

#metoo: Analysis, Action, and Power in Social (Media) Justice

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In October 2017, the #metoo movement ignited on social media, with charges initially leveled against Hollywood executives, but spreading quickly to encompass countless arenas, including politics and academia. This course will examine and respond to #metoo, and the underlying issues of power, along with the motivating problems of sexual harassment, sexual aggression, and sexual assault.

The first part of the course will explore the exigence, definition, and effects of the #metoo movement. We will use various lenses and theories, including rhetoric, gender studies/intersectionality, philosophy, law, and social media. We will do this through readings, discussion, and engagement with academic and community partners who can bring other experiential perspectives to the conversation. For the second part of the course, students will determine individual or group projects. Students will learn not only techniques for analysis of social justice problems, but techniques for responding to and making concrete (if incremental) changes in these problems.

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These are small, interdisciplinary, problem-centered, hands-on courses! All are 3 credit courses. Students may enroll under the course number listed or work with Dr. Behrman at EXL to seek Independent Study or other pathways to credit in another department. behrman@uakron.edu

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