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Resisting Rape in the Middle Ages and Now



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This talk explores how medieval women dealt with the threat of rape in literary texts and legal cases, drawing important connections to contemporary strategies for combating sexual harassment and resisting sexual violence.

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