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**KARYN L. FREEDMAN, AUTHOR OF "ONE HOUR IN PARIS:
A TRUE STORY OF RAPE AND RECOVERY", SPEAKS TO HER EXPERIENCES**

May Be Me Campaign event to host powerful book reading

TORONTO, May 23, 2014 --- Crime stories are a staple of the news, but experiences of sexual assault survivors are often left unheard and unacknowledged. On Saturday May 31 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at La Maquette Restaurant (111 King Street East, Toronto, Ontario, Canada), author Karyn L. Freedman will read from her acclaimed memoir, *One Night in Paris: A True Story of Rape and Recovery*.

The book travels back to a Paris night in 1990 when Freedman was twenty-two and, in one violent hour, her life was changed forever by a brutal rape. *One Hour in Paris* takes the reader on a harrowing yet inspirational journey through suffering and recovery, both personal and global. At a time when as many as one in three women in the world have been victims of sexual assault and when many women are still ashamed to come forward, this book is a moving and essential look at how survivors cope and persevere.

Karyn Freedman is an associate professor in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Guelph. One Hour in Paris is her first book.

The special reading will be part of the "Purple Pekoe Tea Party" celebration event for May Be Me, a public awareness and fundraising campaign centred on the colour purple to prevent violence against women and youth (www.maybemecampaign.ca). The campaign was launched by METRAC, a charity known for preventing gender-based violence since 1984. Proceeds of May Be Me support METRAC's safety, justice and equity work across communities across Ontario.

Following the book reading, the author will be available for comment. The event will also feature entertainment and tea tasting.

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