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Power, Body, And The Production Of ‘Docile’ Bodies: The Lens Of Embodiment 

Abstract: This talk will describe a feminist and socially critical theory that provides a new perspective on the interactions between the social environment of girls and women from different social locations and their embodied experiences of engagement with the world. Weaving together rich narratives from 170 interviews and quantitative scale development and surveys, the emergent theory aimed to provide a framework for understanding the complexity of social processes that create docile, corseted bodies. Holding a mirror to culture, the theory challenges stakeholders to re-imagine constructive social transformations. 

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