

Exploring Intimacy and Violence

A Special Talk with Deborah Cohan

In this interactive and engaging session, author and professor Deborah J. Cohan will explore dynamics of intimacy and violence. Drawing on a mosaic of expertise, including her recent sociological memoir about caregiving for her abusive father and her many years of counseling violent offenders and working with survivors, Cohan will take us on a journey that is at once up close and personal while uncovering larger social forces at play in this complex phenomenon. Cohan's work and life, and this talk on campus, offers ample evidence for thinking about healing and recovery from trauma and crafting a life that is not overrun by despair.



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2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

A&S Auditorium (masking is appreciated)

Deborah J. Cohan is a Professor of Sociology, at the University of South Carolina-Beaufort. She is the author of the sociological memoir, *Welcome to Wherever We Are: A Memoir of Family, Caregiving, and Redemption* (Rutgers 2020). In 2022, she won the Public Sociology Award given by the Eastern Sociological Society. Alongside numerous academic journal articles and book chapters for a wide array of anthologies, she writes for *Psychology Today* and a frequent contributor to *Inside Higher Ed*, *Ms. Magazine*, and *The Good Men Project*. Her work has appeared in the *Modern Love* column of *The New York Times*, *Teen Vogue*, and *Utne Reader*. She works in public sociology, with a focus on issues such as self-care and social justice; caregiving, grief, and loss; compassion fatigue and work/life balance; using memoir to teach; gender-based violence and trauma; body image; creative writing; and issues related to the landscape of higher education.

She has done domestic violence work in four states and worked as a counselor and clinical supervisor at the first abuser intervention program in the United States. She serves as an expert consultant in cases of domestic and sexual violence and sexual harassment.

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