

## Film screening and discussion:

# *It Was Rape*

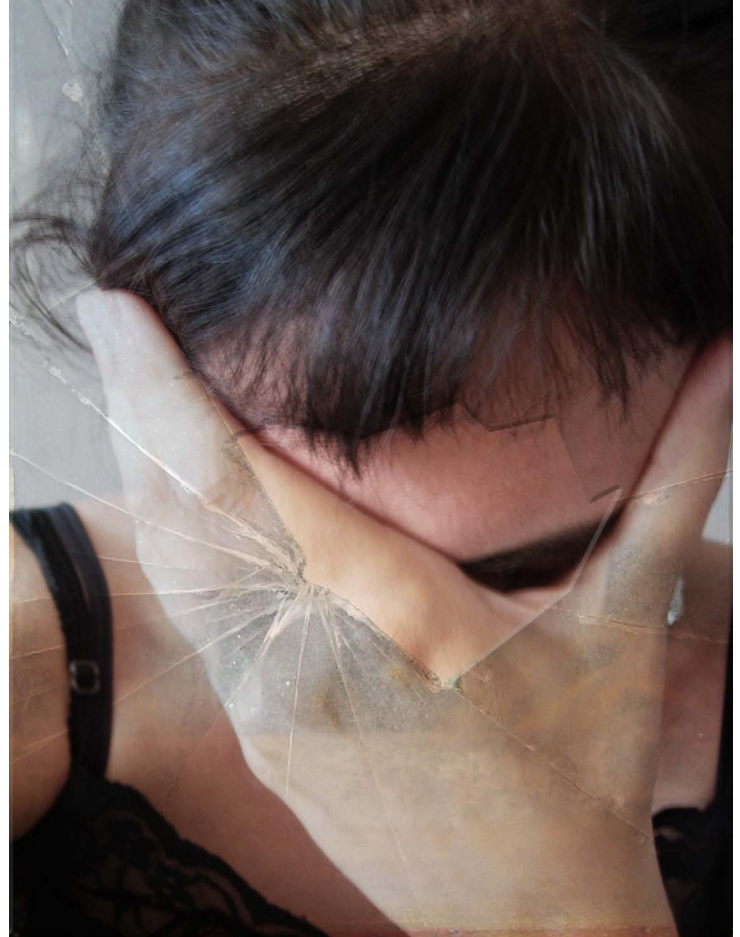
a film by Jennifer Baumgardner

Rape is wrong, illegal, reprehensible—and common. In this film, eight women tell their diverse personal stories of sexual assault, from a Midwestern teenager trying alcohol for the first time to a Native American woman gradually coming to terms with her abusive childhood. Gripping and emotional, this film is an opportunity to empathize with people—not just absorb faceless statistics—and to puncture the silence and denial that allow sexual assault to thrive. Ultimately, these stories shed light on how this epidemic affects us all.

"In the U.S., an average of 207,754 people are raped annually—that's one very two minutes. *It Was Rape* translates these staggering statistics into real stories. It shakes you to the core, and no matter how much you think you "know" about rape, it shifts your framework for understanding it." Emily May, founder and executive director, Hollaback!

**Jennifer Baumgardner** is a writer, activist, filmmaker, and lecturer whose work explores abortion, sex, bisexuality, rape, single parenthood, and women's power. She is the Executive Director/Publisher at [The Feminist Press](http://TheFeministPress.com) at CUNY, which is producing the StopSlut Project and publishing several cutting-edge feminist works from around the world.

Discussion moderated by **Karen Schaefer**, Director and **Debra Darmata**, Manager of Operations, Counseling and Student Development Center.



**Thursday, April 9, 11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.**

**OR**

**Monday, April 13, 3–4:30 p.m.**

**Milton Hall, CMI Digital Media Theatre**

No fee or registration required. Please invite your students to attend this important event.