Feminist Friday

Speaker: Dr. Alissa Stoehr

The Realities of Human Trafficking

Forms of human trafficking, including sex and labor, and how that impacts the women that are forced into these situations

Student Worker Spotlight
My name is Alayna Meeks and I am from West Des Moines, IA. I am a sophomore majoring in Child, Adult, and Family Services. I work at the Child Development Lab School and the Sloss house on campus and I also work at YSS with their kids club. I am involved in the Salt Company which is a ministry on campus and I also volunteer at Freedom for Youth with their whiz kids. I am passionate about helping people and I am grateful for the opportunities I have had at Iowa State.

**Take Back the Night**

Join Tri Iota in a march to Take Back the Night! The goal is to acknowledge and bring awareness to sexual assault on Iowa State's campus. This event will also seek to
encourage survivors in the healing process and inspire responsibility in all. The march begins at the front of the Memorial Union at 6 p.m. on April 14th. Stay tuned for more information!

Check out the Facebook Event: Take Back the Night

Human Trafficking by Dr. Alissa Stoehr

Human trafficking is a form of modern slavery. It can happen to anyone. However, the media and research usually emphasize victims from disenfranchised groups such as the poor, people with mental issues, people with drug addictions, and people who identify as LGBT. Human trafficking is defined as recruitment, harboring, transporting, obtaining, or maintaining of a person by means of force, fraud, or coercion, for purposes of servitude, debt bondage, slavery, or participation in the sex trade. Human trafficking occurs when a trafficker takes any one of the actions, and then employs the means of force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of compelling the victim to provide commercial sex, labor, and/or services. There are an estimated 21 million victims of human trafficking at any one time, with 100,000 people trafficked each year in the United States. Forced labor and human trafficking is a $150 billion industry worldwide, with up to $35 billion just in the United States (www.polarisproject.org). Sixty-eight percent of victims are trapped in forced labor, with 26% of them being children and 55% are women and girls.

We wonder how this can happen in the United States? How can this happen in civilized society? Doesn't this just happen to poor people in third-world countries? A lot of stereotypes and misinformation make this topic very difficult to understand for a lot of people. With a lot of traffickers using the internet as a conduit for their business, it is easy for people to fall prey to false promises of a better life, love, or just someone that will listen to them. This is such a complicated issue, but one thing is for sure - no one should be treated as property. For more information, visit the Polaris Project at www.polarisproject.org or the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at www.nhtrc.org. The National Human Trafficking Hotline is 1-888-373-7888

Sexual Assault Awareness Month by Hannah Dong
Sexual Assault Awareness Month, also known as SAAM, enhances awareness about sexual assault and teaches communities on how to prevent sexual violence. Each year, events are established in order to highlight the significance of preventing sexual assault for an entire month and is supported by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center.

Each year in April, state, communities, businesses, campuses and individuals will organize campaigns to emphasize sexual violence as a public health, human rights and social justice issue and reinforce the need for prevention efforts. Teal ribbon’s have been used as a symbol of sexual assault awareness and prevention.

This year, the theme for sexual assault awareness month is "Embrace your Voice". Through practicing and providing consent to speak out against gender stereotypes or biases, people can embrace one’s voice. The purpose of this campaign is to provide useful tools and resources for individuals and communities to prevent sexual violence.

College students have the opportunity to look out for their friends, speak up about sexual violence, and take steps to increase personal safety. One of the largest anti-sexual violence organizations, RAINN, provides safety tips for students to prevent sexual assault.

Useful Links:

- Assault Care Center Extending Shelter & Support
- Sexual Assault Hotlines
- Anti-sexual Violence Organization
- Sexual Misconduct
- Green Dot

LGBTQIA+ Community Dinner
Celebrate Pride Week at Iowa State with an LGBTQIA+ Community Dinner! This dinner will take place in the The Joan Bice Underwood Tearoom, a beautiful restaurant/classroom run by Iowa State's Hospitality Management program. Enjoy a fine dining experience with a queer twist! There will be chances to mingle, meet someone new, and take time out to enjoy our community together.

This meal is free of charge for students, staff, and faculty who sign up; you bring your fabulous self and Out and About take care of everything else!

Spots are limited, RSVP today: [https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d9U Urg4sZvSoaPz](https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d9U Urg4sZvSoaPz)

Questions? Contact center@iastate.edu

For more information about Out and About, see our website: [https://center.dso.iastate.edu/programs/community/Out](https://center.dso.iastate.edu/programs/community/Out)

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**Hope-N-Mic Night**
A free event on April 9th at the Maintenance Shop on campus called Hope-N-Mic: A Mental Health Recovery Open Mic Event, which is being sponsored by Student Counseling Services and Student Wellness.

Students are encouraged to showcase their creativity by sharing art inspired by change, hope, and recovery! Performances may include a poetry reading, sharing a short story, performing a song, a brief stand-up comedy act, or an interpretation of a visual art piece. Students can share/perform an original work of art or a piece of art that inspires them.

**Contact for Performances:** Sara Tourpe, stroupe@iastate.edu
Run Throughs will be held on April 2 in the Memorial Union (room TBD) from 7:30pm-8:30pm. Students who attend the Run Throughs and bring a copy of the piece of art that they plan to perform will be guaranteed a chance to perform at the Hope-N-Mic event on April 9th. Additional performers will be permitted to perform on a first sign-up, first perform basis during the Open Mic Event-time-permitting!

Student Wellness’ Peer Wellness Advocates will be teaching some self-care coping skills at the event AND there will be free soda and popcorn, too.