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SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND CAMPUS EQUITY-TITLE IX



Content Warning

- ▶ Conversations in this presentation contains potentially triggering and sensitive material (about sexual violence and sexual assault) will be discussed and may be disturbing, upsetting, or could have a negative impact.
- ▶ If you feel triggered by the conversations in this presentation, please know that there are resources here available to you.
- ▶ *** This is a public awareness raising event ***

Women & Sexual Assault

- ▶ Over half of women have experienced sexual violence involving physical contact during their lifetimes.
- ▶ 1 out of every 6 American women has experienced attempted or completed rape in her lifetime
- ▶ 82% of all juvenile victims are female. 90% of adult rape victims are female
- ▶ 1 in 3 women experienced sexual harassment in a public place

<https://www.rainn.org/statistics/victims-sexual-violence>
<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/sexualviolence/fastfact.html>

Sexual Assault on College Campuses

- ▶ 13% of all students experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence, or incapacitation (among all graduate and undergraduate students).
- ▶ Among undergraduate students, 26.4% of females and 6.8% of males experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence, or incapacitation.
- ▶ **Rates of Sexual Violence on college campuses have not changed since 1957.**

Campus Climate at SFA

- ▶ Most SFA Community members (91%) who participated said they feel safe at SFA!
- ▶ 4% of participants said that they experienced unwanted sexual contact
 - ▶ Of the 4% of respondents who report having experienced an incident of unwanted sexual contact on campus, almost three-fifths (58%) did not use the university's confidential resources or formal procedures to report the incident(s).
- ▶ Students were less likely than other groups to report awareness and understanding of resources (63-68% vs 83-100%), and similarly expressed greater agreement that “the accused or their friends would retaliate against [them].”
- ▶ Cis women and Trans/Non-binary/Gender non-conforming community members were less likely to agree that “the university would take the report seriously.”

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Response vs. Prevention

Responding to an incident vs.
Trying to make sure this doesn't happen to anyone else in the future

- ▶ Receive a report of an incident
 - ▶ Outreach with Resources
 - ▶ Supportive measures
 - ▶ Safety planning
 - ▶ Due process & Justice
 - ▶ "Healing"?
- ▶ Mandatory training for incoming freshman
 - ▶ Awareness of resources
 - ▶ Focus on Bystander Intervention
 - ▶ 1 prevention event each year ?
 - ▶ More ?

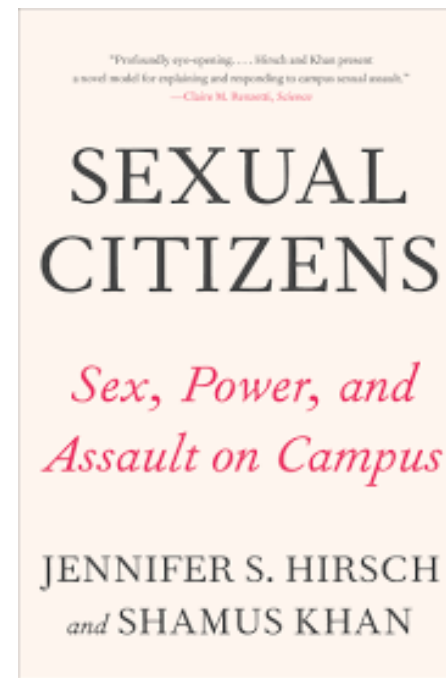


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Sexual assault Prevention And Community Equity (*SPACE*) Toolkit

- ▶ Qualitative research
 - ▶ Ethnographic interviews and focus groups
- ▶ Public health approach
- ▶ Systemic factors
- ▶ Power dynamics
- ▶ Intersectionality
- ▶ New ideas of how to prevent violence
 - ▶ Sexual Projects
 - ▶ Sexual Citizenship
 - ▶ Sexual Geographies



