# *W*omen*E*xplore Lecture and Discussion Forum

Spring 2015 Series

**Confronting the Violence against** Women in our World: How Do We Live, Cope and Thrive?



#### March 12 WHY DOES VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PERSIST IN ALL CULTURES?

Focus: Sylvia Gilman. An exhibit of Sylvia's paintings entitled Peace and Women's Equality will be on display.

Lecture: Erica Caple James, medical and psychiatric anthropologist at MIT, with an MTS degree from Harvard Divinity School

## March 19 THE ORIGINS OF VIOLENCE

Focus: Lindsa Vallee Lecture: Luke Glowacki, anthropologist at Department of Human Evolutionary Biology, Harvard University





#### March 26 **RELIGION, WOMEN, POWER AND** VIOLENCE

Focus: Ella Mahler Lecture: **Irene Monroe**, nationally renowned African-American lesbian activist, scholar and public theologian

## April 2 WHY AREN'T WE PROTECTING THE PLANET THAT NURTURES US?

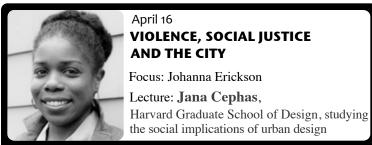
Community Focus led by Lindsa Vallee

Lecture: Rosalie Anders, planner for City of Cambridge, climate change activist



#### April 9 **STRENGTHENING OUR BODIES: BUILDING RESILIENCE AND EMPOWERMENT**

Focus: Paula Chandoha Lecture: Lt Amy DiVirgilio, RAD coordinator, Harvard University Police Department



## April 23 THE LEGACY OF VIOLENCE: LIVING WITH FEAR

Focus: Barbara Villandry

Lecture: Jennifer Musto, Women's & Gender Studies, Wellesley College, teaching on gender, sexuality, migration, globalization, and technology



#### April 30 HOW CAN WE CHANGE THE CULTURE **OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN?**

Focus: Emmy Robertson

Lecture: Wendy Murphy, founder and dir Victim Advocacy & Research Group, adjunct professor at New England School of Law, author of And Justice for Some

# May 7

# **MEN AS ALLIES: WHAT CAN** FATHERS, BROTHERS, SONS AND **PARTNERS DO?**

Focus: Michael Vallee Lecture: Dwight Fee, lecturer in Sociology, faculty affiliate in Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Harvard





#### May 14 **JOY, BEAUTY AND POSSIBILITIES IN THE FACE OF** HARROWING REALITIES

Focus: Martha Nielsen

Lecture: Janet Cooper Nelson, chaplain at Brown University

Thursdays in Harvard Sq, Cambridge MA 11:30 am Focus 12 noon–1pm Main Lecture 1pm-1:30pm Discussion

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