

# Sexuality Week 2009

**FEBRUARY 1-14, 2009**

**UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY  
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**



**COORDINATED BY:**

*Middle Earth Peer Assistance Program  
University Counseling Center*

**FUNDED BY:**

*The Student Association  
of the University at Albany*



## KEYNOTE PRESENTATION



### **“SAVAGE LOVE”**

*Presented by*

**Dan Savage**

*Nationally-acclaimed*

*Author & Columnist*

**Tuesday, February 10 at 8:00pm**

**Campus Center Ballroom**

**University at Albany, SUNY**

*Reception to follow*

## ABOUT DAN SAVAGE

**D**an Savage grew up in "a loud, argumentative, and very Catholic" family, and came out as gay in that context. In 1991 he was the night manager at an independent video store in Madison, Wisconsin, when a co-worker told him he was planning to move to Seattle and start a new alternative newspaper. Savage, a self-described "pushy busybody," replied, "You have to have an advice column. And suddenly Savage, who'd never considered himself a writer before, was a snarky "Dear Abby" for the sexually active.

Savage's column, "**Savage Love**," first appeared in 1991, in the first issue of The Stranger. The once-a-week column is funny, informative, outrageous, non-judgmental (about consenting sex acts), and very judgmental (about moronic letter-writers). "Savage Love" is now syndicated to better alternative weeklies across America.

Savage is the author of The Commitment: Love, Sex, Marriage, and My Family, Skipping Towards Gomorrah: The Seven Deadly Sins And The Pursuit Of Happiness In America, Savage Love: Straight Answers from America's Most Popular Sex Columnist, and The Kid: What Happened After My Boyfriend and I Decided to Go Get Pregnant. The latter book tells how Savage and his boyfriend adopted their son from his willing mother, a "spare-changing gutter punk."

## SEXUALITY WEEK FEATURED EXHIBITS

### ❖ **SEXUALITY EXHIBITS BY PROJECT SHAPE: SEXUAL HEALTH AND PEER EDUCATION**

In its role as a peer education program focused on issues of sexual health, Project SHAPE members will host a series of exhibits in the Campus Center lobby, from 10:00am to 3:00pm on February 11-14. The exhibits will include information as well as handouts and brochures on topics such as contraception, sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS, and breast and testicular cancer.

### ❖ **MIDDLE EARTH EXHIBIT**

Visit the Middle Earth exhibit in the Campus Center lobby and receive free information and giveaways, including free condoms provided through the generosity of the AIDS Institute.

## THEATER PERFORMANCE

### A V-Day Benefit Reading of "THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES" – Albany, New York

8:00pm

February 26 & 28 - Page Hall

February 27 - PAC Recital Hall  
University at Albany, SUNY



These three evening readings of "The Vagina Monologues" are part of the International V-Day College Initiative which includes over 600 colleges and universities around the world. The University at Albany's successful shows in past years have sold out and raised funds for local rape crisis and domestic violence shelters. The program will be based on the off-Broadway play "The Vagina Monologues." The performance, which has been heralded as "alternately hilarious and deeply disturbing" by the New York Times, will be conducted by University at Albany students and alumni joined together to end violence against women. Proceeds from performances will be donated to Equinox in Albany, New York.

**Tickets:** All tickets are \$10.00  
Tickets will be sold in the Campus Center.

**Questions:** Please contact Erin Conlan at ec399374@albany.edu for additional information.

## SEXUALITY IN LITERATURE



**DeLauné Michel**

*Award-Winning Novelist*

*Presents*

### **"The Safety of Secrets... or How Breaking Silence Sets Us Free"**

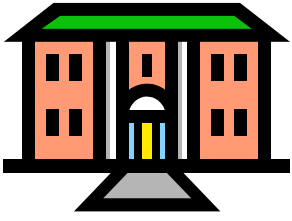
*Wednesday, February 11, 2009*

*4:00pm*

*Campus Center 375*

While the themes of sexuality and sexual abuse are not foreign to contemporary fiction, DeLauné Michel's newest novel, The Safety of Secrets, looks at areas not usually addressed from her unique literary vantage point. How much older does the perpetrator have to be for it to be considered abuse? What if the victim is initially welcoming, even encouraging, of the advances? And what if the victim's own mother unwittingly set her up? The Safety of Secrets is an exploration of the complicated emotions that young women face with sexual experiences today, of the repercussions those can hold well into their adult lives, and of secrets being uncovered and the truth that we find inside. This workshop will include a reading by the author and discussion of these topics.