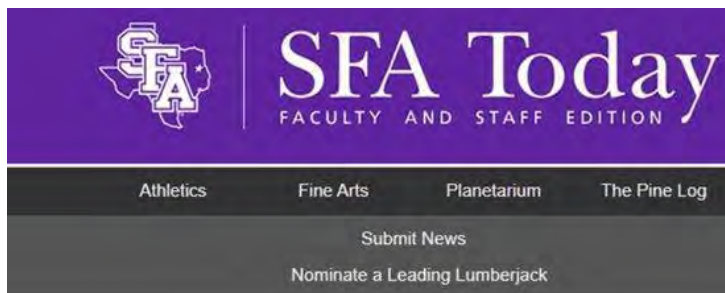
Physical spaces both reflect and perpetuate inequity and power imbalances

- ▶ Includes all spaces from large - small scale
 - ▶ Country; State; City; Neighborhood; Building
 - ▶ Schools; Restaurants; Malls; Parks; Neighborhoods; Offices; Public services; other institutions
- ▶ Historically and currently, who has control over this space?
 - ▶ Who feels welcome in this space, and who feels unwelcome in this space?
 - ▶ Who feels safe in this space, and who feels unsafe in this space?

(Examples of specific situations were provided throughout *Sexual Citizens*.)

How do you think the space at SFA factors into inequity, exclusion, or even violence in the Lumberjack community?

How do you think this can change?



Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022

Today's Headlines

Staff Council to meet Dec. 12

SFA Today to pause publication during winter break

PAAC meeting planned for today

SFA selected to work with violence prevention researchers

Proposals being accepted for SFA's ninth annual Diversity Conference

Next Citizens' Police Academy starts Feb. 15

Dr. David Creech to offer presentation on Japanese maples tonight

Purple Santa to tour campus

'Lincoln Center Posters' exhibited at Cole Art Center

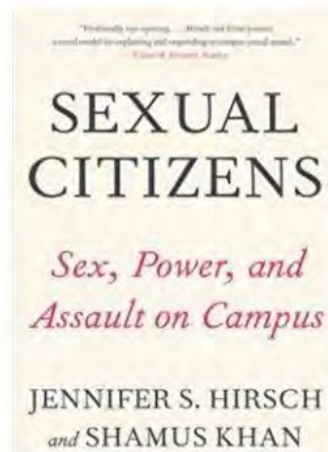
SFA selected to work with violence prevention researchers

SFA was one of a handful of higher education institutions selected to work with Dr. Jennifer Hirsch of Columbia University and Dr. Shamus Khan of Princeton University as part of their inaugural cohort to apply the Sexual Assault Prevention and Community Equity, or SPACE, toolkit.

This project will be spearheaded by Office of Title IX staff members with support from the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

The SPACE toolkit grew out of Hirsch and Khan's groundbreaking qualitative research on campus sexual assault detailed in their book "Sexual Citizens." Named one of the best books of 2020 by National Public Radio, "Sexual Citizens" uses a public health lens and applies an intersectional analysis to study sexual assault and interpersonal violence on campus. To learn more about the research, including media mentions, videos and podcasts, [check out their website](#).

If you would like to borrow a copy of the book to read or participate in book club events, or if you wish to get involved with the working group launch in January, contact Title IX at titleix@sfasu.edu.



A Few Ways To Get Involved:

Focus Group

- ▶ Qualitative research
- ▶ Aimed at asking for and receiving insight into the campus culture based on one's own unique experiences
- ▶ You can get involved as a researcher or as a participant

Working Group

- ▶ Administrative projects
- ▶ Focused on developing a multi-disciplinary team dedicated to developing the focus groups and taking action to implement change on campus
- ▶ You can nominate someone you think would be a good fit or self-nominate

Interested? Reach out and let us know!



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Let's create safer spaces at SFA!

Sources

- ▶ *"Power Conscious Approaches to Addressing Sexual Violence,"* Training presented by Chris Linder, ATIXA Conference 2022
- ▶ Campus Climate Survey for SFASU, partnered with Hanover Research, March 2022
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- ▶ <https://www.rainn.org/statistics/victims-sexual-violence>
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