

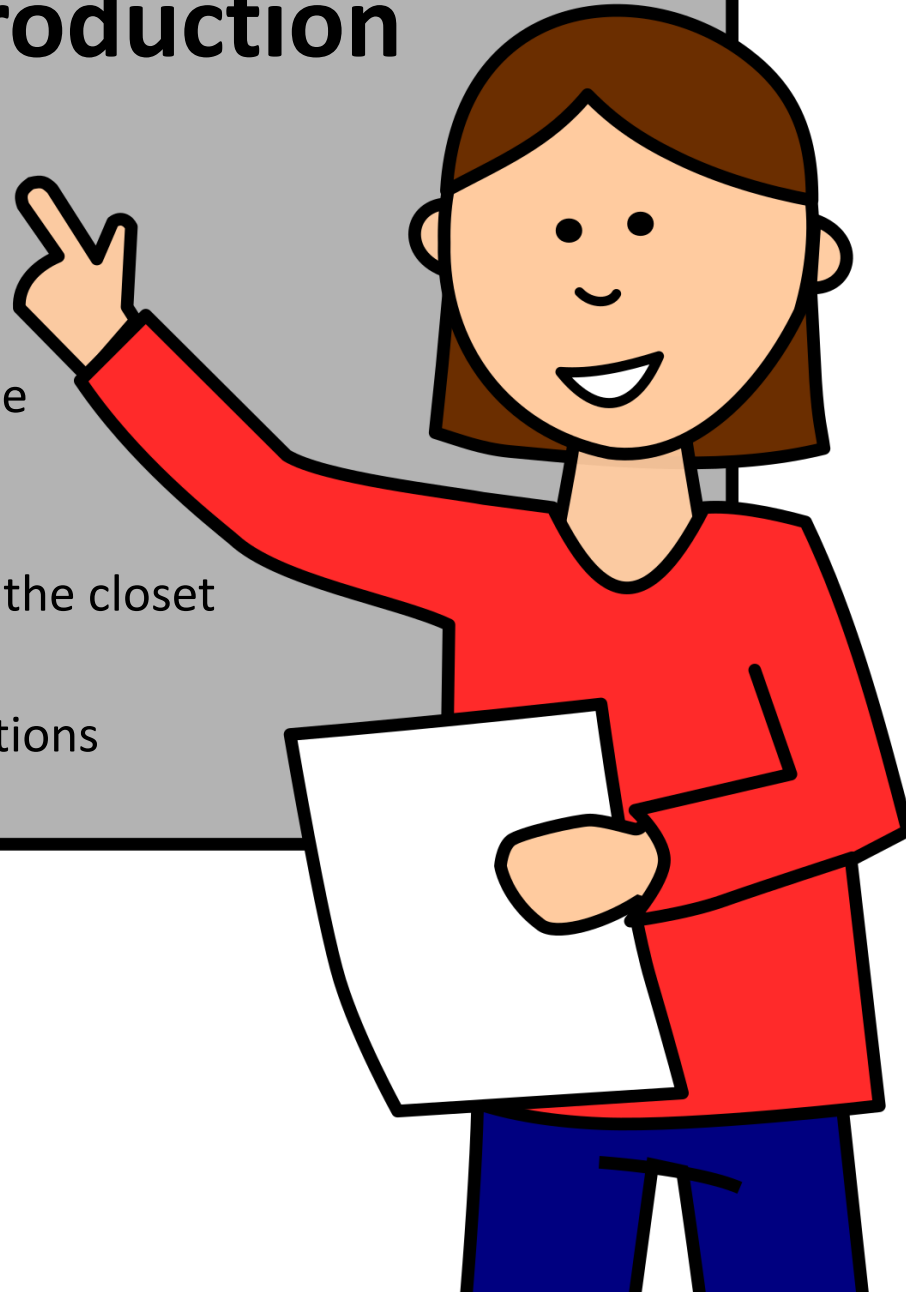
Queerness of Color

Decentering Whiteness in LGBTQ 101

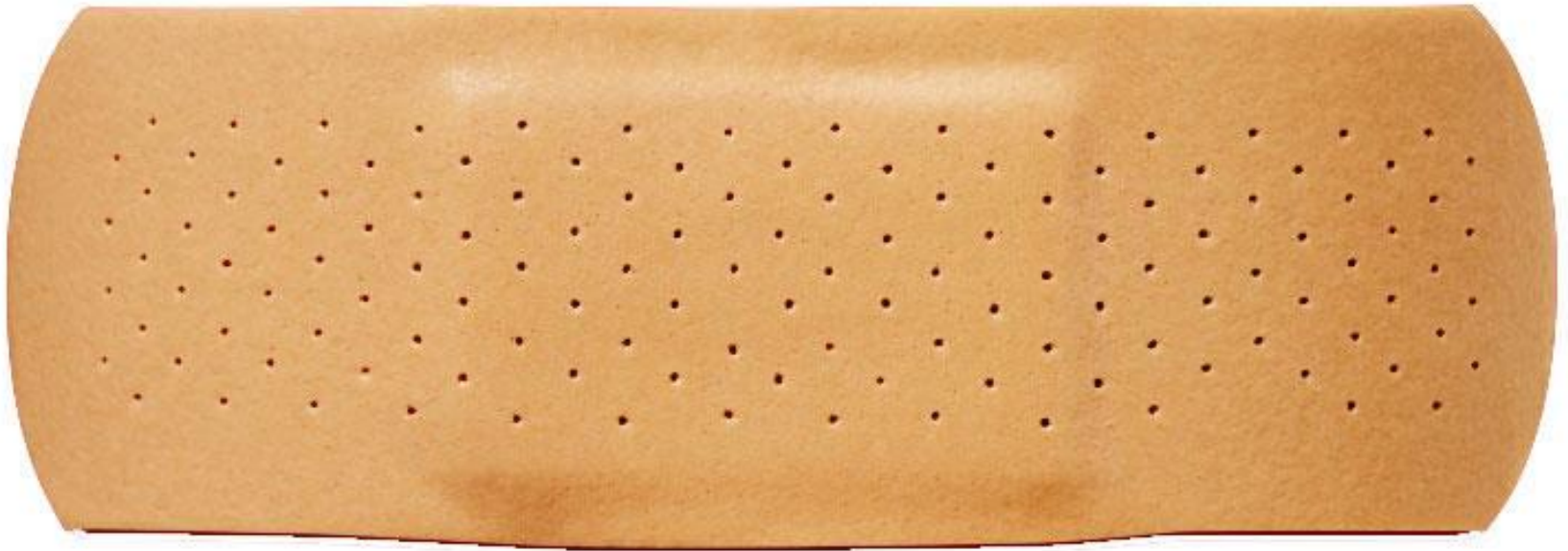
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Introduction

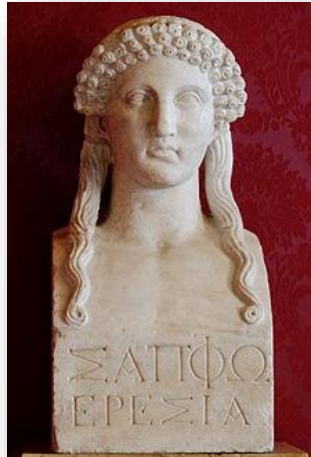
- Limitations
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 - Whiteness in the Community
 - Colonialism
 - Deconstructing the closet
 - Intersections
 - General suggestions



Whiteness



Whiteness in the Queer Community



Kat Blaque

September 9, 2015 · 🌐

No fats, no fems, no blacks, no asians, no carpenters, Sports Fans, Coffee Drinkers, Food eaters, ear havers, no finger users, book readers, music listeners, or internet users.



Viktor T.

@wondermann5

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Even straight guys get covers before we do
[#GayMediaSoWhite](#)



Whiteness in the Queer Community



Centropolis Entertainment

Whiteness in the Queer Community

Marsha P. Johnson



Sylvia Rivera



Stormé DeLarverie



Miss Major Griffin-Gracy

Whiteness in the Queer Community



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Whiteness in the Community

“Where are we as an LGBT community over 45 years after the Stonewall Rebellion?...Sylvia Rivera warned us about becoming a movement that was only for white, middle class people. And forty-five years later, the most marginalized of our communities are still struggling.”

-Laverne Cox



What's missing?

