Center for Disability Studies Presents:

Writing Disabled Lives

Thursday, April 24
Hotel Lafayette

Keynote Speaker: Harilyn Rousso
7:30 - 9:00 PM in the Main Ballroom, Hotel Lafayette
391 Washington St, Buffalo NY, 14203

Subtitled “a disabled feminist talks back,” Rousso’s memoir is about overcoming prejudice against disability, not disability itself. It confronting not only prejudice but also the ways so-called “normal” people distinguish people with disabilities from everyone else by seeing them through the comforting but distorted lens of heroism, nobility and triumph over adversity—stereotypes that kill with kindness. A collage of images about Rousso’s life, rather than a formal portrait, Don’t Call Me Inspirational describes what it takes to move beyond the lies and clichés to forge a fulfilling life filled with love, work, community and rebellious acts.

HARILYN ROUSSO is a writer, painter, educator, social worker, psychotherapist and activist who has worked in the disability rights field, with a particular emphasis on issues of women and girls with disabilities, for more than twenty-five years.

This event is free, open to the public, and accessible.

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