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## Women Under Siege: Sexism in the Criminal Justice System

Wednesday **January 11, 2017** 7:00 pm (doors open 6:30)

Panel discussion moderated by Susan Grabel in conjunction with the exhibition,  
*Women Under Siege: It's happening Right Here*

Women are under siege from misguided legislatures and law enforcement agencies in many parts of the country. Under the guise of protecting the fetus, women are being punished for the outcome of their pregnancies with the potential life of a fetus deemed more important than the life and well-being of the mother.

Women are also under siege by an antiquated criminal justice system that does not take into account the realities of domestic abuse. They are being punished for doing what they need to do to survive and because they couldn't protect their children.



**Lynn Paltrow, JD**, is the founder and Executive Director of National Advocates for Pregnant Women ("NAPW"). Ms. Paltrow combines legal advocacy with grassroots and national organizing and policy.

**Jennifer Johnson, MS, MALS**, "Racism and Sexism is deeply rooted in the Criminal Justice System. There has been no paradigm shift in the prosecution of pregnant women who suffer from Mental Health and Substance Abuse disorders."

**Gail T. Smith** is the director of the Women in Prison Project of the Correctional Association of New York, an attorney, and the founder of Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers.

**Colby Thompson** is a formerly incarcerated artist, activist, speaker and author who is creating a program to heal and empower people involved with the justice system, or imprisoned by anything in their lives.

**Margaret Ngunang, LCSW**, is the Clinical Supervisor for Sanctuary for Families' Sarah Burke House Shelter. Ms. Ngunang is a voice for women's empowerment, embracing issues of gender, domestic violence, immigrant support, homelessness and poverty.

**Linda Lopez, JD**, is Deputy Director of the Center For Battered Women's Legal Services at Sanctuary for Families. She is a seasoned practitioner of Family and Matrimonial law and founder of the Uncontested Divorce workshop.

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