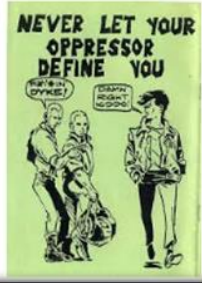
A puzzle piece with a textured surface and the text 'qtpoc' in purple.

qtpoc

Q is for Queer



Lesbian
Gay
Bi
Trans
Intersex
Pansexual
Asexual
All Others



Decolonization

Colonization— “the process of forcing one's own culture on another by means of subjugation and exploitation” (Butler, et al., 2005, p. 288-9)

Binarism

- “Whiteness [h]as, from the moment it encountered us, sought to erase, eradicate, or explain away non-binary PoC. It was part of the colonial/missionary project” (binaohan, 2012)
- Some people may not identify as cis/trans/non-binary because their culture does not frame gender as a binary to begin with



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White people, no one is asking you to apologize for your ancestors. We are asking you to dismantle the systems they built and you maintain.

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8,833

LIKES
12,001



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Deconstructing “the Closet”

- Binary: in or out
- Expectations
 - “out”
 - “in”
 - desire
- Framed as universal
- Ideal vs. reality
- Personal responsibility



Two-Spirit

A term that describes Native American and First nations persons whose sexual orientation/gender experience is neither masculine-heterosexual-man nor feminine-heterosexual-woman

- This can include traditional indigenous identities and modern LGBTQIA identities
- Examples of specific Two-Spirit genders
 - *Nadleeh* (Navajo)
 - *Winkte* (Lakota)
 - *A'yahkwêw* (Plains Cree)



We'wha, a Zuni Lhamana and ambassador to Washington, D.C. in 1886



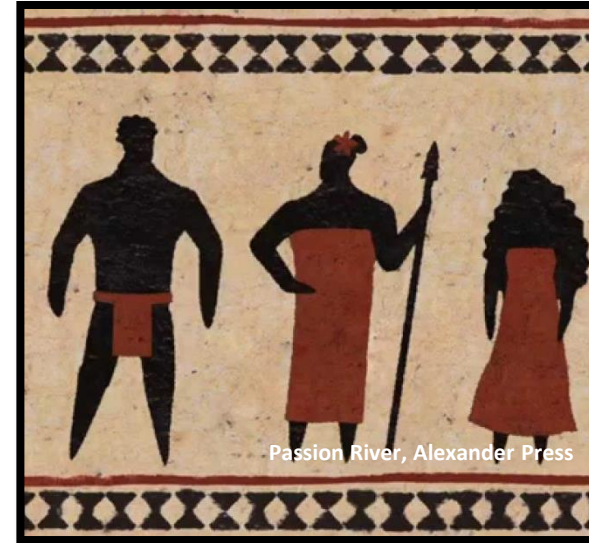
Ruth Villasenor, Two-Spirit and one of the founders of a public Two-Spirit powwow in San Francisco

Indigenous Genders



Mahu is a gender role in traditional Hawaiian society that refers to people who exhibit both feminine and masculine traits.

“You’re someone in the middle. That’s all it means,” said Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu, a hula and Hawaiian studies teacher on Oahu (American Aljazeera)



Jaiyah Saelua



“**Fa'afafine** are biological [Samoan] males who have a strong feminine gender orientation - the name means "in the manner of woman."....They are a gender category/identity altogether different from men and women, and are given distinct gender roles specific to them.”

