SCHOOL GUN VIOLENCE IN YA LITERATURE: REPRESENTING ENVIRONMENTS, MOTIVES, AND IMPACTS

Abstract: Since Columbine, the topic of school shootings has become ever more prevalent in the media, in research, and in fiction. In her presentation, Dr. Laura Brown will discuss the development of her new book, which provides analyses of several Young Adult (YA) texts about school shootings and uncovers how the authors represent such violence (and those who perpetrate it) while developing stories that effectively speak to their adolescent readers.