

## **ACTION PIECE** | ID REQUIRED

An essential component of the Building Bridges Conference is the action piece, taking place in Old Main. Similar to last year's action piece, there will be a walk-through in which participants will be interacting with members of the Social Justice Theater troupe **I Am We Are**. The scenarios with IAWA will be very engaging and will attempt to portray different stages and forms of modern-day slavery.

Additionally, in the Dive, participants will have the opportunity to assemble care packages to be given to survivors of human trafficking. Booths in the Jackson Campus Center will feature local organizations and businesses that support anti-human trafficking efforts.

## **I AM WE ARE**

I Am We Are is a student-led organization striving to create a more just campus community by organizing and presenting theatrical performances and workshops that deal with issues of social justice. Based in the work of Augusto Boal and begun by Vanita Vactor in 1995, the group schedules a number of performances both on and off campus throughout the year. Campus performances generally include E Pluribus Gustavus in the fall and the Building Bridges Conference in the spring.

**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE  
16TH ANNUAL BUILDING BRIDGES CONFERENCE.  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION  
AND SUPPORT IN THE YEARS TO COME!**



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# **I'M NOT FOR SALE: SLAVERY PAST AND PRESENT**



## THE CONFERENCE

The Building Bridges Conference, is a student-initiated, student-led diversity conference dedicated to addressing today's pressing global and social issues. The conference series aims to increase awareness and action through inspirational speakers supplemented by interactive workshops and action steps. This year's conference, **I'm Not For Sale: Slavery Past and Present**, will provide a rewarding opportunity to engage in important dialogue regarding slavery—from the historical slave trade to today's modern society. We guarantee a rewarding and thought-provoking experience that will leave you with an idea of how you too can become an advocate for abolishing slavery. On behalf of the Building Bridges Committee, we cordially welcome you to the 16th annual Building Bridges Conference.

Shanda Kirkeide and Elizabeth Coco  
Building Bridges Co-Chairs 2011

## CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- To promote mutual respect and understanding about diversity issues throughout the college campus and larger communities.
- To lay a foundation for opening up dialogue throughout the world community, bringing together individuals from various settings, situations, and interests to discuss pressing matters involving global diversity.
- To dispel the assumption that one person's actions cannot make a difference by providing the means for social change.

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:30 a.m.	Opening Remarks I Am We Are Performance
10:00 a.m.	Keynote Address
11:30 a.m.	Lunch Break
12:15 p.m.	Highlighted Workshop
1:30 p.m.	Break
1:45 p.m.	Workshop Session #1
2:45 p.m.	Workshop Session #2 Action Piece
3:45 p.m.	Workshop Session #3 Action Piece
4:45-5:45 p.m.	Action Piece

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER | CHRIST CHAPEL



**Dr. Joy DeGruy (Leary)** is a nationally and internationally renowned researcher, educator, author, and presenter. Dr. Joy, as most know her, is an ambassador for healing and a voice for those who've struggled in search of the past, and continue to struggle through the present.

Dr. DeGruy holds a bachelor of science degree in communications, a master's degree in social work, a master's degree in psychology, and a Ph.D. in social work research. She is an assistant professor at Portland State University. She has written many articles and books, including *Post-Traumatic Slave Syndrome*, which is the basis for her speech today. Her work suggests that centuries of slavery followed by systemic racism and oppression have resulted in multigenerational adaptive behaviors, some of which have been positive and reflective of resilience, and others that are detrimental and destructive.

*"Healing must occur on multiple levels, because the injury occurred on multiple levels. We begin, by simply telling the truth."* – Dr. Joy DeGruy

## HIGHLIGHTED WORKSHOP | ALUMNI HALL



**Joy Friedman** survived 27 years of sex-trafficking in the United States. Her story began when she was 15 years old when she was coerced and raped by a neighbor and held against her will by three men who repeatedly raped and threatened to kill her. Quickly, her abuser turned to trafficker. She was

forced to work in strip clubs and massage parlors performing sexual acts under the threat that the abuser would kill her mother. For several years, Joy was freighted from city to city across the country. Like a commodity, she was traded by several different traffickers under various scenarios. Joy credits Breaking Free, a Minnesota non-profit that aims to help women and children escape sex-trafficking, with her survival. Today, Joy is the Breaking Free women's program manager.