About the Presenter: Award-winning novelist DeLauné Michel has gained life experience that has informed her writing from working with teenage and college-age students for over fifteen years through her Spoken Interludes Next program, and through the recovery movement.



# Residential Life & Project SHAPE

## Bring Sexuality Week Home

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

#### STATE QUAD

7:00PM

State Quad Penthouse

#### **SEXUAL JEOPARDY!**

Come and participate or be an audience member in a college version of a popular TV game show. Test your knowledge in categories such as safer sex, AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections, and other topics related to sexuality.

Presenters: **Carol Stenger, M.Ed., M.A.**, Coordinator for Health Promotion, University Counseling Center, Project SHAPE Director  
**Members, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health and Peer Education**

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

#### STATE QUAD

7:00PM

Alumni Quad Movie Room

#### **“LOVELINE”: SEX TALK AT UALBANY**

Have your most intimate and pressing questions about sexuality answered by a panel of experts and students! Honest answers to the questions asked by the audience will be provided, often in a humorous and interactive manner. Have fun and learn a great deal in this workshop!

Presenters: **Carol Stenger, M.Ed., M.A.**, Coordinator for Health Promotion, University Counseling Center Director, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health and Peer Education  
**Members, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health & Peer Education**

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

#### COLONIAL QUAD

7:00PM

Colonial Quad Penthouse

#### **“LOVELINE”: SEX TALK AT UALBANY**

See program description above

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

#### DUTCH QUAD

7:30PM

Dutch Quad Penthouse

#### **“LOVELINE”: SEX TALK AT UALBANY**

See program description above

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

#### INDIAN QUAD

7:00PM

Indian Quad Penthouse

#### **SEXUAL JEOPARDY!**

See program description above.

Special thanks to Carol Stenger, Director, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health and Peer Education, Patti Fikes, Residence Director, and the Department of Residential Life for presenting and coordinating Sexuality Week programming in the residence halls.

# WORKSHOPS AND PROGRAMS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

❖ 1:00PM-2:15PM

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## SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS AT UALBANY: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Since the onset of AIDS, students are learning less about other sexually transmitted infections. Yet we have an epidemic of STDs in the U.S. and this has been increasing, especially among persons between the ages of 15 and 24. This experiential program will test students' knowledge about common STDs seen on the University at Albany campus, including chlamydia, HPV, herpes, gonorrhea, and hepatitis. Prevention tips and techniques will be presented.

Presenters: **Carol Stenger, M.Ed., M.A.**

Coordinator for Health Promotion, University Counseling Center

Director, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health and Peer Education

**Members,** Project SHAPE: Sexual Health & Peer Education

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❖ 2:30PM-3:45PM

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## IS BC FOR ME?: WHAT'S NEW TODAY IN BIRTH CONTROL AND SAFER-SEX

Do you think you need birth control (BC)? Or is it someone else's responsibility? Do you have questions about new birth control methods available today? Do you know the difference between a pill, patch, ring, or emergency contraception (EC)? Come and take a close-up look at the newest birth control methods, and have some fun talking about safer-sex. Raffle prizes for attending participants, too!

