

**RAPE NEW YORK:**  
a series of public dialogues

**Wednesday, February 16: Bluestockings, Lower East Side, 7:00 pm**  
Jana Leo & Jennifer Baumgardner, co-sponsored by Right Rides

**Monday, February 21: Greenlight Bookstore, Fort Greene, Brooklyn, 7:30 pm**  
Jana Leo & Mitch McEwen, co-sponsored by Hollaback!

**Tuesday, February 22: CUNY Graduate Center, Midtown NYC, 6:30 pm**  
Jana Leo & Michelle Anderson, co-sponsored by the Center for the Humanities

After being raped at gunpoint in her Harlem apartment in 2001, Jana Leo resolved to fight back not only against the rapist but against the landlord whose greed and calculated recklessness set the stage for the break-in. Encountering police disinterest, a health care system that refused to pay for a rape kit, and a beleaguered district attorney's office, Leo sought justice for the violence of the attack, an experience that has resonated throughout her life.

[The Feminist Press](#), along with [the Center for the Humanities at CUNY](#), [RightRides](#), and [Hollaback!](#), is sponsoring a series of dialogues to commemorate artist, philosopher, and architecture scholar **Jana Leo's** forthcoming book [Rape New York](#) (Feminist Press, February 2011). Jana will be joined by feminist writer and organizer **Jennifer Baumgardner**, architect and SUPERFRONT founder **Mitch McEwen**, and **Michelle Anderson**, dean of CUNY Law School.

**Jana Leo** is a conceptual artist with degrees in philosophy and architecture. In 1997, Leo came to the states to complete an M.A. in architecture at Princeton University. In 2000 Leo moved to New York where she taught Architecture at Cooper Union for seven years and finished her dissertation at the philosophy department at Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. In 2007, Leo started Civic Gaps, a New York think tank dedicated to studying empty and neglected spaces in the city. Leo is currently the director of the Fundación Mosis, a think tank dedicated to the city. Leo divides her time between New York and Madrid. **Rape New York** is Leo's first book in English. For more information, visit [www.rapenewyork.com](http://www.rapenewyork.com)

**Jennifer Baumgardner** created the "I Was Raped" project and the "I Had an Abortion" campaign, both of which use documentaries and T-shirt initiatives to raise awareness and encourage dialogue around these issues. In 2007, Baumgardner published *Look Both Ways: Bisexual Politics*. Along with Amy Richards, Baumgardner co-authored *Manifesta: Young Women, Feminism, and The Future* (2000) and *Grassroots: A Field Guide for Feminist Activism* (2005), and co-created the feminist speakers' bureau Soapbox Inc.

**Mitch McEwen**, urban designer, curator, and unlicensed architect, is both principal of the Architecture Conglomerate and Founder of SUPERFRONT. She is a recipient of the The New York State Council on the Arts 2010 Independent Projects awards for Architecture, Planning and Design. Since founding SUPERFRONT in January 2008, she has curated more than a dozen exhibits and published 4 architectural catalogs. She holds an M. Arch from Columbia GSAPP and A.B. from Harvard.

**Michelle Anderson** is a leading scholar on rape law. Her articles have been published in the *Boston University Law Review*, *George Washington Law Review*, *Hastings Law Journal*, *Rutgers Law Review*, *Southern California Law Review*, and *University of Illinois Law Review*, among others. Her article redefining what rape should be legally, "Negotiating Sex," was selected as the core text on rape law in *Criminal Law Conversations*, a collection published by Oxford University Press in 2009. Former policy chair for the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence, Anderson is currently the dean of CUNY Law School.

All events are free and open to the public. **Rape New York** is available at [www.feministpress.org](http://www.feministpress.org). To arrange an interview, order review copies, or for more information, contact Elizabeth Koke, FP publicity, at [ekoke@gc.cuny.edu](mailto:ekoke@gc.cuny.edu) or 212-817-7928.

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