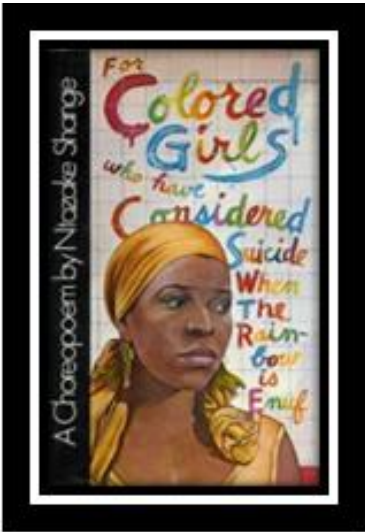
—Adrian Pratt



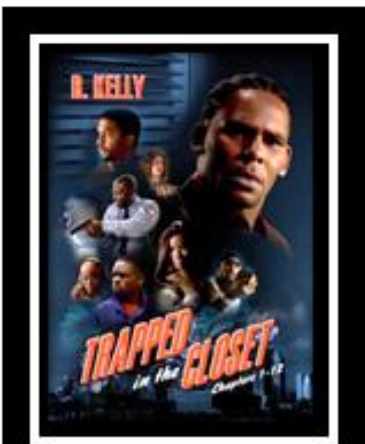
Asian/Pacific Islander



Black



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Same-Gender Loving



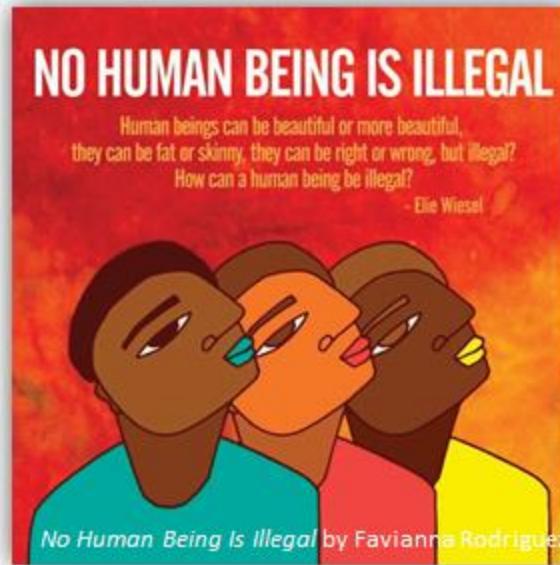
Islam



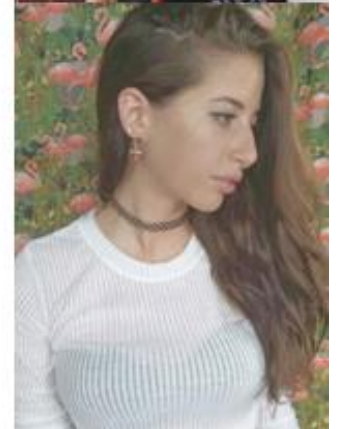
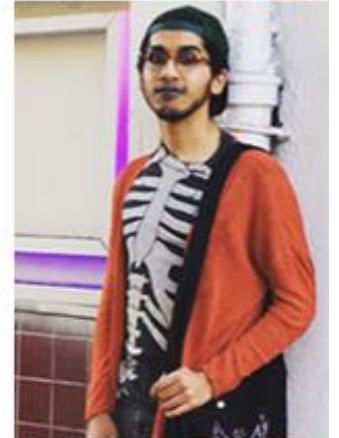
The script goes something like this. First, an indulgence: a small, private eye roll. Then, the stock answer. That queerness and Muslimness are not mutually exclusive, that Islam is not a monolith, that my Islam is expansive and my God, capacious. That queer too, is not a monolith, there are different ways to be queer, different narratives that do not fit neatly into Western models of coming out and nesting in nuclear families that replicate straightness. That people need to stop fetishizing those of us who live at these seemingly impossible intersections, that my queerness and Muslimness do not need to be reconciled because they're so deeply enmeshed, so deeply party of who I am.

—Lamya H, “Yes, it’s possible to be queer and Muslim”

Undocumented + Queer



Latinx



Judaism



Commonalities

More likely to

- Be incarcerated
- Be impoverished
- Be discriminated against
 - In housing, including gentrification
 - In healthcare
 - In loans
 - In job opportunities and the workplace
 - For self-expression



Commonalities

More likely to be at risk for HIV

WHAT YOUTH OF COLOR NEED:

80% of new HIV cases among young people ages 13-24 occur among youth of color. Young people of color are at higher risk for HIV even when they have the same or fewer risk behaviors as white youth.

PREVENTION
PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS CULTURAL NEEDS AND BUILD THEIR SKILLS OF CONDOM USE AND NORMALIZED NEGOTIATION
WIDESPREAD, HIV TESTING
FULL FUNDING FOR A VACCINE, AND A CURE
A VOICE IN DECISIONS THAT AFFECT THEM
REMOVAL OF STRUCTURAL BARRIERS TO HEALTH, LIKE POVERTY AND RACISM
ACCESS AND TO HEALTH CARE, INCLUDING EARLY DETECTION AND TREATMENT OF HIV

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Do Your Materials



Include terms from this presentation?

All deconstruct binary ideas of gender, reproductive physiology, and orientation?

Frame concepts in appropriate cultural context, including not upholding colonization?

Discourage appropriation?

Presentation and Discussion



Caution



**Do not treat any of this as
“extra” information; it’s as
essential and legitimate as
what is already taught as 101**