

In conjunction with the Symposium on Women & Gender

TRANSLATION AND THE RHETORICAL POWER OF MEDICAL EXPERTISE:

A Critical Examination of
Gender, Infrastructure,
and Intimacy in the
Larry Nassar Scandal at MSU

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Feminist rhetorical analysis of the 2014 Title IX report that cleared Michigan State University sports physician Larry Nassar of wrongdoing highlights a collection of discursive practices that enabled Nassar's sexual misconduct to be construed as "medically appropriate" activity that occurred in the intimate space of clinical encounters. Such analysis aligns with feminist theorists who have established intimacy as a politically fraught concept, supported by powerful yet invisible infrastructures that intentionally and insidiously perpetuate systemic inequities.