Cheryl Glenn, Pennsylvania State University:

*The Rhetoric of Silence*

*Strategies of keeping and breaking silence*

When silence is our rhetorical choice, we can use it purposefully and productively — but when it is not our choice, but someone else’s for us, it can be insidious, particularly when someone else’s choice for us comes in the shape of institutional structure. To wit, a person can choose silence, but the choice isn’t really hers because speaking out will be professional suicide. In short, she’s been disciplined — and silenced.

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