*"Joy's role is not only a testament to her own personal strength in overcoming slavery, but, also an example to clients of how to turn a life of tragedy into a service for others. Many women who have gone through Breaking Free's programs personally thank Joy for making the difference in helping them gain empowerment to escape their traffickers, and finding the strength to address their issues and build self-sufficiency for surviving outside of the exploited life."* – Breaking Free

## KEYNOTE/HIGHLIGHTED WORKSHOP

### Q&A | ALUMNI HALL, SESSION 1 ONLY

Keynote speaker Dr. Joy DeGruy and highlighted workshop presenter Joy Friedman will answer audience members' lecture questions. This is a great opportunity to interact with the speakers, hear their opinions, and learn the connections between the historical and modern-day slave trade.

## OTHER WORKSHOPS



### HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN MINNESOTA: A FAITHFUL CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO ADVOCACY AND ACTION | 3 CROWNS ROOM, SESSION 1 & 3

**Alison Killeen** is the statewide organizer at the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She earned her B.A. at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, and holds a master's degree in divinity from Union Theological Seminary in New York City. This workshop will first examine the data describing the occurrences and types of human trafficking that occur within and across Minnesota's borders. Secondly, it will offer an overview of the laws related to human trafficking in Minnesota.



### ABOLISHING SLAVERY IN LINCOLN'S TIME AND OURS: CREATING A NEW ANTISLAVERY MOVEMENT | HERITAGE ROOM, SESSION 1 & 2

**James Brewer Stewart** has been a professor of history at Macalester College in St. Paul for the past four decades. His area of study has primarily been the pre-Civil War abolitionist movement. He has written several biographies of well-known enemies of slavery—such as Wendell Phillips and William Lloyd Garrison—as well as other books, articles, and essays. His main goal is to address historical problems of racial injustice in ways that faithfully portray the past and speak to the present.



### POLARIS PROJECT: LABOR TRAFFICKING IN THE UNITED STATES | BOARD ROOM, SESSION 2 & 3

**Jennifer Kimball** is a senior call specialist with the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) in Washington, D.C. Polaris Project is one of the largest anti-trafficking organizations in the United States and Japan. Polaris Project's comprehensive approach to combating human trafficking includes conducting direct outreach and victim identification and providing social services and transitional housing to victims. Jennifer's presentation will give an overview of labor trafficking networks in the United States including information about recruitment methods, vulnerable populations, and means of control.



### LITTLE PRINCES: ONE MAN'S PROMISE TO BRING HOME THE LOST CHILDREN OF NEPAL | ALUMNI HALL, SESSION 2 & 3

**Conor Grennan** received his bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia. In May 2010 he graduated from the NYU Stern School of Business. In 2004 Conor began work at the Little Princes Children's Home in the village of Godawari, outside Kathmandu, Nepal, where he cared for 18 children. In 2006 he founded Next Generation Nepal (NGN), a non-profit organization that helps re-connect trafficked and displaced children with their families and communities. Conor now serves as a board member for NGN and is still involved in the daily activity of the organization.



### SHATTERED HEARTS: COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF AMERICAN INDIAN WOMEN AND GIRLS | ST. PETER ROOM, SESSION 2 & 3

**Suzanne Koeplinger's** presentation describes the findings of a study of the involvement of American Indian women and girls in commercial sexual exploitation in the state of Minnesota. The study was conducted by the Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center in Minneapolis, and funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Though several studies have been conducted in Canada, there has been no published research on the domestic sex trafficking of American Indian women in the U.S. prior to Suzanne's report. The presentation will be based on the report findings and community response focusing on risk and vulnerability factors for Native females, patterns of recruitment, systems inefficiencies, and recommendations for action.