SEXUAL HARASSMENT, SPORTS, & THE PRIVILEGE OF UNKNOWING

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