

HEALTH EFFECTS OF THE #METOO MOVEMENT BY GENDER

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OF A SOCIAL MOVEMENT

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Our next featured speakers are **Andrea Huseth-Zosel, Mary Larson, Kjersten Nelson, and Megan Talcott** presenting on *Health effects on the #metoo movement by gender: Public health implications of a social movement*.

Wednesday, February 23 at 3 p.m. central, via Zoom Webinar

Andrea Huseth-Zosel, Associate Professor, Department of Public Health

Mary Larson, Associate Professor, Department of Public Health

Kjersten Nelson, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science & Public Policy

Megan Talcott, Sexual Assault Prevention and Advocacy Coordinator

Health effects on the #metoo movement by gender: Public health implications of a social movement.

Zoom link:

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Abstract: In October 2017, those who had experienced sexual harassment and assault commanded attention by posting their experiences with the hashtag “#metoo.” This movement built off Tarana Burke’s advocacy efforts beginning in 2007, and these posts were soon ubiquitous, with survivors sharing very personal and painful experiences. The ubiquity of these posts could have various impacts on those who read them, from

empowerment to pain. In a recent study, we examine the health impacts of encountering the #metoo movement, particularly examining how outcomes vary based on an individual's experience with sexual harassment. We find differences by the gender of respondent in both negative and positive health outcomes, depending on the respondent's experience with sexual harassment. Public health strategies for preventing sexual harassment are discussed.

Andrea Huseth-Zosel is an Associate Professor in the Department of Public Health at NDSU. Her research focuses on health disparities, including rural/urban and gender-based disparities, and health equity issues. Specific areas of interest include aging, injury prevention, and menstruation management and period poverty for adolescent females, in addition to impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on educator health and well-being and impacts of the COVID-19 on the health and well-being of older adults. She received her doctorate in Gerontology from NDSU.

Kjersten Nelson is an Associate Professor of Political Science at NDSU. Her research interests include the role of gender in American politics, as well as campaigns and elections and the courts. Most recently, her work has appeared in the *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* and *American Politics Research* and, in 2020, her book, *It's Not Personal: Politics and Policy in Lower Court Confirmation Hearings*, was published (with Logan Dancey and Eve Ringsmuth). She earned her doctorate from the University of Minnesota.

Mary Larson is an Associate Professor in the Department of Public Health at NDSU. Her research focuses on health promotion and disease prevention with specific interests in studying the effects of policies, systems, environmental, and educational approaches to improving health care, public health, and human service professionals' efforts. In addition, Dr. Larson, like so many public health scholars, is studying COVID-19 topics including the incubation time frame of COVID-9 infections and the effectiveness of strategies to reduce vaccine hesitancy. Dr. Larson earned her Master of Public Health from the University of Minnesota and her doctorate from the University of North Dakota.

Megan Talcott is the Sexual Assault Prevention and Advocacy Coordinator at NDSU. She serves as the survivor advocate for students who have experienced power-based personal violence and coordinates implementation of campus violence awareness and prevention programming. Megan advises the Violence Prevention Educators and Enough peer education groups, and is lead of the President's Council for Campus Well-being Sexual Assault Response Education workgroup. Prior to NDSU, she was the Director of Prevention Education at Hope Harbor Inc. in Bowling Green, KY.

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