

## BESS VINCENT POST ELECTION

Hi Everyone-

I've been thinking about this a great deal and how I might be able to use my voice in this. One area where I feel that we can help is to promote the Bystander Intervention trainings. A group of us here at the college have been trained in a bystander intervention model (some of those folks are even on this email thread). This training is geared specifically towards sexual assault, but it certainly has applicability for any sort of negative behavior. I would love to work with others to expand this training-as we all witness a rise in hate crimes around the country, it's important that we train students in how to be pro-social bystanders who take appropriate actions to help others.

Rachael-

Embedding them into classes is an easy strategy because you want a group no larger than 30 or so. If you take a class period then you have a ready-made audience. The training is 90 minutes.

Currently, there are two trainers in GT, 2 or 3 in RV, and 3 in TPSS. Esther Schwartz-McKenzie and I are setting up trainings in Spring to train more folks as facilitators. Last night we talked about expanding the model to include things beyond sexual assault and it seems many of us had the same idea. We will begin making modifications ASAP.

For these trainings to be effective, we need faculty who are willing to give a 90 minute class period for a training. We also need folks to become trainers so that we can increase the number of trainings we do per semester. Anyone interested in either role can contact me or Esther. There may not be much time left to the semester, but I suspect that many of us would be willing to do more trainings for those interested. Also, if you would like to sit in on one as a faculty member to see what it's about, you may be able to attend one already scheduled, like the one in Rachael's class. You can also talk to someone whose seen it in action. Pat and Loraine are on this email and are also trainers, but Rita and Ellen have both brought the training into the classroom before.