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Final Zine Project: Intersectionality

What is intersectionality?

By: Jasmine Mares

Intersectionality is the unique way we create the person we are. It is "...the flowing together of various identities."

Race, age, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation.

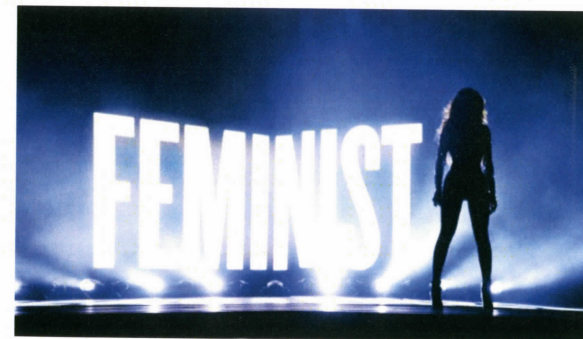
We experience privilege and inequality based on our cultural backgrounds, geographical location, and the internal ideologies we carry around. All these facets inform our understanding of feminism and how participate in social justice.

Nonetheless, we must remember we are not *just* women or *just* Asian-American or *just* lesbians or *just* Christians. The people we pass by on the street are not *just* the color of their skin or the clothing on their bodies. Intersectional feminism acknowledges the intersections of our identities, where beliefs inform action and women are connected through being more than a woman.

An Intersectional Woman

By: Caitlin Dinh

One woman who creates awareness in media for intersectional feminism is Beyonce. Although self-identifying as black, Beyonce does not emphasize her ethnicity or race but instead focuses on empowering women. Through many of her songs like Run the World (Girls), Survivor, and Independent Woman Part 1, Beyonce expresses the strength of women. As a strong female icon, she utilizes her influence by speaking up about gender inequality and more specifically economic inequality that affects women of color even more.



All About Asian-American Women

1. Queer, transgender, and non-binary/non-conforming Asian American women (and men) exist and need to be heard for their unique, underrepresented perspectives.
2. The “AAPI” (“Asian-American and Pacific Islander”) acronym excludes and therefore silences Native Hawaiian, Indigenous peoples, and other minority groups.
3. Scientific studies show the model minority myth contributes to suicidal tendencies among Asian American Women. (<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/02703149.2018.1430360>)
4. A 2017 Silicon Valley report from Ascend revealed that Asians, though the largest racial group in the STEM industry, are the least promoted racial group in the field. Furthermore, it found Asian women are the least likely to become executives of all racial and gender

groups. <http://aapidata.com/wp->

[content/uploads/2017/10/TheIllusionofAsianSuccess.pdf](http://aapidata.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/TheIllusionofAsianSuccess.pdf)

5.. 1 in 4 Asians in New York City live in poverty.

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/opportunity/pdf/NYCGovPovMeas2017-WEB.pdf>

6.. Asians are not interchangeable nor homogeneous.

Taiwanese, Thai, Hmong, Japanese, Indian, Korean, and Burmese women (to name a few- there are over 52 Asian countries) have drastic cultural differences.

8. Asian American women are disproportionately affected by cancer, due to the fact that they have the lowest cancer screenings rates and are diagnosed at a later cancer stage compared to other groups.

<http://www.aahiinfo.org/english/asianAmericans.php>



To avoid unwanted harassment and possible arrests, a Saudi Artist who goes by Ms. Saffa designed this image which became a logo for the movement to end guardianship laws in Saudi Arabia, Saudi women are legally dependent on male “guardians” no matter what their age is or marital status. Those laws leave women on the mercy of their male guardians when it comes to education, travel, marriage, work, and even opening bank accounts.

“Vessels of Genealogies” by female Dominican- American artist Firelei Báez

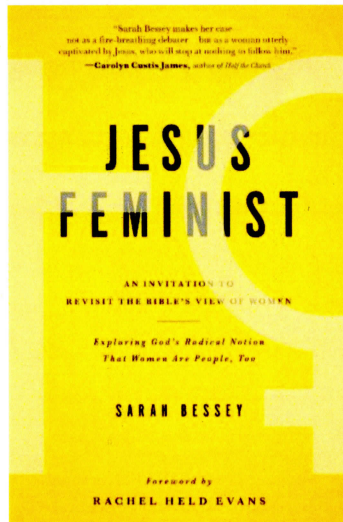


This is a large-scale painting in which Báez expresses how different cultural identities are excluded in popular culture. The painting incorporates cascades of hair and textile tattoos to feature a dark woman who represents a descendant of African goddesses.

