

The Public Health Institute (PHI) is proud to announce that Rosana Schaack, a fellow in PHI's Adolescent Girls Advocacy and Leadership Initiative ([AGALI](#)), will be joining Ambassador for Global Women's Issues, Melanne Verveer, at a US Department of State event in honor of the International Day to Eliminate Violence against Women and the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence.

On Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, Schaack will join Ambassador Verveer, Jeni Klugman, Director of Gender and Development for the World Bank, and others, in a panel discussion on "The Consequences of Violence Against Women: Examining the Economic, Health, Legal and Social Costs."

A passionate advocate for young people, Schaack is the founder and Executive Director of Touching Humanity in Need of Kindness (THINK), a non-profit organization in Liberia dedicated to advocate for the rights of women and children, particularly girls. She is a 2010 fellow of AGALI, a PHI program that builds the capacity of civil society leaders to advocate for the rights of adolescent girls in Sub-Saharan Africa and Central America. With AGALI seed grant support, Schaack and THINK successfully advocated for the passage of the Liberian Children's Act, which aims to protect the rights of vulnerable children, with a special focus on the needs of girls. Schaack is a nurse by training and a 2010 recipient of the Distinguished Leadership Award for Internationals from the University of Minnesota.