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World Pulse Live: Voices of Our Future
Wednesday, October 5, 2011
PSU Smith Ballroom

5:30pm Reception       6:00pm Presentation       7:30pm Talk to the Panelists

JOIN the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program at PSU in welcoming World Pulse’s award-winning Voices of Our Future citizen journalists. Three amazing women representing the energy and optimism of the World Pulse community will come to the US for the first time to lift their voices. These grassroots leaders will reveal how they are using the power of new media and technology to change lives and create solutions on the frontlines of today’s most pressing issues.

We invite you to come together for an unforgettable experience and celebrate the rising movement of women transforming our world.

Meet the Voices of our Future Awardees:

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About the voices of our Future Awardees

Martha Llano
Seven thousand feet above sea level in the cloud forests of Colombia, Martha Llano is raising her voice for local communities and fragile ecosystems. In a country terrorized by the drug war, where avoiding land mines and witnessing violence against women is a daily occurrence, she is courageously standing up for the land she loves. Armed with her passion and determination, Martha promotes environmental conservation through sustainable development by educating local communities and visitors and creating market opportunities through geotourism. A dreamer, Martha believes that when we start listening to our global soul, miracles and change begin to happen.

Expertise: environmental protection/sustainable development, indigenous and ethnic people’s displacement; violence against women, peace building in Colombia, forgiveness through writing

Chi Yvonne Leina
A courageous journalist from Cameroon, Leina has been forced by police officers in her country to drink from a sewage-filled gutter, beaten and detained without food and water, all because she refuses to be silent and strives to bring the daily struggles of her countrymen and women to light. Nicknamed “Madame le journaliste” at the tender age of seven because she asked so many questions about the injustices against women she witnessed in her community, Leina continues to fight to expose negative cultural practices, such as breast ironing. She believes that for the situation of women in her country to change, women’s voices must be heard. Leina’s dream is to create a media center to train women and young girls to become journalists, radio announcers and documentary filmmakers, so that they can broadcast their voices and solutions to the world.

Expertise: breast ironing, child marriage, women’s voices in the media

Sarvina Kang
At 10 years old, she was told she would never amount to anything more than a vegetable seller at the market or a prostitute. Now pursuing her master’s degree in development—and the only literate person in an extended family of 35—Sarvina has overcome poverty to become a leader in her community and a champion for girls’ education. Today she uses her skills in new media to report on the situation of women and girls across Cambodia who are striving to heal from the aftershocks of war and genocide. Her vision is to empower communities of women using media and education to stand up for their rights and become equal participants in society.

Expertise: Education, girl’s empowerment, sex trafficking

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