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Activism and the Arts: Building Legacies in Wisconsin and Beyond

November 15, 2022

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WELCOME!

Chris Walker

- Professor, Dance Department
- Director, Division of the Arts



University of Wisconsin-Madison



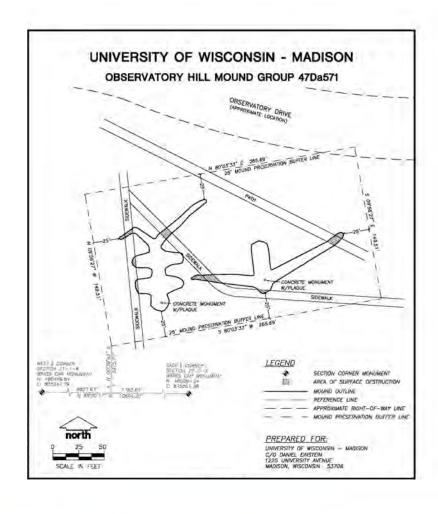
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Turtle mound on Observatory Hill, Circa 1910

University of Wisconsin-Madison









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ARTS at UW

1,000 undergrads in 13 majors & 12 certificates

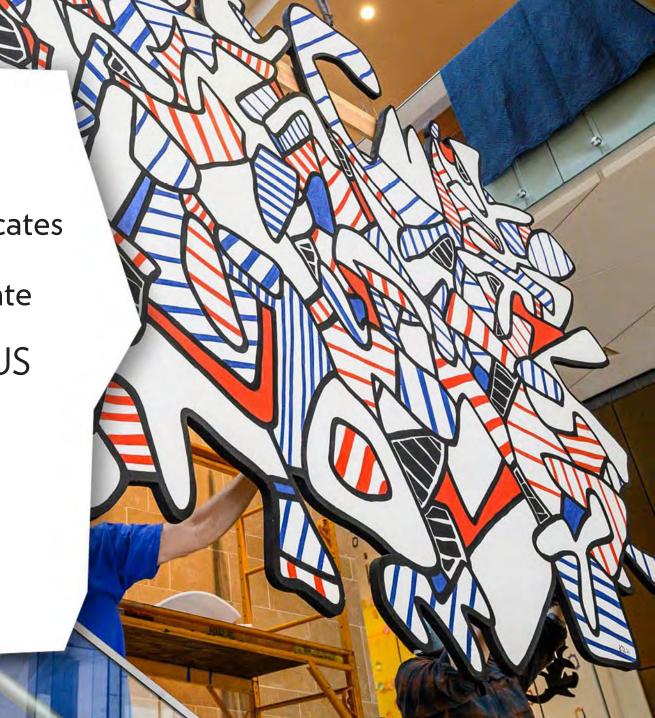
82% add a double major and/or a certificate

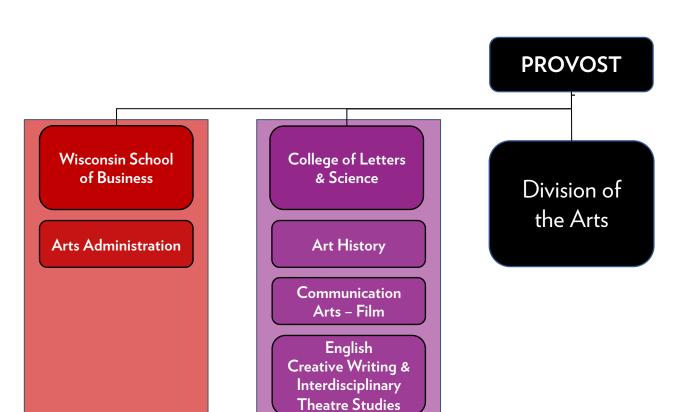
#1 printmaking graduate program in the US (U.S. New & World Report, 2020)

100+ student art organizations

30+ galleries | 8 theaters | 3 cinemas

Largest art museum of the Big 10 schools





School of Education

Art

Dance

Theatre & Drama

School of Human Ecology

Design







Music

















Arts for Everyone, Everywhere

The arts enhance our culture, broaden our perspectives, and deepen our understanding of the world around us, allowing us to innovate, grow, and change.



