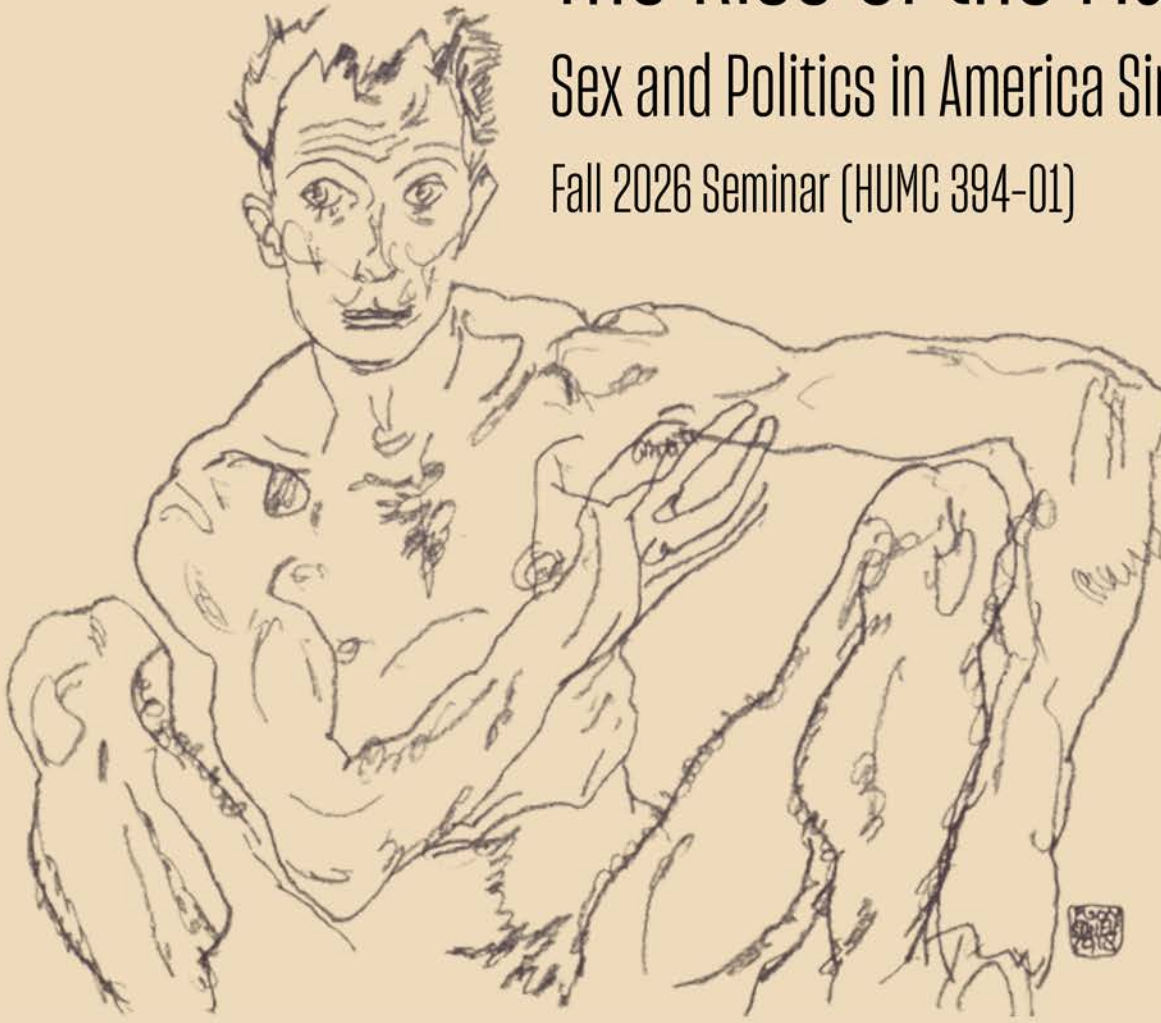


# The Rise of the Manosphere

## Sex and Politics in America Since 2000

### Fall 2026 Seminar (HUMC 394-01)



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Dates: Tuesdays at 2-3:50 p.m.  
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Details: One (1) unit of credit  
Pass/fail only  
No prerequisites required.  
Open to all upper division students.



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Beginning at the turn of the century, and gaining pace in 2016, a new way of imagining manhood began to sweep the nation. Detractors, and even some admirers, call this emerging movement the 'manosphere.' Young men, especially those between 18 and 34, are the movement's most ardent followers, but older men, too, fall under its spell. The leaders of the movement are many, and they use X, TikTok, YouTube, and other social media platforms to spread their ideas. What the manosphere constitutes is open to debate.

To understand the manosphere and how it came about, the class will examine the social and political life of the United States over the last quarter century.