

The Atlantic Metropolis Centre, The Department of Political Science, and The Program in Gender and Women's Studies at Dalhousie University present:

## **International Human Rights Mechanisms and Non-State Torture of Women in Canada**

~ Free Public Presentation by Linda MacDonald and Jeanne Sarson ~

Wednesday, February 13, 2013  
3pm-4:30 pm

**Dalhousie University**  
Tupper Building, Theatre C  
5850 College Street

This presentation will feature the work of two leading Canadian human rights activists who have engaged United Nations' human rights treaty bodies, including the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the Commission on the Status of Women, and the Committee Against Torture (CAT) on the issue of the non-state torture of women in Canada. The presentation will include an overview of the initiatives and the processes involved in getting these committees to recognize the practice of torture by non-state officials as human rights violations.

Linda MacDonald and Jeanne Sarson share 20 years experience in human rights activism, working with persons who survived non-state torture.

For more information on their work visit: [www.nonstatetorture.org](http://www.nonstatetorture.org)

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