

#WHYISTAYED

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AS A COMMUNITY ISSUE



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"WHY I STAYED" IS A REVOLUTIONARY SPEECH BY BEVERLY GOODEN, RENOWN SOCIAL ACTIVIST, AND CREATOR OF THE #WHYISTAYED HASHTAG AND GLOBAL MOVEMENT. IN THIS RADICAL TALK, GOODEN CHALLENGES THE QUESTION "WHY DID HE/SHE STAY?" AND REVEALS HOW THE CURRENT WAY WE INTERACT WITH SURVIVORS IS A HOUSE OF CARDS. FROM FAULTY BLAME ATTRIBUTION TO DESIGNATING ONLY MEN AS ABUSERS, IT'S EASY TO OVERLOOK THE SHEER VOLUME OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WHEN THE ISSUE HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN FRAMED AS "THEM" AND NOT "US". THAT'S WHY, AS BEVERLY ARGUES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS A COMMUNITY ISSUE. VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE CAN BE WOMEN AND MEN, LGBTQ AND HETEROSEXUAL, OR EVEN CHILDREN. VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE MAY HAVE FOUGHT BACK OR REMAINED SILENT. THERE IS NO PERFECT VICTIM AND NO SPECIFIC TYPE OF ABUSER. BEVERLY DISCUSSES HER PERSONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STORY, REVEALS THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO ASK VICTIMS, AND OUTLINES HOW WE ALL CAN HELP. A LECTURE ABOUT INTIMACY, COMPASSION, AND EQUALITY, BEVERLY INVITES THE AUDIENCE TO LOOK BEYOND THE SURFACE AND INTO THE COMPLEXITIES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

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Where: Sun Room, Memorial Union

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