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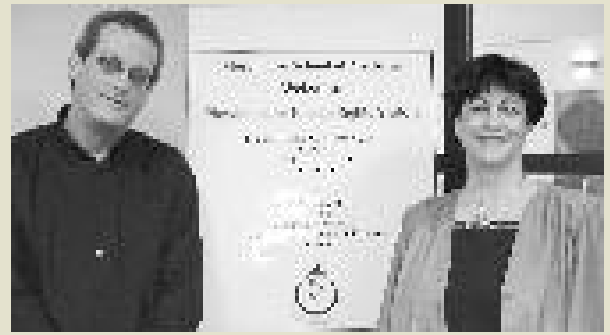
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## Ending Violence Against Women



Acclaimed playwright and women's rights activist Eve Ensler, joined PHR and dozens of other women's and human rights groups at the Kennedy Library in Boston on Human Rights Day to discuss violence against women and encourage activism to prevent it. Taslima Nasrin from Bangladesh, Dr. Specioza Kazibwe—former Vice President of Uganda—and Dr. Nawal Noor from Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, participated in a panel discussion moderated by PHR Deputy Director Susannah Sirkin.



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