Presenters: **Rob Curry**

Vice President for External Affairs, Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood

**Christine Pluviose, M.D.**

Vice President for Patient Services, Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood

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❖ 4:00PM-5:15PM

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## RACE, CULTURE, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND SEXUAL ASSAULT: WHAT YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER WHEN TRYING TO BE HELPFUL

When we help others, we cannot assume that all of us use the resources available in the same way. Discuss the various ways that race, culture and sexual orientation can influence help-seeking and how you can help. Learn about some important considerations when trying to help and options available for students. There are many ways that you can be helpful. Let's talk about the diversity of options you can consider.

Presenter: **Kelly J. Horner, M.A.,** Director, Sexual Assault Resource Center

**Steven Ronen,** President, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health & Peer Education

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❖ 6:30PM-7:45PM

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## COMING OUT STORIES

Through telling our stories, we have the ability to find our strength and inspire others going through their own coming out process. In this workshop, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer, questioning, and ally people are welcome to share their stories in a safe space. This workshop recognizes that coming out is a continual process, and works to shed light on the impact, positive or negative, of coming out to friends and family. Friends and allies are welcome. Coming out resources will also be available.

Moderators: **Tyler Varese,** President, Pride Alliance

**Lee Friedlander,** Vice President, Pride Alliance

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❖ 8:00PM-9:30PM

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### **BONDAGE AND COMMUNICATION: A PERSONAL ACCOUNT**

Join us for an open, safe, and frank discussion and exploration of BDSM. The program focuses on the life experiences of the owner of a long-standing chateau in the United States, *La Domaine Esmer*. The presenters will answer audience questions and share their lifetime of experience in mastering communication.

Presenters: **Master R.** and **Mistress Collette**

La Domaine Chateau

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**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

❖ 10:00AM-3:00PM

Campus Center Lobby

### **CONTRACEPTION EXHIBIT**

Presenters: **Members, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health & Peer Education**

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❖ 1:00PM-2:15PM

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### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN LGBT RELATIONSHIPS**

Is there a difference between domestic violence in heterosexual relationships and LGBT relationships? What can you do if you, or someone you know, is in an abusive relationship? Join us for an informative and interactive presentation highlighting the increase in domestic violence among same-sex couples.

Presenter: **Phillip A. Burse**

Outreach Specialist, In Our Own Voices

**Jason Ward**

Program Coordinator, In Our Own Voices

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❖ 2:30PM-3:45PM

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### **YOUR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS: WHAT DO YOU KNOW AND WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?**

College students of today grew up in a nation that guaranteed them the right to choose when and whether to be parents, a right that has made it possible for women to participate fully in the education, political and employment opportunities of our nation. For many, the idea that this right could be taken away seems impossible. Yet, starting in 1992 when the Supreme Court decided *Casey v. Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania*, hundreds of laws have been introduced at the state and national level designed to place limitations on *Roe* and states have been able to pass more and more severe restrictions on not only the right to abortion, but the right to fill birth control prescriptions. Despite the election of a pro-choice President, the current Supreme Court is split on decisions impacting reproductive health and rights, with Justice Kennedy holding the swing vote. Come and learn more about these issues and hear about a Web-based game, designed to help students check the facts regarding their reproductive rights and to consider the increasing number of hurdles women must face in order to exercise these rights.

Presenters: **Blue Carreker**

Vice President, Public Affairs and Marketing, Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood

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❖ 4:00PM-5:15PM

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### **THE GENDER GAME: PLAYING WITH SEX, GENDER AND SEXUALITY**

Join us for a fun and thought-provoking interactive experience and discussion, around gender, sex & sexuality.

Presenters: **Courtney D'Allaird**, Equity and Diversity Chair, Middle Earth Peer Assistance program

Gender & Sexuality Concerns Director, Student Association

**Lee Friedlander**, Vice-President, Pride Alliance

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❖ 6:30PM-7:45PM

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**MIDDLE SEXES: REDEFINING HE AND SHE: FILM AND DISCUSSION**

The documentary film "Middle Sexes" will be shown followed by an opportunity for discussion. This film examines the ways different societies and cultures handle the blurring of gender, sexual identity, and sexual orientation. Through interviews with transgender, intersexual, and bisexual people, as well as experts from scientific and academic communities this film considers the entire spectrum of sexual behavior and personal identity. Consider why biology loves variation and society does not.