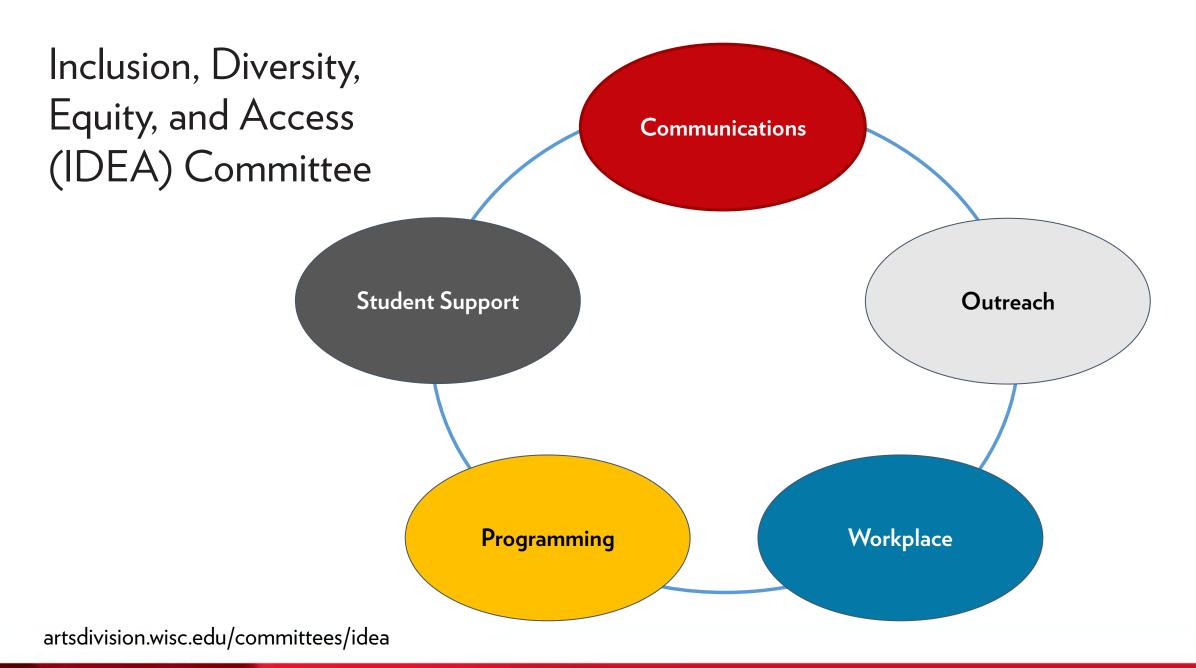
Arts for Everyone, Everywhere

All forms of artistic expression, experience, and interpretation are fundamental paths to making meaningful progress in inclusion, diversity, equity, and access (IDEA) at UW–Madison and communities beyond campus.

THE DIVISION OF THE ARTS STANDS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND BELIEVES THAT BLACK LIVES MATTER.

Art, in all forms, enhances culture, broadens our perspectives, brings us together, and deepens our understanding of the world around us.

The Division commits to amplifying the voices, stories, and activism of Black artists.



Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA) Committee



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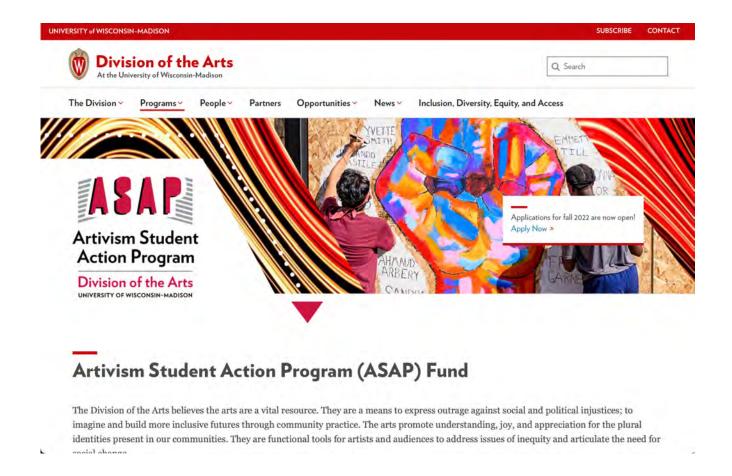
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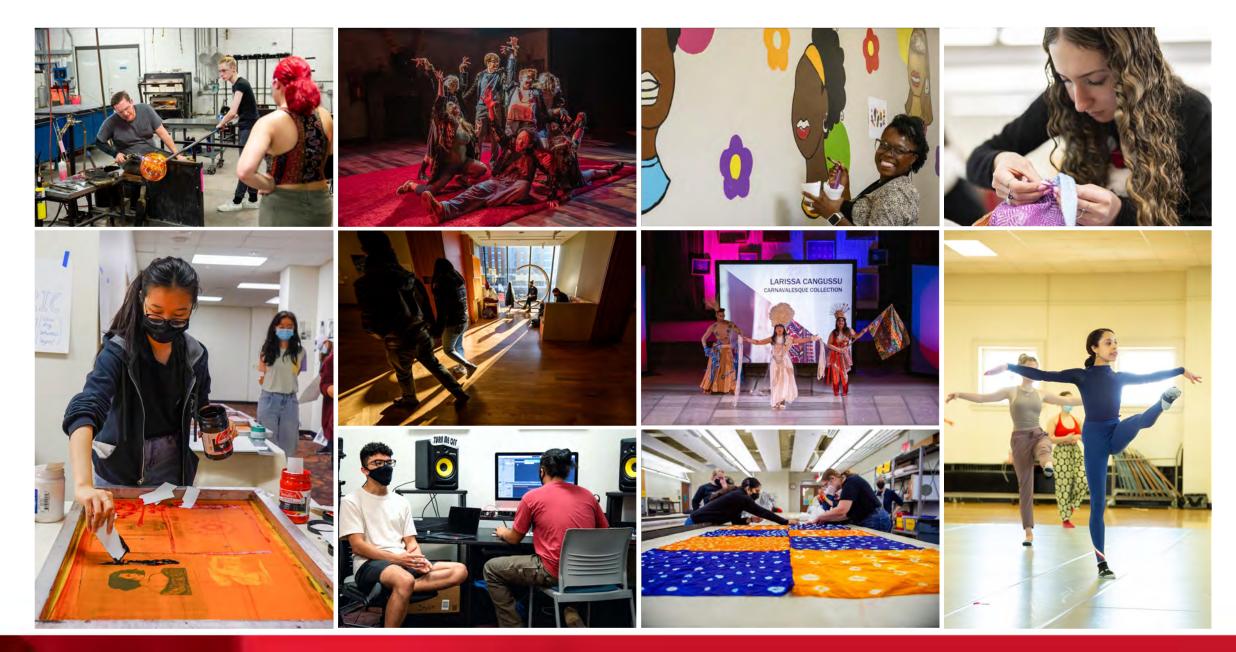
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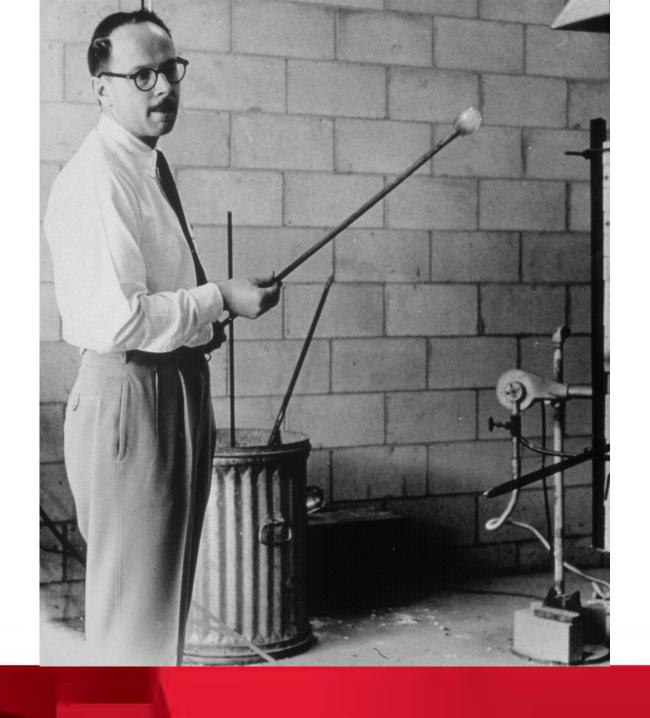
Associate Professor of Glass and Faculty Director of The Studio at UW-Madison



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GEEX

Glass Education Exchange



Harvey Littleton,
Professor Emeritus
UW-Madison Art Department
Ceramics and Glass



Ruth Tamura, Co-Founder of Pilchuck Glass School



BIPOC have been influential contributors to the American Studio Glass scene since the first generation. Remember that.



