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Research Workshop

Sex Work & Masculinities: Male Sex Workers as a Case for Intersectional Framing

Mainstream gender and intersectionalities studies have been slow to enthusiastically embrace looking at the lives of sex workers as places for critical information about sex and gender. Particularly in the case of men involved in sex work, early scholarship that considered them through the lens of disease prevention and deviance have clouded their importance as a population that can provide insight into the expression of race, class and masculinities in the United States. In this paper, I utilize survey and focus group data to consider the way that masculinities and sex work intersect in the lives of a population of African American male survival sex workers. I find that ideas about power, the nature of sex work, and what we mean by "sex workers" increase in nuance and complexity when I use an intersectional frame to study an understudied and undertheorized population.

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