



A Faceless Movement: Searching for a System that Promotes Empowerment Among All Survivors of Gender Violence

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8:30am – 4:00pm

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Annex**

The law tells us that it will protect survivors of violence. The law tells us that survivors 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.

Gendered and sexualized violence takes place in many forms including domestic violence, sexual assault, rape, human trafficking, coerced reproductive practices, etc.

In our current system, survivors 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 re-victimize survivors.

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

This is a non-traditional symposium. Experts will present alongside authors to provide an educational experience for all. There will also be a breakout session at the end of the day that will allow all those in attendance to discuss the topics that were presented throughout the day. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rachel Bryant at bryantr@seattleu.edu. You can RSVP at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/F95KRRK>

8:30 – 9:00 am	Registration
9:00 – 9:30 am	Introduction
9:30 – 10:45 am	Panel 1 – <i>Supporting Survivors</i>
10:45 – 11:00 am	Break
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Panel 2 – <i>Navigating the Court System</i>
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 – 1:45 pm	Panel 3 – <i>Programs From Around the World</i>
1:45 – 2:30 pm	Panel 4 – <i>Empowering All Survivors</i>
2:30 – 2:45 pm	Break
2:45 – 3:30 pm	Small Group Discussions
3:30 – 4:00 pm	Closing Remarks
4:00 pm	Reception