



Disabled Perspective:

INTERSECTIONAL IMPACT OF NORMATIVITIES

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HEADS UP

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Thank you!





About me
INTRODUCTION

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Disabled and Neurodivergent; Nonbinary, Greyspec, and Queer

WHAT I DO

- Minority Advocacy Major
- Accessibility and Inclusion Consultant
- Volunteer Grant Writer
- Public Speaker
- Advocacy and Activism

IN MY "FREE" TIME


- Started a local chapter of DREAM (Disability Rights, Education, Activism, and Mentorship)
 - Helping with an org/affinity group
 - Whenever I'm not in class you'll find me in either the Lavender Lounge or the Friendly City Safe Space.
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BACKGROUND

CRIP THEORY

The blurring or merging of queer theory and critical disability studies. Crip theory explores how the social pressures and norms around ability intersect with the social pressures and norms around gender/sexuality.

NORMATIVITY

The phenomenon in human societies of designating some expectations of behavior, culture, and identity and often applying a morality to it that leaves deviations from the “norm” to be considered unexpected, uncommon, or unnatural.

INTERSECTIONALITY

The complex and cumulative way that the effects of different forms of discrimination (such as racism, sexism, and classism) combine, overlap, and intersect—especially in the experiences of marginalized people or groups.

AMATORNORMATIVITY

The assumptions that a central, exclusive, amorous relationship is normal for humans, in that it is a universally shared goal, and that such a relationship is normative, in that it should be aimed at in preference to other relationship types.

what is

INTERSECTIONALITY

- 01** Cumulative
- 02** Overlap in identity; overlap in disadvantage & discrimination
- 03** The “why” behind DEIA- preventing a singular focus
- 04** Intersections- race, age, body type, class, gender, origin, education +
- 05** This is the focus of not just my presentation, but all of today.



what it means to be **DISABLED**

- 01** **ADA: a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity**
- 02** **My Experiences**
- 03** **Disability as identity vs experience/impairment vs marginalization**
- 04** **Activism and Advocacy**
- 05** **Pride month**

what it means to be
D I S A B L E D A N D Q U E E R

- 01** Marriage "equality"
- 02** Desexualization and infantilization
- 03** Public "acceptance" and physical spaces
- 04** Inaccessibility of queer spaces
- 05** Internalized identity and experience shame

*Intersectionality
Point:*
**Acceptable
casualty**

what are

NORMATIVITIES

- 01** Constant assumption
- 02** Social force that enforces social norms and thus the acceptable range of behavior and identity
- 03** Hetero, Cis, Able, Christo, Amato, Weight-
- 04** Crip Theory
- 05** Impact on experience and identity

Crip Theory:

- societal
- compulsory
- affiliation

what is

AMATONORMATIVITY

- 01** An amorous relationship is a normal, universally shared goal
- 02** Exclusive, often even over a lifespan
- 03** Central, and Preferable to other relationship types
- 04** This has impacts on race, gender, sexuality, polyamory & more
- 05** Disability & intersections with Queerness



Any
Questions, Comments,
Thoughts?