Expert Meeting on Understanding the Effects ofIntersectionality on Sexual and Gender Minorities

Friday, February 15, 2019
9am – 4:30pm
Keck Center of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
500 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC
Room 100

9:00am Welcome and Introduction
Jordyn White, Study Director
Karen L. Parker, Director, Sexual & Gender Minority Research Office,
National Institutes of Health
Malay Majmundar, Director, Committee on Population, NAS

9:30am Intersectionality in the Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) Population
Understanding why the “intersections” create unique experiences for SGMs.

Intersectionality: Defining and Framing for SGM Populations
Angelique Harris, Marquette University - PRESENTATION

Intersectionality in the Justice System(s): The Complications are Necessary
Danielle Soto, Impact Justice - PRESENTATION

10:15am Break

10:30am Intersectionality on the Margins of Public Policy
Facilitator – Karen Fredriksen Goldsen, University of Washington

Recognizing subpopulations within subpopulations—understanding how the presence of multiple diverse characteristics necessitates a unique and often complex type of systemic support.

Addressing Intersectional Barriers to Health for Young Black Gay Men in Urban Contexts
Lance Keene, University of Chicago - PRESENTATION
LGBTQ Youth in State Systems: what if an intersectional lens led to an "additive oppressions" model?
Bianca D.M. Wilson, Williams Institute, UCLA - PRESENTATION

Inclusive Advocacy: Applying Intersectional Analyses to Law and Policy
Sandy James, FreeState Justice

12:00pm Lunch

1:00pm Social and Structural Drivers of Inequality
Facilitator – Bianca D.M. Wilson, Williams Institute, UCLA

Exploring how certain social and demographic phenomena can have overlapping and cumulative effects on the well-being of SGMs.

Educational Trajectories of Black Queer Youth (BQY) in the United States and Canada
Lance McCready, University of Toronto - PRESENTATION

The Impact of Intersectional Stigma on the Sexual Health of Black Gay Men
Marlon M. Bailey, Arizona State University - PRESENTATION

The National Health, Aging, and Sexuality/Gender Study (NHAS): Addressing Intersectionality and Social Determinants of Health among Sexual and Gender Minorities
Karen Fredriksen Goldsen, University of Washington

2:30pm Break

2:45pm Data as a Dilemma for Intersectional Science: Challenges in Methodology, Measurement, Analysis, and Application
Facilitator – Koji Ueno, Florida State University

Discussing the importance of integrating intersectionality into empirical methodologies and population data collection.

Intersectionality: Implications for Research Design, Measurement, and Interpretation of Existing Studies Conducted with SGM Youth
Carlos Santos, UCLA (via webcast) - PRESENTATION
Quantitative Plausibility: Capturing the Holistic Experiences of SGM Populations
Russell Toomey, University of Arizona - [PRESENTATION]

3:45pm  Wrap-Up and Next Steps

Intersecting Identities / Intersecting Issues: Identifying Opportunities to Enact Change in Work with SGM Populations
Discussant: Angelique Harris, Marquette University

4:30pm  Adjourn
Suggested Reading


Abstract

The term intersectionality references the critical insight that race, class, gender, sexuality, ethnicity, nation, ability, and age operate not as unitary, mutually exclusive entities, but rather as reciprocally constructing phenomena. Despite this general consensus, definitions of what counts as intersectionality are far from clear. In this article, I analyze intersectionality as a knowledge project whose raison d'etre lies in its attentiveness to power relations and social inequalities. I examine three interdependent sets of concerns: (a) intersectionality as a field of study that is situated within the power relations that it studies; (b) intersectionality as an analytical strategy that provides new angles of vision on social phenomena; and (c) intersectionality as critical praxis that informs social justice projects.