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**UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS PRESENTS PLAY  
“TRAFFIC IN WOMEN II”**

**WHAT:** The University of St. Thomas’ Dr. Janet Lowery of the English Department, and Livia Bornigia of the Communications Department, present “Traffic in Women II,” a play that weaves dramatic monologues spoken by women from Greek mythology.

**WHEN:** 8 p.m. Friday- Saturday, Feb. 2-3, 9-10 and Feb. 12  
2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4 and 11

**WHERE:** Jones Hall, University of St. Thomas, 3910 Yoakum

**TICKETS:** \$15 general public; \$10 students and seniors

**BACKGROUND:** “Traffic in Women” Part Two is a progressive theater piece with an all-female cast that divides its focus between revenge and grief. Part II of a trilogy, the light drama clashes Attic themes with post-modern attitude and revives the Furies—those ever popular avenging deities. Having regained partial powers of revenge from Athena in Part I, they find themselves caught in Act 4, scene 1 of MacBeth until Hecate comes to the rescue. The plot moves on to a humorous scenario: a grief group in the underworld.

Written by Lowery, the play is co-produced and co-directed by Lowery and Bornigia. Bornigia also performs the main role of Laodamia.

“When I began writing the dramatic monologues (and later the plays), I chose the phrase as a title because it brings into focus so many of the narratives and journeys that women from classical mythology through to contemporary times experience, many of which begin with an abduction, a violent rape, a molestation, or a forced (arranged) marriage,” Lowery said.

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A panel discussion on the issues surrounding trafficking in women will be held in conjunction with the play at 4 p.m., Thursday, Feb 8 in Jones Hall, 3910 Yoakum Blvd.

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