

TAASA Region D Quarterly Meeting

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"The Feminist Framework Plus: Knitting Feminist Theories of Rape into a Comprehensive Model"

- Who: Guest Speaker Beverly A. McPhail, LMSW, PhD
 Graduate College of Social Work-Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies Program University of Houston
- **When:** Wednesday, September 23, 2015, 2 3:30 PM
- Where: SHSU, Lee Drain Building Conference Room 201
- **RSVP:** Seating is limited, RSVP by email to <u>cbh023@shsu.edu</u>.

Beverly McPhail is a feminist social worker, academic, writer, wife, and mother. She earned her BSN from the University of Florida in 1979, her MSW at the University of Houston in 1989, and her PhD in Social Work at the University of Texas at Austin in 2002. She is the coauthor of *Confronting Violence Against Women: A Challenge for Social Work* (Longman, 1998) as well as author of numerous academic journal articles on violence against women, gender-bias hate crimes, feminist policy analysis, and teaching women's issues. She is currently working on a graphic memoir entitled, *Number 2: How I Survived a Semi-Awful Childhood, Revived a Crushed Spirit, and Raised Socially Conscious Sons.* Over the years she has written many opinion-editorial pieces for the *Houston Chronicle* and the former *Houston Post* on a range of women's issues. She was Director of the Women's Resource Center at the University of Houston for eight years, which serves students, staff, and faculty with information and referral, gender programming, and anti-violence initiatives. Beverly currently is an independent scholar doing contract work and serving as an expert witness in the area of sexual assault, domestic violence, and human trafficking. She teaches women's issues as an adjunct faculty member at the Graduate College of Social Work as well as in the Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies Program at the University of Houston.

The Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA) is the statewide organization committed to ending sexual violence in Texas. A non-profit educational and advocacy organization based in Austin, TAASA member agencies comprise a statewide network of more than 80 crisis centers that serve rural as well as metropolitan areas. Founded in 1982, the agency has a strong record of success in community education, legal services, youth outreach, law enforcement training, legislative advocacy, and curricula and materials development. Additional information about TAASA can be found at www.taasa.org.