During the Democratic Republic of the Congo’s seven year war, more than 80,000 women and girls were raped. *Fighting the Silence* tells the story of ordinary women and men struggling to change their society. Husbands talk of the pressures that led them to abandon their wives. Soldiers and policemen share their (shocking) views about why rape continues to flourish in the Congo.

Panelists

**Lee Giordano**, Training Coordinator, Men Stopping Violence

Lee Giordano is the Training Coordinator of Men Stopping Violence, a nationally acclaimed social justice organization dedicated to ending male violence against women. He is also a community organizer and violence prevention advocate, having presented hundreds of workshops on ending men’s violence against women to various community organizations, university students, faculty and staff, as well as middle and high school students.

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**Lisa Streshley**, Senior Graduate Assistant, Emory University Respect Program

Lisa Streshley grew up in the DRC and Cameroon and has interned with sexual violence prevention and response programs in Eastern Congo. She is the Senior Graduate Assistant to the Emory University Respect Program, which engages the Emory community to prevent and respond to sexual assault and relationship violence.

Moderator

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