Intersectionality: A Reading List

What is intersectionality? Most references in intersectional scholarship point to Kimberlé Crenshaw’s 1991 Stanford Law Review article “Mapping The Margins: Intersectionality, Identity Politics, and Violence against Women of Color” as the initiation of intersectionality as a concept into academia. Crenshaw combines literature on critical race theory to examine antiracist and feminist discourse on women of color as victims sexual violence, arguing that racism and sexism act as mutually interlocking systems of oppression, resulting in a form of disadvantage that affects Black women uniquely at three levels. Structural intersectionality refers to where systems of domination converge; political intersectionality addresses how individuals who identify with multiple subordinate groups may face challenges due to conflicting agendas of political discourse; and representational intersectionality involves a political discourse that acknowledges the significance of other discourses in addition to the power relations that both challenge and strengthen them.

First and foremost intersectionality is a product of Black feminist thought. Any discussion of intersectionality that fails to incorporate this intellectual history lacks a fundamental understanding of its purpose. Intersectionality seems pretty popular lately in mainstream media, politics and activism. Some people have started to critique the concept, often without reference to any of the work cultivated within the field. Such
criticism suggests while interest in intersectionality is starting to pique, knowledge about intersectionality overall appears to be lacking. This reading list will help those interested in discussing intersectionality have a more holistic conversation about the topic.

**Books**


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Noble, Safiya Umoja. 2012. “Searching For Black Girls: Old Traditions In New Media.”


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Blogs

1)  What Is Intersectionality? - blackfeminisms.com
2)  Is Your Feminism Truly Intersectional? - Blackfeminisms.com
3)  #Intersectionality: How Changing the Conversation Changed ...
4)  #SayHerName: Social Media Activism & Violence Against Black Women
5)  Women of Color Use Social Media For Social Change ...
6)  How I Teach and Learn Black Feminism
7)  Black Women Bloggers - Black Feminist Digest - Blackfeminisms.com
8)  9 Common Misconceptions About Black Feminism - Blackfeminisms.com
9)  A Brief History of Black Feminism
10) #SayHerName: How Transgender Women Are Memorialized Online
11) 6 Concepts by Black Women You Need to Know
12) 7 Concepts by Black Feminists You Need to Know ...
13) The Trouble With White (Online) Feminism - Blackfeminisms.com
14) Dear Taylor Swift: If Your Feminism Ain't Intersectional, It Ain't Sh*t
15) The Revolution Must Be Intersectional: Show Up For Black Women and Girls on May 21
16) White Women Still Don’t Know How To Address Intersectional Feminism
17) Why Our Feminism Must Be Intersectional (And 3 Ways to Practice It)

18) Why intersectionality can’t wait

19) Intersectionality

20) Beyoncé and the 'Formation' of Black Girl Feminism (When the Hot Sauce Isn't Enough)

**Video + Audio**

1) The urgency of intersectionality | Kimberlé Crenshaw

2) WTF is Intersectional Feminism???

3) Intersectionality | Social Inequality | MCAT | Khan Academy

4) Kimberlé Crenshaw Discusses 'Intersectional Feminism'

5) On Intersectionality in Feminism and Pizza

6) Kimberlé Crenshaw - On Intersectionality - keynote - WOW 2016

7) Intersectionality

8) Laverne Cox Talks about Intersectionality at Harvard

9) Kimberle Williams Crenshaw: Intersectionality

10) Kimberlé Crenshaw, "Race, Gender, Inequality and Intersectionality"