Presenters: **Carol Stenger, M.Ed., M.A.**, Coordinator for Health Promotion, University Counseling Center  
**Members**, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health & Peer Education

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❖ 8:00PM-9:30PM

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**COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR PARTNER**

This workshop will use peer theater techniques to address some of the challenging and difficult communication issues that are associated with the development of intimate relationships with others. Actors will play out situations which address issues of commitment and the establishment of healthy communication between partners. Using humorous characterizations of male and female communication styles, actors will illustrate some of the common misunderstandings in couples. While scenarios may be tailored to illustrate a hetero-normative relationship model, student facilitators will lead discussion with the audience to process the ways such interactions can be applied to a broad range of intimate relationships.

Presenters: **The Middle Earth Players**  
**Jennifer Roman**, Outreach Coordinator, Middle Earth Program

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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

❖ 10:00AM-3:00PM

Campus Center Lobby

**STD PREVENTION EXHIBIT**

Presenters: **Members, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health & Peer Education**

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❖ 1:00PM-2:15PM

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**EUROPEAN APPROACHES TO SEX EDUCATION**

The U.S. continues to have the highest teen pregnancy rate of all industrialized nations as well as an epidemic of STIs, including HIV among youth. The presenter traveled to the Netherlands, Germany, and France along with 22 colleagues from the U.S. to research sex education practices that might account for the differences. Comparative results will be presented, along with an analysis of the current position for abstinence only programs in the U.S.

Presenter: **Carol Stenger, M.Ed., M.A.**  
Coordinator for Health Promotion, University Counseling Center  
Director, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health and Peer Education

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❖ 2:30PM-3:45 PM

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**(W)HOLY RELATIONSHIPS: WHAT WE'VE LEARNED AT CHAPEL HOUSE ABOUT WHAT WORKS AND WHAT FAILS**

Let's face it. In our jobs, we have learned much about what works and what doesn't work in relationships here at UAlbany. We continually find that what works come right from our core values as believers no matter our faiths. Come and share your ideas in open and hopeful exchange.

Presenters: **Fr. Paul Butler**

Catholic Campus Minister, Newman, University at Albany

**Rev. Sandy Damhof**

Protestant Campus Minister, Cornerstone, University at Albany

**Rabbi Nomi Manon**

Director of Jewish Student Life, University at Albany Hillel

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❖ 4:00PM-5:15PM

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**DANGER ZONES: LOCATING GENDER IN THE "HOT SPOTS" OF RACE AND SEXUALITY**

This roundtable discussion will highlight how gender intersects with race and sexuality in significant ways to complicate how we understand issues of sexual violence in all its various forms (from rape to domestic violence to the spread of sexually transmitted diseases to hate crimes).

Presenter: **Janell Hobson, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor, Department of Women's Studies

**Kelly J. Horner, M.A.**

Director, Sexual Assault Resource Center

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❖ 5:30PM-7:00PM

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**ALPHABET SOUP: LGBT 101**

GLBT? LGBT? LGBTI? LGBTIQ? LGBTIQQAAG? This workshop will explore the basics of understanding this alphabet soup. We will explore the differences between sexual orientation and gender identity to achieve greater understanding of these important topics. We will learn how to separate the myths we have been taught in this culture from the facts we aren't taught.

Presenters: **Carol Stenger, M.Ed., M.A.**, Coordinator for Health Promotion, University Counseling Center

Director, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health and Peer Education

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❖ 8:00PM

Campus Center Ballroom

**SEXUALITY WEEK KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: "Savage Love" by Dan Savage**

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## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

◆ 10:00AM-3:00PM

Campus Center Lobby

### HIV/AIDS PREVENTION EXHIBIT

Presenters: Members, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health & Peer Education

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❖ 1:00PM-2:15PM

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### ALCOHOL USE AND UNPROTECTED SEX

What percent of UAlbany students have not engaged in unprotected intercourse as a result of alcohol use? Think you know? Come learn the answer and join the discussion about alcohol and unprotected sex.

