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The isms of discrimination: A discussion of identity, oppression, opportunity and (IW)U.

LGBQ+ and TGNC Students: Meet and Network with Pride Alumni

Saturday, February 11
9:30-3:30

Turfler Room and Joslin Atrium

How do you define intersectionality?

Venus E. Evans-Winters

In the opening session, a diverse panel comprised of students, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends discuss the origins, progression, and merits of intersectionality. Specifically, we will: trace the history of intersectionality, acknowledging its origins in Black feminist thought and its eventual embrace (and at times misuse) in broader academic and social spaces. Additionally, personal journeys with intersectionality will be shared, focusing on how we first came to know and engage it, how our understanding of the theory and its potential application has changed over time, and any concerns about the theory’s use today. This opening conversation will prepare participants for meaningful participation in post-lunch activities and discussion of moving intersectionality from theory to application.

It Is More Than Just Theory! Moving to the Application of Intersectionality

Nicole Brown ’99

All too often intersectionality is seen as a theoretical framework through which one can view and understand lived experiences. However, intersectionality also can be much more than just a theoretical lens. In this engaging session, summit participants will be challenged to move from theory to application. We will be provided examples and tips of how one may live more intersectionally, more aware of how our identities intersect with power and privilege and how we can use those intersections to move society forward.

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