Dr. Lillian Comas-Díaz identifies as a feminist of color and has spent her career centering the perspective of people “at the margins”. Dr. Comas-Díaz helped conceptualize liberation psychology that aims to challenge our traditionally Western-based approach to psychology and offers recommendations for how to address oppression. To learn more about Dr. Comas-Díaz’s life and career, click here.

Dr. Moin Syed is a cultural developmental psychologist who has spent his career exploring how diverse ethnic, racial, and cultural backgrounds impact identity development in adolescents and emerging adults. In recent years, Dr. Syed has been an advocate in Open Science and has frequently discussed how Open Science can change the status quo framework in psychology that has traditionally upheld Western perspectives. To read more about Dr. Moin Syed’s perspectives on the Open Science framework, click here.
In defense of quantitative methods: Using the “master’s tools” to promote social justice
Kevin Cokley, Ph.D & Germine H Awad, Ph.D
Drs. Kevin Cokley and Germine H. Awad argue that while quantitative methodology has been used by researchers to legitimize prejudicial attitudes of the day, they are not inherently problematic methods. Rather, Dr. Cokley and Dr. Awad propose best practices for social justice oriented quantitative research to be conducted in order to better align methods with impact.

Ruth Fassinger, Ph.D & Susan Morrow, Ph.D
According to Drs. Ruth Fassinger and Susan Morrow, social justice aims can be achieved via multiple methodologies. The authors expand on previous work by making recommendations on how to center social justice within a methodological framework. Best practices ranging from researcher cultural competence to design and data collection are discussed.
VIDEOS

Feminist Psychologists Talk About...Research Methods
Feminist psychologists discuss research methods and concerns they have about traditional psychological research methods. Each psychologist elaborates on how research questions can be feminist, how research can be feminist, and the benefits of qualitative methods.

Feminist Psychologists Talk About...Intersectionality
A panel of psychologists talk about their experiences of and work on intersectionality.

The urgency of intersectionality | Kimberlé Crenshaw
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PODCASTS

When Psychology Speaks for You, Without You: Sunil Bhatia on Decolonizing Psychology
MIA's Ayurdhi Dhar interviews Sunil Bhatia about decolonizing psychology, confronting the field's racist past, colonial foundations, and neoliberal present.

Making Empirically Based Knowledge Cool Again #MEBKCA - Dr. Holly Angelique, Dr. Candalyn Rade, & Dr. Traci Weinstein
Community psychologists discuss how research should address structural injustices. They discuss root causes to social problems and reflect on their roles as academics.

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Conducting Research Through An Anti-Racism Lens
This is a guide from the University of Minnesota that can be useful for both faculty and students on how to conduct research with an anti-racism lens. The guide includes how to decenter whiteness in conducting research itself, researching the literature of a certain topic, and understanding the systemic racism present in the publishing industry. The guide also provides useful information regarding racism that is ingrained in search engines and library cataloging and how to work around this to ensure you are getting diverse and comprehensive search results.

Towards a queer research methodology
Daniel Noam Warner makes a case for utilizing queer theory in psychological research regarding homosexuality. The article includes a brief explanation of queer theory referencing Judith Butler’s Gender Trouble, then critiques Evelyn Hooker’s famous study on homosexual men and how it has influenced contemporary research on homosexuality. Warner then gives some general suggestions on how psychology can move toward incorporating queer theory by treating queer identities with respect and understand their complexity.

Utilizing Mixed Methodology to Increase Cultural Competency in Research with Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Individuals
This study looks at how research can be used to attend to the needs of transgender and gender non-conforming (TGNC) people. The article addresses how TGNC people’s needs differ from sexual minorities and within the TGNC community itself. The researchers attempt to create a mixed methods pilot study that addresses the diversity of TGNC experiences while also ensuring that the research is conducted with cultural understanding. The researchers then took the information from the pilot study and assessed it’s barriers and limitations and made suggestions for how future research on TGNC identities could be conducted.

Psychological research has a racism problem, Stanford scholar says
Dr. Steven Roberts and colleagues have reviewed over 26,000 empirical articles from various subfields of psychology and assessed the extent to which they highlight topics relating to race and how diverse the scholars are that are working on these articles. With this information, Dr. Roberts and team make the case that systemic racism does have a place in contemporary psychological research and provides recommendations on how scientific publishing can take steps to address these systemic issues.

Here are some resources for students and faculty looking to engage in social justice research methods:
- NSF QRM Scholars Program
- INSPIRE U2
- Putting Social Justice into Practice in Psychology Courses
- APA Page on diversity and inclusion in publishing
New Summer Courses that focus on Multiculturalism and Social Justice

**PSYC 3001-083** Topics in Psychology: Psychology and Culture
Online Synchronous: TR 1315 – 1445
Examines the psychological principles, theories, and research through the exploration of cultural differences and similarities, both within and between cultures. Topics will include how culture influences cognition, development, emotions, personality development, social behavior, and health. This course will help students develop cultural competence.

**PSYC 3001-084** Topics in Psychology: Critical Theory, Social Psychology, and Social Justice
**AFRS 3050-080** Topics in Africana Studies: Critical Theory, Social Psychology, and Social Justice
**WGST 3050-083** Topics in Women and Gender Studies: Critical Theory, Social Psychology, and Social Justice
Online Synchronous MW 1400-1600
Explores critical social psychological perspectives and methods that challenge mainstream experimental psychology and emphasize studying people within social contexts. Particular attention to topics of intersectionality theory, queer theory, critical race theory, qualitative methods, and how the study of social psychology can both contribute and hinder social justice efforts.

**PSYC 3001-085** Topics in Psychology: LGBTQ+ Psychology
**WGST 3050-085** Topics in Women and Gender Studies: LGBTQ+ Psychology
Online Synchronous: TR 1500-1700
This course will examine the experiences of individuals who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) among other identities, through a psychological lens and LGBTQ+ affirmative environment. Topics to be covered include: identity development, close relationships, prejudice and discrimination, coming out, resilience, intersectionality, and others.
Psychology’s Social Justice Club
We only have one more Social Justice Club meeting this year on April 22nd from 12PM to 1PM.

On April 22nd, we will be discussing bias. We would love for people to take any of the bias tests out there, watch any TED talk on bias, and come ready to talk with us. Take a Test (harvard.edu)

This is our meeting link: https://uncc.zoom.us/my/mfulton6?pwd=Q0FBVkI3VUFGNjgvcWtjS1FCbVh4QT09

TRENDING TOPICS
Recent legislation across the United States seeks to criminalize gender-affirming care for transgender and nonbinary youth and ban trans-youth from participating in sports. Many of these laws stand in stark contrast to what trans people and the scientific evidence suggest is best practice for trans communities. Stay informed about these anti-trans bills and how you can best serve the trans community!