Presenters: Peer Educators, Middle Earth Peer Assistance Program

**Brian M. Freidenberg, Ph.D.**

Addictive Behaviors Specialist/Staff Psychologist, University Counseling Center

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❖ 2:30PM-3:45PM

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### DUCKS, HIPPOPOTAMUSES, PENGUINS, AND SEX

Come to this fun workshop and learn all sorts of strange but true facts about sex and sexuality. You will laugh and be amazed and shake your head while learning some new things. Can the sexual behavior of ducks and hippopotamuses and penguins tell us anything about our own? Cornflakes and graham crackers will be served and we'll tell you why when you arrive. This workshop will cover little known facts about the animal kingdom and sexual behavior as well as the human world and sexual attitudes and behavior. This is meant to be fun, light, interesting, and thought-provoking as well as educational.

Presenters: **Carol Stenger, M.Ed., M.A.**, Coordinator for Health Promotion, University Counseling Center  
Director, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health and Peer Education

Members, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health & Peer Education

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❖ 4:00PM-6:00PM

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### SEXUALITY WEEK FEATURED PRESENTATION:

The Safety of Secrets by Award-Winning Novelist DeLauné Michel

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❖ 8:00PM-9:30PM

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### ROMANTIC INTELLIGENCE

Romantically intelligent men and women use their emotions as messengers to enhance their relationships. Romantic intelligence provides an essential road map for relationship success. Learn to cultivate your "romantic intelligence" and develop emotional management skills to better deal with toxic emotions, avoid impulsive mistakes, and increase your "romantic IQ." Dr. Valentis will be signing copies of her books at the end of this workshop.

Presenter: **Mary B. Valentis, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor, Department of English

Director, Center for Humanities, Arts, and Techno Sciences (CHATS)

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## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

❖ 10:00AM-3:00PM

Campus Center Lobby

### **BREAST & TESTICULAR CANCER PREVENTION EXHIBIT**

Presenters: **Members, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health & Peer Education**

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❖ 1:00PM-3:45PM

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### **FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION: "FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO"**

During this session, the film "For the Bible Tells Me So" will be shown followed by a discussion. Does God really condemn loving same-sex relationships? Is the chasm separating Christianity from gays and lesbians too wide to cross? This award winning documentary answers these questions and more while revealing that religious anti-gay bias is based on a misinterpretation of the Bible.

Presenter: **Carol Stenger, M.Ed., M.A.**

Coordinator for Health Promotion, University Counseling Center  
Director, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health and Peer Education

**Tyler Varese**

Equity & Diversity Chair, Pride Alliance

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❖ 4:00PM-6:45PM

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### **FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION: "4 MONTHS, 3 WEEKS, 2 DAYS"**

Cristian Mungiu's 2007 film, "4 Months, 3 Weeks, 2 Days", will launch the Women's Studies film series, "Danger Zones: Mapping Women's Lives." It explores the subject of illegal abortion in 1987 Romania. At the end of the screening, a panel will lead discussion addressing these gender issues in global perspective.

Presenter: **Janell Hobson, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor, Department of Women's Studies

**Kelly J. Horner, M.A.**

Director, Sexual Assault Resource Center

**Vivien W. Ng, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor and Associate Dean of Undergraduate Research,  
Department of Women's Studies

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❖ 7:00PM-8:15PM

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### **"S/HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU: HOW TO FIND OUT THE ONE THAT IS"**

Everyone knows that love should be a two-way street in which both parties contribute equally. So why do we still find ourselves, time and time again, on that one-way street supposedly called a relationship? We hope to answer this question and more in our presentation. "S/He's Just Not That Into You: How to Find the One That Is" was inspired by the #1 *New York Times* bestseller He's Just Not That Into You by Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo. It is a no holds barred discussion on how otherwise smart men and women can stop making excuses for dead-end relationships and make way for healthy ones. We will talk about how to recognize the signs of an unhealthy relationship and how to make positive choices in our lives for a healthy future.

