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**UNE INVITATION AU PERSONNEL ET AUX ÉLÈVES****Conférence de madame Joan Sullivan,  
photographe internationale**

Le Département des langues du Cégep de Rimouski est heureux d'accueillir madame Joan Sullivan, photographe américaine de réputation internationale, pour une conférence portant sur la Journée internationale du Sida. Madame Sullivan a travaillé dans plusieurs pays du tiers monde, notamment en Afrique du Sud.

La conférence sera donnée en langue anglaise le **mardi 1<sup>er</sup> décembre, à 15 h 15, au local D-114.**

**Voici, en résumé, sa biographie :**

Joan Sullivan has spent the majority of the last 20 years working in Africa on HIV prevention. Born in the United States, she earned a masters degree at the Harvard School of Public Health, which led to her first overseas posting to Bangladesh in 1986. This opened the door to an international career which spanned more than a dozen countries, both francophone and anglophone. Over the years, she developed an expertise in the design of HIV prevention programmes targeting the most vulnerable populations: war refugees, migrant workers, sex workers and children orphaned by AIDS. She has worked with a wide variety of international organizations, including the United Nations, the World Bank, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the non-governmental development organization CARE.

As the daughter of a photographer, Joan never left home without her cameras. She now has a database of more than 100,000 color images from across the globe, some of which are highlighted in her photo website : [www.joansullivanphotography.com](http://www.joansullivanphotography.com).

Joan met her future québécois husband in Rwanda following the genocide. After raising their daughter Anna in Africa, the couple decided to return to Québec in 2007 to buy a farm. They found a beautiful 165-acre farm in Saint-Valérien, where they have lived since July 2008. Joan's varied career now includes garlic farmer, and she sold vegetables at the Rimouski farmer's market this past summer. Joan is currently working as a contract photographer with Northland Power Company to photograph the new wind farm in Saint-Ulric/Saint-Léandre.

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