GEEX Talks 2020-2022









Designed for











Virtual textbook for contemporary glass education











GEEX Talks 2022-2023

EXPANDED GLASS HISTORIES

FALL 2022

Kinship in Collective & Collaborative Practices: Shifting Studio Glass Histories

with

Better Together vanessa german

with

King Cobra documented as Doreen Lynette Garner Dr. Kerry Sinanan

WINTER 2023

Migration, Boundaries

Oppositional Histories

on Glass and Race

and Belonging:



SPRING 2023

Reframing Antiquity: Ways of Knowing and Being

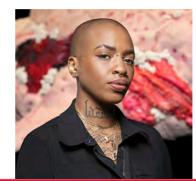
with
Raghvi Bhatia
Marvin Bolt









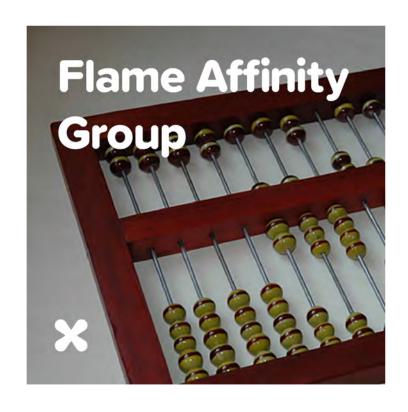








GEEX Flame Affinity Group



2022-2023 Meetings

OCTOBER 2022: POSTPONED

The Economics of Flameworking Thursday, November 3 (NEW!) 6:00-7:30pm US-Central

MARCH 2023

Equity and Access in Public and Private Spaces Date TBD

GEEX BIPOC Co-learner Affinity Group



GEEX will host 2 gatherings across Fall 2022, to continue supporting BIPOC Co-learners in Glass.

FALL 2022 MEETING THEMES

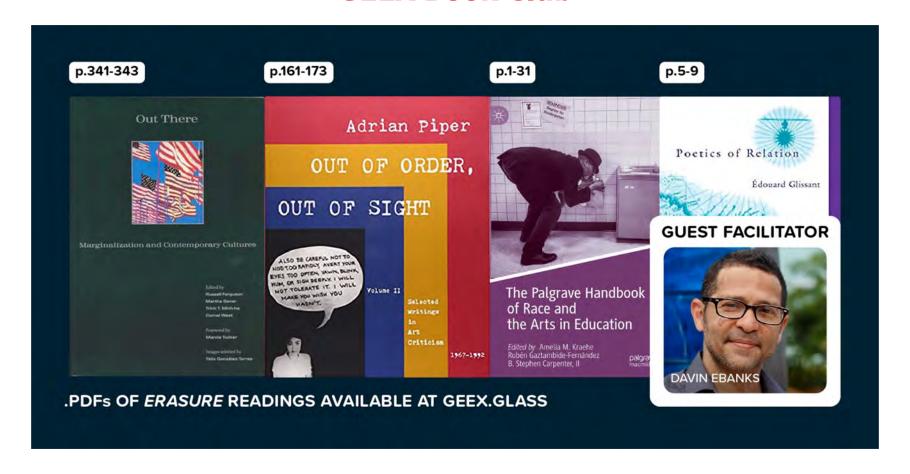
Meet and Greet

Thursday, September 29 6:00–7:00pm US-Central

Show and Tell (DEC)

Time and Date TBD

GEEX Book Club



GEEX Writing Center

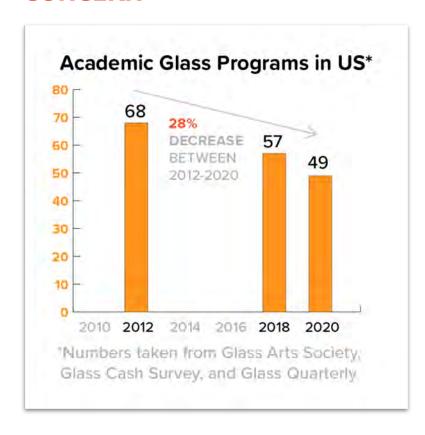




VALUES

Respect Accessibility Archive

CONCERN



APPROACH



GEEX addresses attrition through connection, community building, and resource-sharing.

