



## GSWS 306-4: GENDER, SEXUALITY AND AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL MEDIA

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**OFFICE HOUR:** Fridays, 12:00 – 13:00

**COURSE TIME AND LOCATION:** Fridays, 12:30 – 16:20; WMC 2532

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

"the act of writing one's autobiography is a way to find again that aspect of self and experience that may no longer be an actual part of one's life but is a living memory shaping and informing the present" (bell hooks *remembered rapture* 1999:84)

"Questions concerning the body and embodiment are at the heart of these autobiographic narratives on trauma. Women artists suggest the graphic form is productive because it helps to capture the nuances of an embodied experience that are often invisible and hard to articulate through words alone."  
(Donovan & Ustandag "Graphic Narratives, Trauma and Social Justice")

5%	Autobiographical Presentation	16%
5%	Take Home Exam	24%

### PREREQUISITES / COURSE NOTES:

THE DEPARTMENT OF GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND WOMEN'S STUDIES ENCOURAGES CLARITY OF THOUGHT AND EXPRESSION AND GOOD WRITING. STUDENTS WILL BE EVALUATED ON THESE SKILLS IN ALL COURSES GIVEN BY THE DEPARTMENT.

IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT WILL FOLLOW SFU'S ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICIES