

Silent No More:

Rape as a Weapon of Political Violence.

Sunday September 18– Tuesday September 20, 2011



Ask yourself,

“WHY AM I SILENT”

when African women and girls continue to suffer the traumas of rape because of their political affiliations or those of their relatives.

This interdisciplinary conference will provide a forum for voices from many international perspectives and will feature keynote speakers: Senator Sekai M. Holland, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Zimbabwe (Represents one of three co- principals in the Organ for National Healing, Reconciliation and Integration), Gabriel Shumba (Human Rights Lawyer based in South Africa), Betty Makoni (Tapestries of Hope documentary), Grace Kwinje (Deputy Secretary for International Relations –Movement for Democratic Change), Dr. Nancy Phaswana-Mafuya (Director for S.A.H.A.R.A. and HAST programs & Honorary Professor, Nelson Mandela Metro University)



The conference endowment is provided in memory of Babette Kabak, a Pitt graduate and activist for women's legal rights in South Africa. Ms. Kabak's contributions to South African women's legal rights included the co-convening of the Women's Legal Status Committee (1976), which monitored South African legislation affecting women of all ethnic groups, and the Women's Lobby (1991), which promoted the inclusion of women politicians in negotiations between the South African government and the African National Congress. The generous support of this fund underwrites this event.

VENUE:



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**School of Education's
Colloquium Room**

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- **THE AFRICANA STUDIES (SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCE)**
- **THE CENTER FOR MINORITY HEALTH (GSPH) OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH**

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This event is an international conference on human rights violations. Violence and inhumane acts against women and children is a reflection of an unhealthy society (AWID 2011) and lack of action to address these atrocities will continue to promote a culture of impunity.