



# Monthly Visions

## Domestic Violence Prevention Around the World

Adapted from Family Violence Prevention Fund

<http://www.endabuse.org/newsflash/index.php3?Search=Article&NewsFlashID=868>

Ever wonder what other men and women are doing around the world to stop domestic violence? Well, to find out, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, in partnership with Changemakers, sponsored the “No Private Matter! Ending Abuse in Intimate and Family Relations” competition. The purpose of this competition was to identify the most innovative strategies to stop domestic violence. A panel of judges chose 15 finalists from over 240 entries from 46 countries and online voters chose the top three. The three winners of a \$5,000 award include: Action India’s Mahila Panchayat Network; Kenyan Men for Gender Equality Now; and Men Can Stop Rape in Washington, DC.

For more than 30 years, Action India has worked with women to build safe spaces and dialogue about the oppressive patriarchal systems. Action India’s work focuses on helping Delhi’s urban poor, who live in squalor. The *Women, Law and Social Change* program provides direct support to women experiencing abuse and injustice. Action India has trained 64 paralegals to work on cases, counsel women in need, and provide referrals to the police, lawyers, or the formal judicial system when necessary. [www.actionindiaworld.org](http://www.actionindiaworld.org)



*Men for Gender Equality Now* is a Kenyan network of men working to end gender-based violence and the spread of HIV/AIDS through prevention. In addition, they provide victim services and work to create awareness of men’s role as change agents. They organize seminars and workshops to empower the community, helping men to understand the roles they play in promoting violence and developing interventions to end violence. [www.femnet.or.ke](http://www.femnet.or.ke)

**New Visions** is a community-university partnership whose mission is to inspire and support sustainable community action for ending violence against women in Asian communities of Southeast Michigan. Affiliated with the University of Michigan School of Social Work, we work with local Asian communities and domestic violence-related agencies achieve one vision: “Asian women are safe, and Asian communities are free of violence.”

*Men Can Stop Rape* engages young men in gender violence prevention. Since its start in 1997, the program has reached hundreds of thousands



of youth and trained thousands of professionals. *Men Can Stop Rape* takes a multi-faceted approach to developing leadership among young men in preventing partner abuse and sexual assault. Young men in high school are given a safe space to build skills around identity development, gender violence prevention, and healthy relationship conduct. In turn, they take these curriculum lessons and apply them via service-learning activities, public action campaigns, and peer education opportunities with female co-facilitators.

<http://www.mencanstoprape.org/>

Visit Changemakers’ website to learn more about different strategies around the world, <http://www.changemakers.net/en-us/competitions>.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Jack Li

Jack Li is going into his second year of medical school at the University of Michigan, and has been an Arts and Activism Community Action Team (CAT) member since October 2006. Since joining, he has played a pivotal role by acting in various sketches, representing New Visions at a national conference for Asian students, and serving as a liaison between the United Asian American Medical Student Association, UM Chapter, and the organization.



Mr. Li is not only an active member of New Visions, but also serves as the Vice President for the local American Medical Association. As such, he is responsible for recruitment of members, managing various task forces (e.g. community service, health policy), and voting at Michigan State Medical Society meetings.

He is the Director of *Community Service Day*, a day where medical students/staff/faculty volunteer at different sites in the Ann Arbor area. As the Director, Mr. Li arranges the sites and oversees the nine different internal committees.

Mr. Li also serves as the Class Advocate for the Medical Student Council, in which he is responsible for bridging the communication gap between the students and faculty, being present at Dean's meetings, and organizing class socials.

Mr. Li enjoys playing ultimate frisbee in his spare time.

When asked what he has learned from working with New Visions, Mr. Li says, "So much more about domestic violence and its continuing problem... [and] reaching out to public domains with a tough, unpopular issue."

## Join or Create a Small Gathering!

**YOU** can be a part of a small gathering to talk about domestic violence and other related issues through films, books, and other mediums. The Outreach and Engagement CAT is creating small gatherings in the Punjabi and Korean communities. Have fun and enjoy the company of others while learning! These small gatherings can involve members of your own community, friends, colleagues, or family, as well as individuals from other Asian groups.

For those interested in participating in a small gathering, or in creating your own group, please contact Eun Joo Lee for details 734.615.2106 or [eunj@umich.edu](mailto:eunj@umich.edu).

## Websites of Interest on Ending Violence Against Women:

### **Amnesty International Stop Violence Against Women Campaign**

<http://web.amnesty.org/actforwomen/index-eng>

Discusses violence against women as a human rights violation, from birth to death, in times of peace and in war, at home and in the public spheres. Includes discussion of issues, information on ways to take action, public service announcements, and many more.



### **Asian & Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence**

<http://www.apiahf.org/apidvinstitute/default.htm>

Serves as a forum for, and clearinghouse on information, research, resources, and critical issues about violence against women in Asian and Pacific Islander communities.

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## Websites of Interest: *(continued from p. 2)*

### FaithTrust Institute

<http://faithtrustinstitute.org>

An international, multifaith organization working to end sexual and domestic violence. Provides communities and advocates with tools and knowledge they need to address the religious and cultural issues related to abuse.

### Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPF)

<http://www.endabuse.org>

Contains programs and resources for domestic violence education, prevention, children, workplace, teens, immigrant women, public policy change, and many more. Includes information on various campaigns sponsored by FVPF and toolkits for education such as "Coaching Boys into Men," "Workplace Resource," "Connect: A mini-magazine for parents," and others.



### Legal Momentum

<http://www.legalmomentum.org>

Advances rights of women and girls using law and creating innovative public policy. Provides technical assistance, research, policy, and advocacy for women. Programs include Employment and Housing Rights for Victims of Domestic Violence, Equality Works, Family Initiative for Early Education and Child Care, Immigrant Women Program, and many more.



### Men Can Stop Rape

<http://www.mencanstoprape.org/>

Empowers male youth and the institutions that serve them to work as allies with women in prevention of rape and other forms of men's violence. Includes information on campaigns, resources, news and many more. Check out their "Strength Campaign"!

### Michigan Resource Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence

#### Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

<http://www.mcadsv.org/mrcdsv/index.html>

Collaboration between Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence and Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, the center has collections of books, videos, journals and other media to promote awareness and increase accessibility of educational information and resources for individuals and organizations in the state of Michigan. Services are open to general public, as well as individuals and organizations. Browse through the collection and request materials via phone 517.381.4663, or email, [resource@mcadsv.org](mailto:resource@mcadsv.org). Materials can be mailed anywhere in Michigan free of charge!

### National Coalition Against Domestic Violence

<http://www.ncadv.org/>

Contains information and resources on getting help, public policy, taking action, upcoming events, and many more.

### The White Ribbon Campaign (WRC)

<http://www.whiteribbon.ca/>

The largest effort in the world of men working to end men's violence against women. You may have seen men wearing a white ribbon, which symbolizes men's opposition of men's violence against women. Includes toolkits, campaign news, and resources for education and prevention of men's violence against women.



### World Health Organization (WHO): Gender-based Violence

[http://www.who.int/topics/gender\\_based\\_violence/en/](http://www.who.int/topics/gender_based_violence/en/)

Check out *WHO Multi-Study on Women's Health and Domestic Violence Against Women*. Website includes campaign information, and other publication materials on gender-based violence and other health topics.

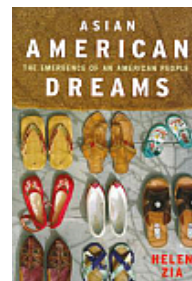
## Summer Reading List

### Asian American Dreams: The Emergence of an American People

by [Helen Zia](#) (Author)

"Award-winning Asian American journalist Helen Zia draws on both family stories and public events (from the Vincent Chin affair to the boycott of Korean American--owned stores in Brooklyn) and surveys the history of Asian Americans, the rapid development of their new political force, and the unique issues they face."

-Mee-Len Hom, Hunter Coll. Lib., New York



### Body Evidence: Intimate Violence Against South Asian Women in America

by [Shamita Das Dasgupta](#) (Editor)

"If you can read just one book to understand domestic violence in this country, read Body Evidence. DasGupta brings nineteen brilliant voices together to explicate the meanings of sexuality, class, ethnicity, gender and legal status in the struggle to end violence against women in intimate relationships."

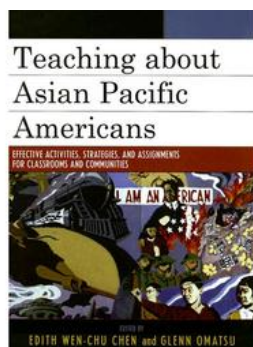
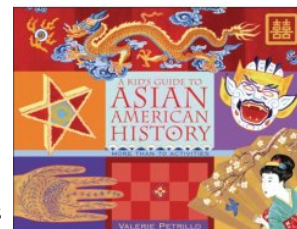
-Dr. Ellen Pence, Director of Praxis International

### A Kid's Guide to Asian American History: More than 70 Activities (Kid's Guide series, A)

by [Valerie Petrillo](#) (Author)

"A collection of games, crafts, and activities from China, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, India, and Southeast Asia. Arranged by nationalities, each section gives a historical overview of the particular group and their immigration to America. The author touches on topics such as religion, clothing, food, racism, and contributions to society."

-DeAnn Okamura, San Mateo County Library, CA



### Teaching about Asian Pacific Americans: Effective Activities, Strategies, and Assignments for Communities

by [Edith Wen-Chu Chen & Glenn Omatsu](#) (Editors)

"This book should be required reading for anyone who teaches a class on the nation's rapidly growing and immensely diverse Asian Pacific American population, or more generally on ethnic and racial groups in America. Experienced instructors, as well as those who are teaching for the first time, will benefit greatly from the array of innovative, exciting, and "best practices" classroom activities and strategies that are featured in this collection. This is more than a "how to" book. It provides a compelling perspective on how the historical and contemporary experiences of all immigrant and minority groups can and ought to be taught in the twenty-first century."

—Don T. Nakanishi, University of California, Los Angeles

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