A Jesus Feminist

By: Jasmine Maves

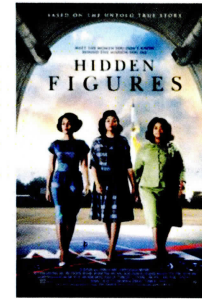
To quote the famous bell hooks, “Since our society continues to be a primarily ‘Christian’ culture, masses of people continue to believe that god has ordained that women be subordinate to men in the domestic household.” Centuries and waves of feminism have worked to overturn this belief, and female Christians are stepping forward to revisit the bible and understand the feminist plight. Join Sarah Bessey in her journey to realizing she is a feminist *because of her religion.*



A Look at the Hidden Figures

By: Caitlin Dinh

Hidden Figures is an intersectional film that struggles and faces African-



an example of an intersectional film as it highlights the discrimination that African American women.

The film portrays three African-American women working as NASA computers which led US astronauts to space. The title alone represents intersectionality as it has three meanings: the obscure calculations to took to get to space, the lack of acknowledgement received by the African-American women computers, and the discrimination they faced as they were literally hidden and placed out of view. From the lack of respect that these brilliant women received to the segregated bathrooms that make Katherine Johnson run between buildings, this film illustrates and emphasizes the hardships experienced by these women and important contributions these women had towards history.

Loujain Al-Hathloul



By: Dalal Alfanis

Her only crime is defending the rights of women. The 29-year-old Saudi feminist is currently in jail facing charges for communicating with foreign entities to disturb the stability of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This is not the first time Al-Hathloul has been thrown in jail for her activism. When she and others began the movement to remove the ban on women driving in 2014, she was imprisoned for 72 days because she drove her car through a checkpoint. This, however, did not stop her from continuing the fight. Al-Hathloul continued to advocate for the Women2Drive movement through social networking sites, reaching out to international organizations, and bringing awareness through interviews and public appearances.

Nonetheless, the victorious day finally came when the Saudi government announced that they would lifting the ban on women driving in September 2017. Unfortunately, the warriors who fought this battle were not allowed to celebrate, Al-Hathloul and many other activists were contacted by government officials and threatened if they displayed any signs of victory or even commented on the issue to local and international media. Shortly after, Loujain Al-Hathloul and several others were arrested in May 2018, one month before women were legally allowed to drive. Loujain Al-Hathloul is a young girl who had her freedom studying abroad; she could have enjoyed her life without ever spending a night in jail, without receiving threats from people in power, without having her image portrayed as traitor to her country, but she chose to fight. She sacrificed her life just so other women could do something as simple as driving a car, and even when she reached her goal, she wasn't allowed to celebrate it with other Saudi women.

Successful, AND Asian American, AND Female

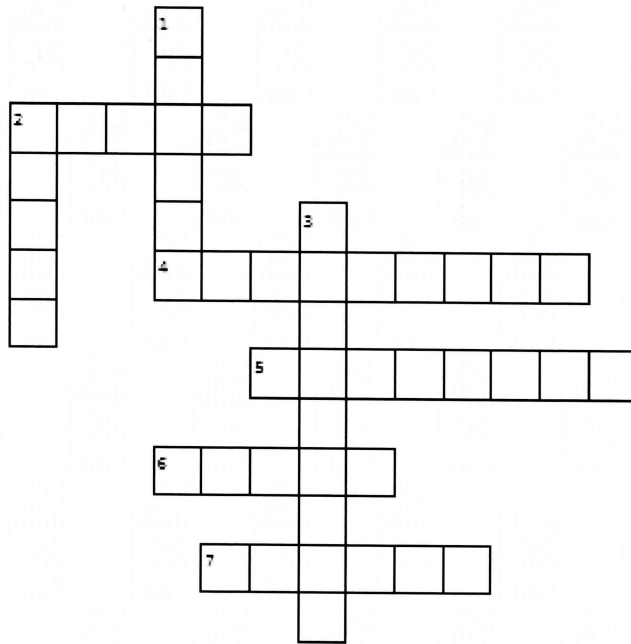
By: Madison Park



Meet Constance Wu, an actress, comedian, and activist for intersectional feminism. Constance was born and raised in Richmond, Virginia by her mother, a computer programmer, and her father, a college professor. Both her parents immigrated from Taiwan to the US. While attending the 2018 Women's March in LA, she shared her own experiences with men encouraged other women to combat fetishization and stereotyping of Asians. Men's preference in and related fetishization of Asian women begins with the racist stereotyping of Asian women as docile, complying, and willing. We see this stereotype

represented in movies and other media. In her speech, Constance said "I march today for Asian-American women who have been ignored or judged or fetishized or expected to be a certain way to fulfill a certain idea of what a sweet girl should be. To that, I say you can be anyone you want to be. That's why we created the Time's Up movement for equality and representation across all cultures, background, sexual orientations and abilities; so that you can feel safe being whoever you want to be."

