LGBTQ People and Social Work
Intersectional Perspectives

This unique edited collection addresses issues impacting the well-being of LGBTQ individuals with diverse identities to help students, practitioners, educators, and policymakers work with sensitivity and strength in the LGBTQ communities. Edited by three expert LGBTQ scholars, this engaging book offers a multiplicity of perspectives through the works of practitioners, students, and activists. By focusing on intersectionality and its application to social work practice, organizational change, and the pursuit of social justice, this text gives voice to previously silenced members of the LGBTQ community. The contributors of this important collection deepen insight into the diversity of identities within LGBTQ communities and provide many thoughtful recommendations to inform future social work pedagogy, agency policy, and forms of practice in diverse contexts and fields of service. This book is a valuable resource for students in Social Work, Community Medicine, Counselling Psychology, Nursing, Equity Studies, and Gender Studies, as well as anyone engaged in social service work.

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Reviews
“LGBTQ People and Social Work is an important and much-needed contribution to the field. It offers an expansive and thoughtful examination of the multiplicity of LGBTQ persons’ lives and the significance of understanding how the intersection of multiple stigmatized identities can create unique challenges for sexual minorities, while also underscoring the phenomenal resiliency demonstrated by so many LGBTQ people. This is a must-read for social workers across the spectrum of practice settings and an invaluable tool for educating future social work practitioners.”—Melanie D. Otis, Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Gay and Lesbian Social Services

“An excellent collection, and long overdue, this book will be an invaluable resource for students, instructors, and practitioners in a range of fields. Through personal narratives, critical reflections on research, and theoretical pieces, contributors use an intersectional lens to consider the diverse lives and experiences that fall under the LGBTQ banner, as well as the particular challenges of those whose identities fall outside it.”—Susan Strega, School of Social Work, University of Victoria

“This edited collection makes a critical contribution to social work scholarship on LGBTQ people. Embracing intersectionality theory and anti-oppressive-practice principles, the authors offer thought-provoking analyses that advance theoretical and practical knowledge of the nuances and complexities of LGBTQ identities and subjectivities. In doing so, they put forward much-needed insights about ways to improve social work practice, policy, and education in support of LGBTQ social justice and inclusion. This is a must-have resource for social work students, practitioners, and educators.”—Michael R. Woodford, Lyle S. Hallman Faculty of Social Work, Wilfrid Laurier University

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