

Narratives of Sexual Violence (HONORS): Spring 2023

W 1/18: Introductions & feminist theories of sexual violence

- **BEFORE CLASS:** read your assigned theoretical framework (one of the following); take informal notes on shared Google doc
 - Andrea Dworkin, from *Our Blood*
 - Catharine MacKinnon, from *Women's Lives, Men's Laws*
 - Linda Martín Alcoff, from *Rape and Resistance*
 - Kate Manne, from *Down Girl*
 - Latoya Peterson, "The Not-Rape Epidemic"
 - Mikki Kendall, "Of #FastTailedGirls and Freedom"

W 1/25: Further frameworks & hidden rapes in Victorian literature

- Victorian sexual violence scenes (packet)
- Erin Spampinato, "Rereading Rape in the Critical Canon: Adjudicative Criticism and the Capacious Conception of Rape"
- Lucy Stone, "Pardoning the Crime of Rape"

W 2/1: Sexual violence & slavery

- Harriet Jacobs, from *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*
- Elizabeth Keckley, from *Behind the Scenes*
- Caroline Randall Williams, "You Want a Confederate Monument? My Body is a Confederate Monument"

W 2/8: Incest narratives

- Sapphire, *Push*

W 2/15: #MeToo

- Tarana Burke, Prologue from *Unbound*
- Catharine MacKinnon, "#MeToo Has Done What the Law Could Not"
- Claire Schwartz, "& The Truth Is, I Have No Story"
- Elissa Bassist, "Why I Didn't Say No"

W 2/22: #MeToo, #YoTambién, #MMIW, #NotInvisible

- FreeQuency, "I'm Sorry"
- Yrsa Daley-Ward, "Bone"
- Marilyn Dumont, "Helen Betty Osborne"
- Warsan Shire, "Home"
- Warsan Shire, "Your Mother's First Kiss"

W 3/8: Survivor memoirs

- Chanel Miller, *Know My Name*

W 3/15: Male survivors of sexual abuse

- Tania D. Mitchell, "Service Learning as a Pedagogy of Whiteness"
- Jericho Brown, "Duplex" & "Layover"

- Brandon Taylor, "Spectator"
CW: incest, death, grief

W 3/22: Queering Sexual Violence

- Carmen Maria Machado, *In the Dream House*

W 3/29: Trans narratives of sexual abuse

- Vivek Shraya, *I'm Afraid of Men*
- Kai Cheng Thom, from *I Hope We Choose Love*
CW: transphobia, sexual violence, two brief suicide mentions on pgs. 54, 65)

W 4/5: CLASS VISIT TO UNITY HOUSE

- Class visit to Unity House of Troy for poetry workshop

W 4/12: #MeToo on the Big Screen

- ****6-7 pm: "Stories of Survival" campus reading!****
- *Promising Young Woman* (2020), dir. Emerald Fennell

W 4/19: #MeToo on the Small Screen

- *I May Destroy You* (available via HBO Max)