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**Violence and Sexual Rights in Southern Africa:
Voices from the Frontlines**

July 18, 2012 6:00-8:00PM

Immediately following the IHRFG meeting!

**The Faculty Club, D'Agostino Hall
110 West Third Street (at MacDougal Street)**

Featuring a discussion with **Sian Maseko**,
Stacey-Leigh Manoek, and **Kholi Buthelezi**

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Violence against women is at crisis levels throughout the Southern Africa region despite the range of laws "on the books" to protect women's rights. Women who are marginalized because of their sexual or gender identity, sexual practices, or HIV status are often particularly vulnerable. Come learn how women's rights groups based in South Africa and Zimbabwe are finding innovative and effective strategies to combat violence against women by promoting sexual rights.

Drinks and hors d'oeuvres provided!

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Sian Maseko, Director, Sexual Rights Centre

Sian Maseko has worked with several organizations, lobbying for legislation, specifically the Domestic Violence Act, public education on sexual reproductive health, legal services for women and sexual rights in Zimbabwe. Sian has a Masters from the School of Oriental and African Studies in London, where she worked in the NGO sector on women's rights. The Sexual Rights Centre was established in Bulawayo in 2007 and Sian has served as its director since 2008. She has published several articles and presented papers on sexual rights in Zimbabwe and the work of the Sexual Rights Centre, particularly its work with the LGBTI community and sex workers.

Stacey-Leigh Manoek, Attorney, Women's Legal Centre

Stacey-Leigh Manoek holds an LLB degree from the University of the Western Cape (UWC). Stacey-Leigh built upon her education by completing a Winter Law School Program at the University of Witswatersrand held in conjunction with Seattle University, and completed a course in legal writing, global advocacy, advanced constitutional jurisprudence and litigation. She completed her articles at the Legal Resource Centre and gained experience in a range of areas, including land and housing law, refugee law, non-profit organizations, and family law. She also spent time at the Legal Aid Office, where she focused on criminal law and maintenance matters. Stacey-Leigh is currently practicing as an attorney at the Women's Legal Centre, a human rights organization that focuses on advancing women's rights through training and strategic impact litigation. Her activities include advocacy, lobbying, documenting human rights violations, direct legal assistance, legal education and training, research and litigation to advance sex worker's rights in South Africa.

Kholi Buthelezi, Sisonke National Coordinator

Kholi Buthelezi is a professional sex worker and the National Coordinator for the Sisonke Sex Worker Movement. She has conducted trainings on advanced facilitation, supervision and management skills, time and stress management, and basic HIV for non-clinicians. She believes in sex workers as human rights defenders, and her passion is working with her colleagues to provide education about health issues, human rights, and better working conditions, as well as building strong partnerships with sex workers. Kholi loves her work and is proud to bring change into the lives of sex workers. Her goal is to continue to build Sisonke's capacity and strength to help sex workers achieve their rights. Kholi also serves as the African Sex Worker Alliance Country Coordinator for South Africa.