

**Department of English and Writing Studies  
Western University**

English 9124A: **Ugly Feelings, Bad Behaviour: Notable American Women**

Fall 2015: Tuesdays, 12:30-3:30  
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**Course Description:**

American women's fiction since the 1950s is most often read as an analysis of gender, sexuality, race, and class, and women's responses to these concerns. Such reading practices usually assume a coherent set of diagnoses and possible political strategies for redress.

Laura Kipnis, from *Against Love: A Polemic*

Photo Credit: Maggie Gyllenhaal from Steven Shainberg, dir., *Secretary* (2002)



- must be significantly different from the short paper
  - must engage with the theory read for the course
- NB: students whose teaching stints and short essays fall within the last 4 weeks of class should speak to me about earlier due dates for long essays. You really don't want all the major writing for the course to fall upon you at once.

Class Participation: 10%



**Graduate Course Health and Wellness:**

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