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**Rewriting the History of Sexual Assault
in the Age of #MeToo**

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The #MeToo movement is now over a year old, but over the past few months its stakes have become increasingly clear, not only in American culture and politics but also in many of our intellectual lives as historians. This talk considers how the rallying call “believe women” challenges our epistemology and might lead us to a different approach to our evidence. The sources are drawn from an early nineteenth-century Buddhist temple in rural Japan, but the problem they present is familiar to both historians and feminist activists: sexual assault often causes a rupture or fracturing of conventional narrative. What do we do with the silences and changing accounts? Which stories do we tell? And, ultimately, who do we believe?

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