

MARY F. CALVERT

PHOTOJOURNALIST



Photo by Mary F. Calvert

U.S. Army Spc. Natasha Schuette, 21, was pressured not to report being assaulted by her drill sergeant during basic training. Though she was hazed by her assailant's fellow drill instructors, she refused to back down and Staff Sgt. Louis Corral served four years in prison for assaulting her and four other female trainees and later committed suicide. The US Army rewarded Natasha for her courage to report her assault and the Sexual Harassment/ Assault Response & Prevention office distributed a training video featuring her story.

Photojournalist Mary F. Calvert is committed to using photography to affect meaningful social change and is known for producing work on under-reported and neglected gender based, human rights issues. Calvert believes that journalists have a duty to shine a light into the deepest recesses of the human experience and provide a mirror for society to examine itself.

For the past four years Mary has been focusing her journalistic attention on the continually under-reported relegation and abuse of women and men in the US Armed Forces. Her work "Sexual Assault in America's Military" was awarded 1st Prize, Long Term Projects in the 2016 World Press Photo Contest and the next chapter of the project, "Prisoners of War: Male-on-male Sexual Assault in America's Military" was awarded the 2016 Getty Images Grant in Editorial Photography. Mary is a 2017 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellow in Photography.

"The Battle Within: Sexual Assault in America's Military" has been awarded the 2015 and 2014 NPPA Cliff Edom New America Award and the 2013 Canon Female Photojournalist Award. The resulting work was featured in a solo exhibition at the 2014 Visa Pour L'Image, International Festival of Photojournalism in Perpignan, France and in 2016, was presented in evening projections at the same festival. In 2014

Calvert was the recipient of the Alexia Foundation Women's Initiative Grant for her project "Missing in Action: Homeless Women Veterans," and in 2015, she was awarded the W. Eugene Smith Memorial Fund Fellowship for her current project "Prisoners of War: Male-on-male Sexual Assault in America's Military."

She has won the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award twice and is a two-time Pulitzer Prize finalist in Feature Photography.



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12:15 p.m. HUM 587

At 11 a. m. Mary will speak to the Photojournalism I class in HUM 311. You are invited to join us, but please RSVP komenich@sfsu.edu to reserve a seat.