Women of Color



Down:

1. "The _____ Called My Back" is an anthology composed by radical women of color.
2. Women of _____ experience greater gendered violence and poorer medical care because of their race and their ethnicity.
3. _____ asked "Ain't I a woman?" at the 1851 Women's Rights Convention.

Across:

2. _____ Rights Act of 1964 banned employment discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, color, or national origin.
4. _____ women [should] empower women.
5. _____ is to feminist as purple is to lavender, according to Alice Walker.
6. La _____ is the spanish word for "fair-skinned."
7. This is a luxury in light of female oppression, according to Audre Lourde.

Tiger Mom
By: Madison Park

We all know the stereotype; strict, mean, cold, SAT-score driven. The Tiger Mom doesn't just want her kids to get straight

A's and attend Ivy Leagues, she lives for it. This pervasive stereotype is a problem because it enforces the model minority narrative, which states that Asian immigrants embrace hard work and are the best immigrants. The myth attributes Asian American achievements and success to their hard work.

However, in analyzing the facts, we can see that Asian Americans are rejected from top schools because of their racial profiles, rarely promoted to top leadership positions, and earn lower wages than Caucasian counterparts. Clearly, they are faced with both a bamboo and glass ceiling. The stereotype that

Asian women are too aggressive and intense is joined by an equal stereotyping of Asian women as childish and unfit to lead.

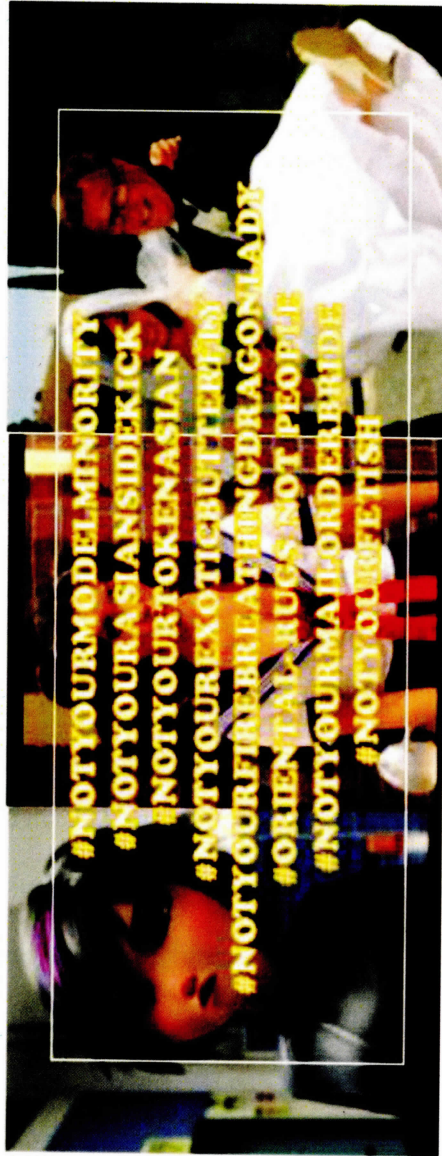
Both the aggressive stereotyping and infantilization of Asian women has real life consequences. Asian women are the most likely to be fetishized, the least likely to be viewed as leaders, and work 14 months to earn what a Caucasian man earns in a

year- that's a \$300,000 loss over her lifetime.



Art by cartoonist Carlos Latuff

#Remember



Intersectional Feminist Organizations to Get

Involved With

- UltraViolet
- National Organization for Women (NOW)
- American Civil Liberties Union
- Planned Parenthood
- RAINN (Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network)
- Campaign Zero
- Sylvia Rivera Law Project
- Women's Prison Association

These organizations work to fight sexism and for women's rights as well as to create communities where all women are represented and accepted.