CONCERN

TOKENISM



Efforts at diverse exhibitions in glass commonly follow this formula:

Material/Glass Cliché: XYZ Marginalized Population in Glass

APPROACH

& COMPENSATION

GEEX counters tokenization in the field by prioritizing the value of diverse artists' voices through thoughtful framing and well-compensated labor.

CONCERN

SINGULAR X POWER

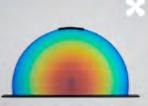
If the demographic breakdown of every glass program, workshop, exhibition, and roster of gallery representation was equal to the demographic breakdown of this country — then what?

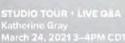
APPROACH

PLURALITY PLURALITY PLURALITY PLURALITY PLURALITY

GEEX adds plurality to the field's precedents of singular power.

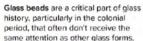












Ask a Glass Librarian X















What is the future of glass? → What will this community choose to empower?





The first version of the Glass Resource Exchange is live!



MOVE WITH WU



Yorel Lashley

Director of Programs for PLACE; Director of Student Empowerment for the Center for Arts Education and Social and Emotional Learning



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Drum Power & UW-Madison Arts Collab

ARTS ACTIVISM



The goal of all teaching is to awaken goals, inspire <u>hope</u> and pave the way to <u>dreams</u>.

IDENTITY

AGENCY

BELONGING

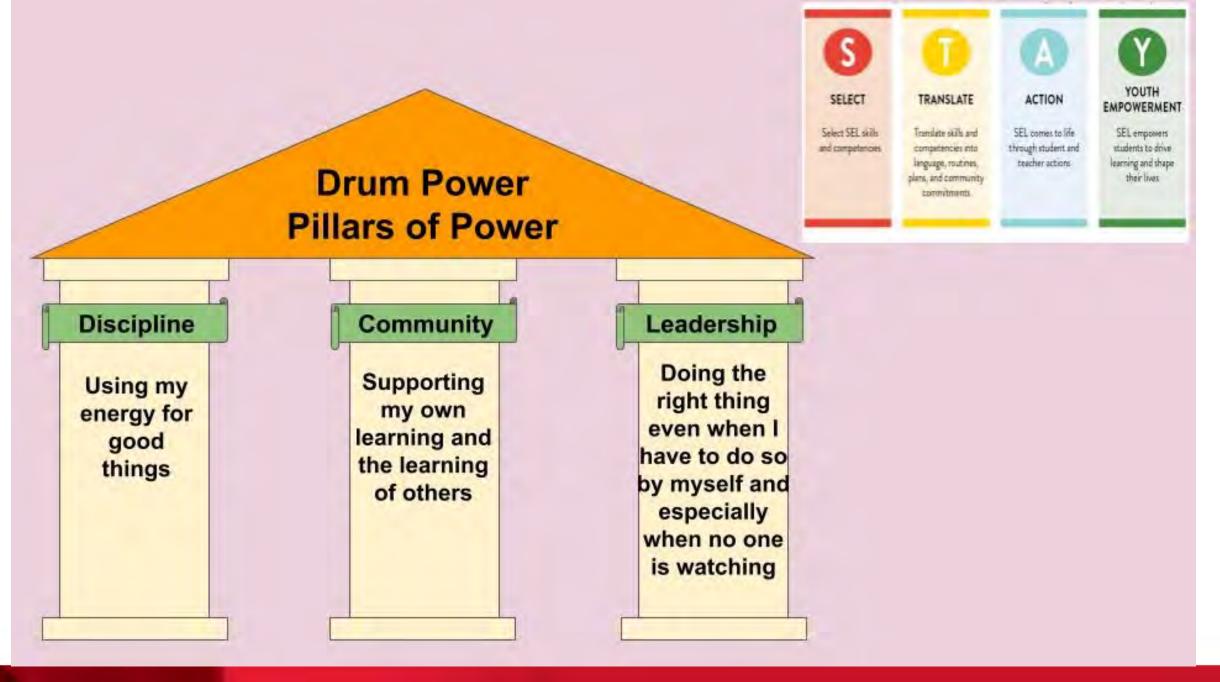
Social & Emotional Learning (SEL)

Equipping ourselves to be whole people who have healthy and functional awareness of ourselves, and to create healthy connections to others that allow us to make positive contributions to our communities, and give us power over our own lives.

