

# Award-Winning Speaker, SA Survivor & Restorative **Justice Advocate**

"Beautiful, trauma-informed and relevant. Attendees told me that her session changed their lives." - Sexual Misconduct Prevention & Response Director at Vanderbilt University

## **TOPICS:**



Keynote: Restorative Justice for Sexual Harm: Why I Fought for a Circle, Not a Courtroom



Workshop: Restorative Justice Integrated: In our Policies, Relationships & Daily Lives



Workshop: Nervous System Regulation & Coming out of Freeze



Training: Trauma-Informed & Restorative Justice Approaches to Sexual Harm



Workshop: The Sex Ed we Need: Consent, LGBTQIA+ Inclusion & Pleasure



Reclaiming Pleasure: A) A Survivor-Centred Approach, B) For Oueer Survivors & Allies



Marlee is an author, somatic educator, social worker and lesbian Jewish feminist. She made history in the justice system when her sexual assault case became the 1st in North America to conclude with restorative justice through the courts. Since then, she has supported thousands in healing after trauma, reclaiming justice and learning inclusive consent education.

### **PAST EXPERIENCES:**

National Sexual Assault Conference, Women's Mental Health Conference at Yale, Georgetown University, Vanderbilt U, Fordham School of Law, U of Toronto, Western U, PEI Human Rights Commission, US Military SAPRO, Trauma & Recovery Con, National Restorative Justice Symposium, Dept. of Justice Canada

#### **STORY II:**

Marlee was 1 of 25 survivors on an elite panel for the National Action Plan to End Gender Based Violence informing federal policy and she sat on the Transformative Accountability & Justice Initiatives Advisory Board. Marlee's story was made into a documentary directed by filmmaker Kelsey Darragh & will be premiering internationally in late 2023.

#### **MORE INFO:**

Marlee's work has been featured in Forbes, Huff Post, Buzzfeed, Mel Robbins Show, Canadian Women's Foundation & more. Whether it's with students, lawyers, judges, therapists, police and/or faculty members, etc., she is always honoured to share these messages that bridge justice with healing, prevent violence & break cycles of harm. Book/enquire at www.marleeliss.com



"Listening to Marlee's story was a cathartic experience. As a survivor, I've never felt so seen in my life. Her session taught me that when something terrible happens to you, you owe it to yourself to engage in meaningful, long-lasting healing." - Student, Georgetown University





