

A Faceless Movement: Searching for a System that Promotes Empowerment Among All Survivors of Gender Violence at Seattle University School of Law on February 20, 2015, hosted by the Seattle Journal for Social Justice, Seattle University College of Nursing, Seattle University School of Counseling, and the Seattle University Gender and Women Studies Program

The law tells us that it will protect victims of violence. The law tells us that victims should not be afraid but come forward and seek help. But too often the criminal and civil justice systems create a noxious situation for survivors of violence.

Gender violence takes place in many forms including domestic violence, sexual assault, rape, human trafficking, coerced reproductive practices, forced marriages, etc.

In our current system, victims are often treated as criminals by mandatory arrest laws, or silenced by the array of challenges they face upon entering the legal system. Abusers also frequently use the legal system to control and revictimize survivors.

This symposium will address the legal system's response to survivors of gender violence by bringing together professionals from different fields who encounter survivors in their daily work.

A Faceless Movement organizers invite scholars to submit 250-500 word abstracts describing traditional or non-traditional academic paper topics to be delivered at the symposium. In accord with the Seattle Journal for Social Justice's tradition of publishing creative work alongside scholarship, we also welcome abstract proposals for poetry, fiction, non-fiction, or visual art. All proposals should concern survivors' experiences in the legal system, including but not limited to the legal system's ability or inability to:

- Break the cycles of domestic violence
- Create space for survivors to heal in the public sphere
- Prevent violence in the workplace
- Allow survivors to define "justice"
- Address violence against LGBTQ communities, people of color, undocumented immigrants, and other marginalized communities
- Include teen dating violence in the definition of "a dating relationship"
- Address the problems of Revenge Porn, Human Trafficking, Prostitution
- Protect survivors rights of custody over their children

Submissions of 250-500 word abstracts should be sent to the following email address: sjsjcontent@seattleu.edu.

Abstract submissions must be received by November 14, 2014, for consideration by the conference committee. The papers selected for presentation will be announced December 5, 2014.

Final papers will be due July 24, 2015, for publication in the Seattle Journal for Social Justice. Final papers should be a maximum of 30 pages in length.