

# Special Issue: Applying and Theorizing Intersectionality in Social Work Research




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Grounded in black feminist theory, intersectionality focuses on multiple interacting systems of power and oppression that simultaneously privilege some and disadvantage others along multiple social positionalities (culturally defined status categories). Complexity and power are core principles within intersectionality frameworks. Robust, grounded, and “strong” theorizing and implementation of intersectionality locates positionalities within domains of relationships, structures, cultural components, social processes, and other systems of inequality. Another important domain, the political, encompasses efforts to create change toward justice and remedies for injustice, which are important goals for social work. A focus

primarily on “identities” not only conceals, but also reproduces precisely those very forces of power and injustice that intersectionality was intended to illuminate and change.

This special issue seeks submissions focused on research applying and theorizing core components of “strong” intersectionality and demonstrating the application of intersectionality frameworks and methods in social justice and social work practice. For a detailed call for submissions, selection criteria, a bibliography, references for concepts in this call, and other relevant materials developed by the guest editors, please see <https://sww.umich.edu/r/research-on-intersectionality>.



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