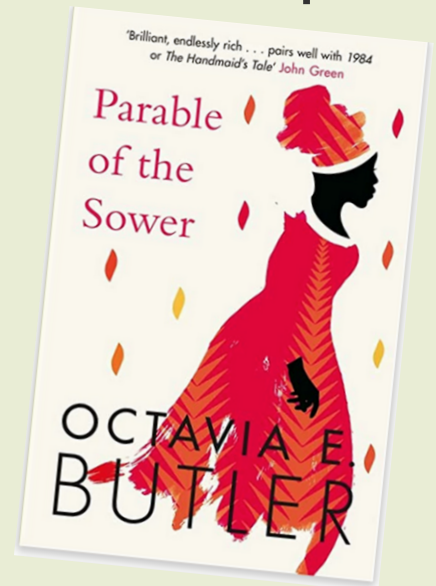


ENG 461-01

Disability Demands Stories: Extraordinary Bodies in Literature

WITH DR. MCDONNELL

Fall 2023
Tuesdays
4:00-6:45pm



"DISABILITY DEMANDS A STORY": EXTRAORDINARY BODIES IN LITERATURE

This seminar explores the stories we've inherited about disability, and what those legacies might be. We'll investigate how artistic and cultural texts shape our attitudes to human bodies and how we use and inhabit them. This class considers how limiting notions of dis/ability and "normal" bodies came to be – as well as how artists and activists shape those narratives now.

Because disability is diverse, we'll encounter a range of texts from different time periods and perspectives. Content includes: visible and invisible disabilities; mental health discussions; and the aftermaths of pandemics.



Activists Rebecca Cokley
and Judy Heumann

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*"Disability demands a
story." - Michael Bérubé*