

# DORA E. MCQUAID

## ONE WOMAN'S VOICE

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### PENN STATE MEDIA SALES PREMIERS STUDENT FILM DOCUMENTARY AT PCCD'S: PENNSYLVANIA PATHWAY'S FOR VICTIM SERVICES CONFERENCE AT THE PENN STATER ON NOVEMBER 19, 2003 , IN STATE COLLEGE

**UNIVERSITY PARK:** Media Sales, a partner with Penn State Public Broadcasting, is pleased to announce the premier showing yesterday of the short documentary film distributed exclusively by Media Sales, entitled "One Woman's Voice" at the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency's Pathway's for Victim Services Conference. PCCD is the Commonwealth's lead agency for criminal justice policy issues awarding more than \$140 million in state and federal funding to crime prevention programs, according to their news releases. The conference is currently underway at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel. The conference, which runs from Wednesday, November 19th through Friday, November 21st, 2003, is held annually to address the many issues faced by victims of crime in the state of Pennsylvania. Various workshops on Elder Abuse, Restorative Justice and Domestic and Sexual Violence to name a few are attended by Victim Service Agencies throughout the state, including wide representation by the state's legal community. Nationally recognized speakers participate at this well received conference.

Penn State Public Broadcasting is partnering with Dora McQuaid and filmmaker Kate Bogle to distribute a documentary about McQuaid's efforts to raise awareness about domestic violence through their Media Sales affiliate. McQuaid will also appear on WPSX-TV's public affairs program, **Take Note**, with host Patty Satalia on **Monday, December 8 at 5:45 p.m.** Media Sales was proud to have the opportunity to showcase the documentary produced by Penn State student Kate Bogle, about McQuaid's activism in which she documents McQuaid's story of victimization and domestic violence in an effort to promote awareness and empowerment for other victims and survivors like herself. Ms. McQuaid, a teacher in Penn State's Department of Communications has been nominated to receive The Governor's Pathfinder Survivor/Activist Award. The award winners will be announced at Thursday evenings' 6pm dinner ceremony presented on behalf of Governor Edward G. Rendell. The Governor's office will issue a separate Press Release later today in which they plan to name the recipients of the Governor's Victim Service Pathfinder Awards.

In addition to teaching in the Department of Communication Arts and Sciences at Penn State, Dora combines her passion for language and performance with her dedication to activism, using poetry, performance and speaking to raise awareness of the issues of domestic and sexual violence, and to teaching writing and performance as means of empowerment.

For her efforts throughout her home state, Dora was nominated in 2003 for the Fifth Annual Pennsylvania Governor's Victim Service Pathfinder Award for her activism and advocacy on behalf of victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Kate Bogle's short film, "*One Woman's Voice*," which documents Dora's combined roles of poet, teacher, activist and survivor, is now available through Penn State Media Sales. Dora is also featured in Suzanne Keller's book, *Free Spirits*, and her image is soon to appear in Mike Pilato's State College Public Mural Project.

Dora has lent art to activism for an array of organizations and events, including writing the commissioned poster poem, "Around This Table," to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence, speaking, by invitation, to the PA Supreme Court Subcommittee on Racial and Gender Bias in the Judicial System, and performing annually in the Penn State production of *The Vagina Monologues* and Take Back The Night Rallies, in addition to other events at Penn State and other colleges, universities and high schools. She is a founding and organizing member of both The Women of Courage of Centre County PA and Wordstock: State College, PA's Annual Festival of Language, for which she serves as poet/performer, teacher and Slam Master annually.

For copies of the film, "One Woman's Voice" currently available on VHS for \$19.95, contact Penn State Media Sales toll-free at 1-800-770-2111 or locally by calling 865-3333, ext 250. The film is also available on the Media Sales Web site: <http://mediasales.psu.edu>

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