Presenters: **Amy Vincent, M.S.W.**

Prevention Educator, Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center

**Jacquelyn Beniquez, M.S., LMHC**

Child Therapist, Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center

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❖ 8:15PM-9:30PM

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**WOMEN'S PERSONAL SAFETY: RAPE, AGGRESSION, DEFENSE WORKSHOP**

The Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) is a self-defense program for women. R.A.D. is a system of realistic, self-defense tactics and techniques. This women-only workshop is an introduction to the full program. Risk reduction strategies will be discussed and physical defense techniques will be introduced.

Presenter: **Brett McLaughlin**  
Police Officer, University Police Department

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❖ 8:15PM-9:30PM

Campus Center Terrace Lounge

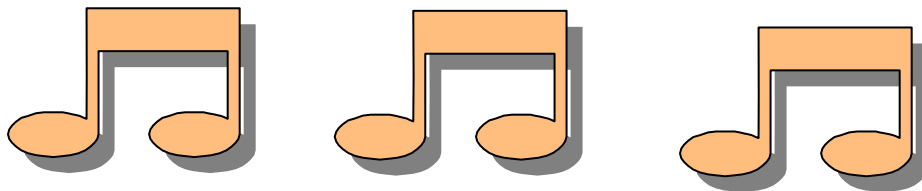
**MEN'S PERSONAL SAFETY: RESISTING AGGRESSION WITH DEFENSE WORKSHOP**

Resisting Aggression with Defense is a men's personal safety and self defense program that has its foundations in education and awareness. The men-only workshop includes lecture, discussion, and self defense techniques suitable for men of all ages and abilities.

Presenter: **Steven Grassmann**  
Police Officer, University Police Department

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**DANCE TIL DAYLIGHT:  
A DANCE-A-THON TO BENEFIT AND RAISE HIV/AIDS AWARENESS**  
Thursday, February 12 – 7:00PM to Midnight – Campus Center Ballroom



As of 2007, 33 million people worldwide are living with HIV/AIDS, and young people (under 25 years old) account for half of all new HIV infections worldwide. With a combination of education, information, and fun, this program will help students learn about the impact of HIV/AIDS on our lives and understand what it means to protect ourselves, no matter who we are or where we come from.

Admission to this event is free. Prior to the event date, students will have the opportunity to register for the dance at the event or to make pledges in support of dancers. Students will register to dance with a \$1 donation!

All proceeds from the event will go to an organization working to help fight the HIV/AIDS epidemic through prevention or counseling those affected by the disease.

**Dances Will Include...**

Soul...Ballet...Meringue...Hip Hop...Country...Techno...& More!!

**Rounds Will Include**

Musical Chairs...Fish Bowl (Battle)...Immunity...Switch...Simon Says...Fact Or Fiction...And More!

**Sponsored by Project SHAPE: Sexual Health and Peer Education and Cornerstone Campus Ministry,  
with special acknowledgment to Koreema Pinckney for organizing the event.**

**For further information, please contact**

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# ABOUT SEXUALITY WEEK 2009

During the twenty-six years that Sexuality Week has been in existence at the University at Albany, college students across the nation have been faced with critical issues and choices. Concerns related to gender issues, HIV/AIDS, relationships, identity, and reproductive health have remained at the forefront across time.

In recognition of the importance of the above issues for students, the content of programs within Sexuality Week reflect these key themes. In this way, we hope to meet the needs of our students as well as to provide a retrospective and prospective look at the issues.

All programs listed in this brochure will be presented or supervised by individuals with expertise in the topic area. We hope the information that will be presented will encourage learning, dialogue, and critical thinking, and will continue to move Middle Earth forward in its mission of prevention education.

## **Sexuality Week 2009 Planning Committee Chair**

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