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**Seminar Description**

With the changing media landscapes, feminist communication and media scholars are using a critical theoretical lens to examine a plethora of new problems, platforms, and questions. This seminar will focus on transgressive feminisms: We will discuss and analyze old and new representations in media (self-representations and media representations) and social media affordances, emphasizing opportunities for critiquing and resisting misogyny and backlash. The goal of the seminar is to take stock of the currents in feminist media and communications scholarship and produce written documents that underscore trends and issues on these aspects that will be productive for subsequent research and collaboration.