WMS 421 Spring 2013 Activism Videos: V-Day Brockport Dances in Opposition to Violence Against Women

Women and Gender Studies Senior Seminar at The College at Brockport
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To commemorate the fifteenth anniversary of V-Day, a global movement to stop violence against women and girls, Brockport students and faculty joined in the ONE BILLION RISING campaign of women and men from over 200 countries that culminated in a single day of mass action. On February 14, 2013, flash mobs were organized to RISE together in dance as a call to end violence against women. The flash mobs appeared in three campus locations: (1) Drake Memorial Library; (2) Seymour Student Union; (3) Tower Fine Arts building. Links to videos are provided below:

- **One Billion Rising: 2/14 Brockport Breaks the Chain** [Dance steps].
  [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PqCS_o6L7co](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PqCS_o6L7co) Benoit Beauchamp (Video); Nicole Kaplan (Choreography); Nicole Kaplan, Angie Muzzy, and Shawn Powell (Dancers).

• One Billion Rising: SUNY Brockport Breaks the Chain - Noon at the Student Union [Flash Mob]. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TG-IKWW1HyI. Courtney Michie (Video).
In addition to the spontaneous dancing that took place around campus, other events were planned as part of the ONE BILLION RISING movement. An open-microphone poetry reading, musical performance, and visual presentation event were held at 7:14 pm in the Jitterbugs Café inside of the Seymour College Union.

One in three women will be raped or beaten in her lifetime. The ONE BILLION RISING movement is designed as a call to women and men to refuse to participate in the status quo until rape and rape culture ends. It is an act of solidarity that seeks to demonstrate to women the commonality of their struggles and their power in numbers.

Brockport’s participation in the ONE BILLION RISING movement was a collaboration of the Women and Gender Studies Program and the Departments of Dance, Art, English, Theatre and Music Studies, and the Brockport Women’s Center.