

KRIM4953 – Criminological Perspectives on Gender, Sexuality and Violence

Final home exam, spring 2022

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Exam paper:

In many cases of rape, the accuser and the accused give different versions of the incident to the police and in court, often referred to as “he said, she said cases”. In such cases, especially when there are no physical or testimonial evidence that support one of their respective versions, the judges need to assess the credibility of the accuser and the accused and of their testimonies in order to reach a verdict. Based on the texts on the syllabi, discuss factors that might matter in the court’s credibility assessments.

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