

# Department of French & Italian and French Center of Excellence Present Dr. Loïc Bourdeau: "#Ob/GynViolence: From French Studies to Narrative Medicine"



Event details

Thursday, April 3, 2025  
4:00pm– 5:30pm  
Mendenhall Laboratory 175

This presentation examines the intersection of literature, narrative medicine, and healthcare practices in addressing obstetric and gynecological violence. It highlights how French literature and social media platforms have shed light on these systemic issues, offering narratives that demand recognition and challenge patriarchal medical practices. In particular, the analysis underscores how storytelling serves as a site of resistance and awareness. The presentation also explores the use of narrative medicine to educate healthcare professionals and to foster empathy, decenter power dynamics, and address biases in patient care. By bridging the humanities and medical education, this presentation proposes narrative medicine as a transformative tool to challenge systemic inequalities and enhance care for marginalized groups, particularly women.

Dr. Loïc Bourdeau is a scholar of French Studies and the Medical Humanities at Maynooth University, Ireland, where he also serves as Deputy Head of the School of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures. He is former Louisiana Board of Regents Endowed Associate Professor of Francophone Studies at UL Lafayette.



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