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SEXUAL HARASSMENT, SPORTS, & THE PRIVILEGE OF UNKNOWNING

a lecture by **Dr. Jennifer Doyle**

Thursday, November 1, 19:00-20:30
Humanities Centre L-1

Reception to follow *restricted to U of A staff, students, alum, and their invited guests*

ABSTRACT

In this lecture, Jennifer Doyle takes a close look at a 2014 complaint filed against Larry Nassar at Michigan State University. Nassar, who is currently in prison after pleading guilty to multiple counts of sexual assault, was cleared in that 2014 investigation. Doyle unpacks what went wrong, turning attention away from Nassar himself to consider the institutional and interpersonal dynamics which made it so easy for so many people to dismiss the girls and women who had, over a period of years, complained about his behavior. In this lecture, Doyle also considers the particular importance of this story to the ongoing confrontation of sexual violence in sport.

This lecture contains frank discussion of sexually abusive behavior. While this talk is survivor-centered, it may be difficult listening for some audience members.

BIOGRAPHY

Jennifer Doyle is a Professor of English at the University of California, Riverside. She is a queer theorist, art critic, sports writer and author of *Campus Sex, Campus Security* (2015), *Hold it Against Me: Difficulty and Emotion in Contemporary Art* (2013), and *Sex Objects: Art and the Dialectics of Desire* (2006). She is also widely known for her feminist sports blogs, "From a Left Wing" (2007–2013) and "The Sports Spectacle." Her writing on sports has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, and *FoxSoccer.com*.



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