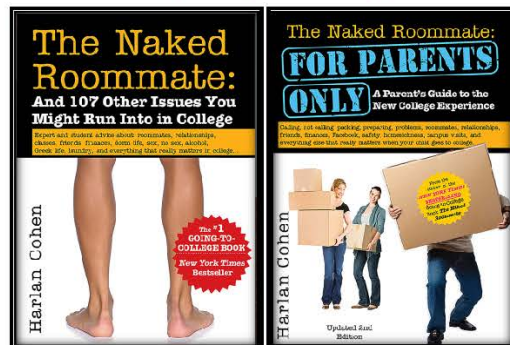


When: Monday, April 4th from 6pm to 8pm

What: Sexual Assault Awareness Month kick-off event with Chicago native, Harlan Cohen. Harlan is an expert on life transitions and helps people get comfortable with the uncomfortable.

Where: Damen Student Center, MRP South

We hope you'll join us.



#SAAMLUC