

# “Women’s Rights and HIV/AIDS in Malawi and Southern Africa: Realities, Successes and Challenges”

Course Director

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AEC3132 Fall 2007 (Special Topics Graduate Course)

Adult Education and Community Development Program, OISE/UT

This course offers the opportunity to study with Seodi White, National Coordinator of “Women and Law in Southern Africa Research and Educational Trust- Malawi” (WLSA-Malawi). WLSA Malawi is an outstanding women’s rights organization distinguished throughout the Southern Africa region as one of the key organizations connecting women’s rights, gender equality and the law. ~Seodi White is a social development lawyer, socio-legal researcher and writer on women’s human rights, and has been instrumental in developing and strengthening the women’s legal rights movement in Malawi and throughout Southern Africa. She has been highly influential in the achievement of groundbreaking law reform to protect women’s rights, and in the promotion of women’s access to justice and is widely published on the topics of citizenship, HIV/AIDS, gender justice, domestic violence, gender and development, property/widow dispossession, women’s law and policy reform, and human rights.

The course will cover women’s lived realities in Southern Africa, particularly Malawi, and will illuminate the intersection of HIV/AIDS with women’s right to life, women's sexual and reproductive health rights, the construction of autonomy, and women’s property rights, the justice delivery system and the construction and meaning of family in a Southern African context. The cross cutting issues of femininity and masculinity will also be engaged. The course will also cover the challenges faced and strategies pursued by regional feminist NGOs in Southern Africa working towards transformative change for women's rights within a highly patriarchal society. It will also highlight and analyze the challenges and success stories of mainstreaming violence against women and gender equality initiatives within HIV and AIDS international architecture (funding processes and programming priorities). Community-based responses to HIV/AIDS and its causes will also be closely studied.

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- *OISE students* use regular registration. *Other UT graduate students* pick up a form from OISE Registrar's Office - you will need permission from your own faculty.
  - *Non-UT graduate students* may apply through normal reciprocal arrangements with their institutions.
  - *Non-students* contact Pat Doherty (416)978-2080, pdoherty@oise.utoronto.ca.
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