

## Work on Sexual Violence

Kenney has taught an undergraduate course on *The Politics of Rape* at Tulane for ten years and has been a national leader on sexual assault on campus. She was one of the original planners of the [Dartmouth Summit on Sexual Assault](#) with David Lisak and Claudia Bayliff. She led a team of Tulane staff and students who attended that conference. Kenney was invited to the White House for the release of the [Its On Us Report](#). As the executive director of the Newcomb Institute, she brought many leading researchers to campus to speak on their scholarship on sexual assault and assembled a consortium of faculty, students, and staff interested in working on the issue which evolved into the Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Committee. (See Student Affairs' [All In](#) for more current information.)

The Newcomb Institute first screened the films [Invisible War](#) and [The Hunting Ground](#) which brought one of the filmmakers, Amy Zierling to town. Questioning following the screening of *The Hunting Ground* led Tulane to make more transparent its reporting of complaints that evolved into the Shifting the Paradigm annual event. NI hosted several trainings for faculty about changing requirements to report sexual assault on campus; it hosted Assistant Secretary of Education Catherine Lhamon for a campus convening in 2014. NI has sponsored three conferences for student activists on sexual assault. Kenney was an active member of the Sexual Assault Taskforce responding to Tulane University's ARC3 [climate survey](#) with garnered over 50% response rate. She attended the Stanford Conference on [Title IX Advocacy in the Trump Era](#). She served on the Tulane Sexual Assault Climate Taskforce and chaired the Provost's Committee on Sexual Harassment. In the fall of 2018, she spoke at the University of Kentucky's [annual conference](#) on sexual assault on campus and delivered an address at the University of Houston on sexual assault and restorative justice. In the spring of 2019, she delivered a paper at the Stanford Institute of Behavioral and Social Sciences. She has published her own survivor narrative, [“Does Any Woman Have Just One Survivor Story?”](#) in *Me Too, Feminist Theory, and Surviving Sexual Violence in the Academy* edited by Laura A. Gray-Rosendale. Kenney worked closely with the Alliance for Sexual Choice seeking to roll back mandatory reporting policies and ban non-disclosure agreements. In 2022 she attended the national conference of End Violence Against Women International.

In the 2019 [Newcomb Summer Session](#), Kenney and Laura Wolford taught a one-week course for high school students on *Dismantling Rape Culture* which they offered online in the summer of 2020 and Hannah Knipp taught in the summers of 2021 and 2022. In the fall of 2019, Newcomb Institute hosted Mary Koss and David Karp to speak about restorative justice and sexual assault. Newcomb Institute hosted [An Interdisciplinary Symposium on Sexual Violence](#) on February 7, 2020. In the fall of 2020, Kenney and Wolford offered an Honors Colloquium on *Dismantling Rape Culture* for first-year students and Kenney taught that course again in the fall of 2021 and an advanced seminar on *The Politics of Rape* in the spring of 2022. Newcomb Institute hosted a second symposium on *Me Too, Feminist Theory, and Surviving Sexual Violence in the Academy* in February of 2022 (Keynote talk: <https://youtu.be/fl50Jzh6UYM> Symposium panels: <https://youtu.be/TvOboy-gpsk> and <https://youtu.be/dB2cTckoXVI>). Kenney spearheaded an undergraduate certificate program in [Gender-Based Violence](#).

From 2022-23, Kenney taught two courses on sexual violence at the Homestead Correctional Institute for Women in Florida under the rubric of the non-profit organization Exchange for Change. She completed the six-day intensive train-the-trainer course pioneered by Professor Charlene Senn at the University of Windsor to facilitate its Enhanced Assess Acknowledge and Act program for incoming college students proven to reduce the incidence of sexual assault in May of 2023. Kenney worked closely with the Prouts and I Have the Right To to stop the confirmation of Michael Delaney to the federal bench. She is currently working on a Podcast called *Deconstructing Rape*.