Everyday Queer Sex for all

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Sooo... what is Queer Studies?

Queer theories criticize and analyze structures of power that give rise to disparities.

Queer studies examines the construction of what is “normal” in society.

Lesbian

Bisexual

More than...

A Stud

Gay

Butches

Trans or Gender Queer?

“to queer becomes a way to denaturalize categories such as ‘lesbian’ and ‘gay’ (not to mention ‘straight’ and ‘heterosexual’), revealing them as socially constructed identities that have often worked to establish and police the line between the ‘normal’ and the ‘abnormal’,” — Siobhan B Somerville
“there was an explosion of numerous and diverse techniques for achieving the subjugation of bodies and the control of populations, marking the beginning of an era of biopower.”

Biopower is the power to “foster life or disallow it to the point of death”

Power is everywhere but so too is resistance

Everywhere

“just as the network of power relations ends by forming a dense web that passes through apparatuses and institutions, without being exactly located in them, so too the swarm of points of resistance transverses social stratifications and individual unities”

Gender is just a, "set of repeated acts within a highly rigid regulatory frame that congeals over time to produce appearance of substance, of a natural sort of being".

"In this way, new members of society come to be involved in a self-regulating process as they begin to monitor their own and others' conduct with regard to its gender implications."

Thus gender is a, "process, a becoming, a constructing that cannot rightfully be said to originate or end."

"Doing Gender" West & Zimmerman

And so, "there is no gender identity behind the expressions of gender; that identity is performatively constituted by the very 'expressions' that are said to be its results."

reconceptualization of identity as an effect, that is, as produced or generated, opens up possibilities of 'agency'.

One does not simply have a gender.

One does gender.

The effect of proliferating gender configurations, destabilizing substantive narratives of compulsory heterosexuality, and depriving the naturalizing protagonists, 'man' and 'woman', of their central identity.

Outdated model of gender that doesn't work for LGBTQI people.


People everywhere, including myself and others, tend to think of gender and these categories as natural, where the ways in which language is understood and which gender categories are most fundamental aspects of human meaningmaking. But the ways in which these categories come to have effects in the world, are never natural.
"in the United States, many now-gay-and-lesbian-identified people (mostly white and middle class), insisted on gender-normative presentation as the hallmark of homosexual identification and rejected other sexual/gender subcultures as ‘deviants’. The rejection of gender variance was, moreover, a rejection of class and racial otherness."


"Quare (kwar) n. one who thinks and feels and acts (and, sometimes ‘acts up’); committed to struggle against all forms of oppression-racial, sexual, gender, class, religious, etc."

"many of the roots of heteronormativity are in white-supremacist ideologies that sought (and continue) to use the state and its regulation of sexuality, in particular through the institution of heterosexual marriage, to designate which individuals were truly ‘fit’ for the full rights and privileges of citizenship,” - Cathy J. Cohen
What is Wrong With LGBTQ Politics???

DON'T BE THE STATUS QUEER

"Today’s LGBT movement is strangely silent on broader social justice challenges facing the world, oddly complacent in its acceptance of race, gender, and economic inequalities."

"Race must be addressed in the mainstream of the LGBT agenda because race matters in the lived experience of all people in America—both within and outside the LGBT community."

Gay marriage, "will not disturb the hierarchies of privilege, prejudice, and power that condemn LGBT people because we are gender or sexually non-compliant. That requires a more disturbing goal, one that challenges the institutions, norms, and traditions to which we so desperately seek admission."

"is the imagination of queer politics merely about access to rights for queer citizens or also about questioning structures which limit the very potential of human freedom."

- Arvind Narraín
LGBT

The Gay Agenda

who

HOW WILL

the new

Marriage Laws

affect YOU?

be serving?

We are happy

to serve you

gay marriage
A queer reading is interpreting things through a queer lens.

**Queering Text**

What does a text/movie/painting etc. say about sexuality? About gender? Does this reveal power structures that enforce this regulation?

What if texts assumed heterosexual were read as being queer?
What happens when a young trans woman is murdered in the street, opposite a police station? Not much at all.

What is the mainstream media not covering?

Who cares about Islam Nettles?
"However, despite the fact that homosexuality and disability clearly share a pathologized past, and despite a growing awareness of the intersection between queer theory and disability studies, little notice has been taken of the connection between heterosexuality and able-bodied identity. Able-bodiedness, even more than heterosexuality, still largely masquerades as a nonidentity, as the natural order of things."

"the system of compulsory able-bodiedness, which in a sense produces disability, is thoroughly interwoven with the system of compulsory heterosexuality that produces queerness: that, in fact, compulsory heterosexuality is contingent on compulsory able-bodiedness, and visa versa."

"Corporate strategies that currently undergrid contemporary economics, politics, and culture invariably produce a world in which disability and queerness are subordinated or eliminated outright."

Homonationalism is “brand of homosexuality [that] operates as a regulatory script not only of normative gayness, queerness, or homosexuality, but also of the racial and national norms that reinforce these sexual subjects.”

U.S. exceptionalism, “posits America as the arbiter of appropriate ethics, human rights, and democratic behavior while exempting itself without hesitation from such universalizing mandates.”

“The factioning, fractioning, and fractalizing of identity is a prime activity of societies control, whereby subjects (the ethnic, the homonormative) orient themselves as subjects through their disassociation of disidentification from others disenfranchised in similar ways in favor of consolidation with axes of privilege.”

“Theorizing settler homonationalism indicates how U.S. queer claims on national belonging stabilize settlement and participate in reinventing its lessons within new imperial projects.”

“Homonationalism arises whenever settler colonialism is naturalized in U.S. queer projects.”

“Homonationalism aligns queers with the biopolitical work of containing ‘terrorist’ populations, which works to impose qualities of a new moral order of national gender and sexuality.”

When our lived experience of theorizing is fundamentally linked to process of self-recovery, no gap exists between theory & practice.

Gender Diversity Poetry Night

Beyond The Binary Slam Poetry Night

The International Health Club is putting on their bi-annual health awareness week in April (April 7th - 19th) and the group voted "Gender Equity as it Pertains to Human Rights and Health" as the overarching theme for the week.

Wednesday night will be a slam poetry event with the theme "Beyond The Binary" and we need artists! If you are interested or know organizations, people on campus, or community members that might be interested in presenting a piece of poetry, theatre, or other art form pertaining to gender outside the binary please let me know! Artists can be staff, students, community members, really anyone with a story to tell.

Language, Violence & Resistance: An Interactive Performance

May 29, 2018

6-7 PM

Centro Cultural Casa de Californiia

Queer Studies at Oregon State University

QTPOC Performance

Foucault Biopower mobile

...we have lost sight of the simple fact that the only difference between a theory, a poem, an essay, a history, a poem we impose is one that we have ourselves - Malea Powell
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