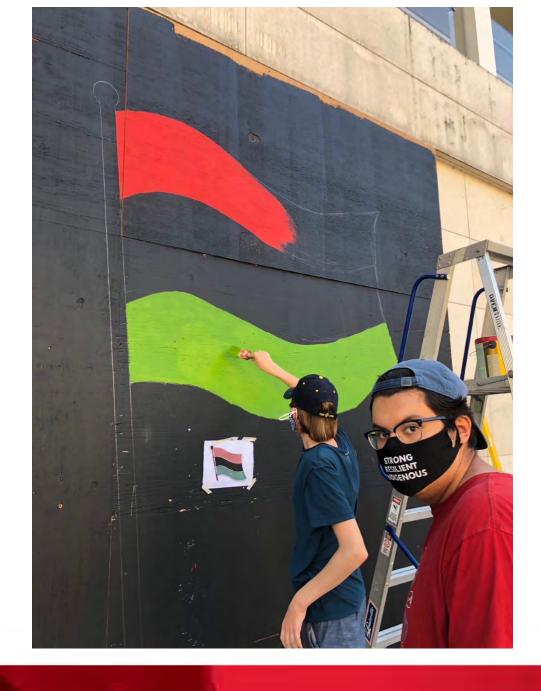
Intentional

Embedded

Sustained















Araceli Esparza (she, her, ellx)

Poeta, Writer, Teacher



Intersectionality for Everyday People

Reflection, Dialog, and Connection





Introductions





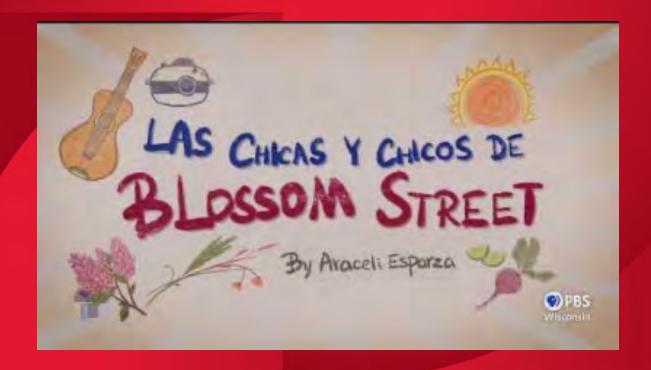
Let's Build Community Together

Araceli Esparza (She, her, ellx)

Araah CELLYY, Bilingual, Female, Low income, Home owner, Educated, second Gen Hip Hop head, First gen Chicana, Previously homeless, Middle age, and Single Parent, and I'm your facilitator today.

www.araceliesparza.com

Here is a sample of the animated flim that I wrote, and was professionally produced and animated by Steven Dorchester, of Wisconsin Life the Wisconsin affiliate of PBS.





I use the video as a teaching artist, and an art activist. I teach people about intersectionality and bias and racism by showing them to be empathic leaders.



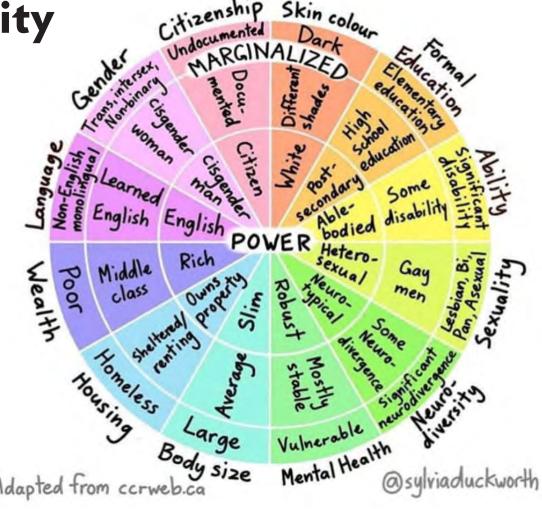
Visual Map of Intersectionality

I use Social Emotional Learning tools to help people see their own place on the wheel while using my identity.

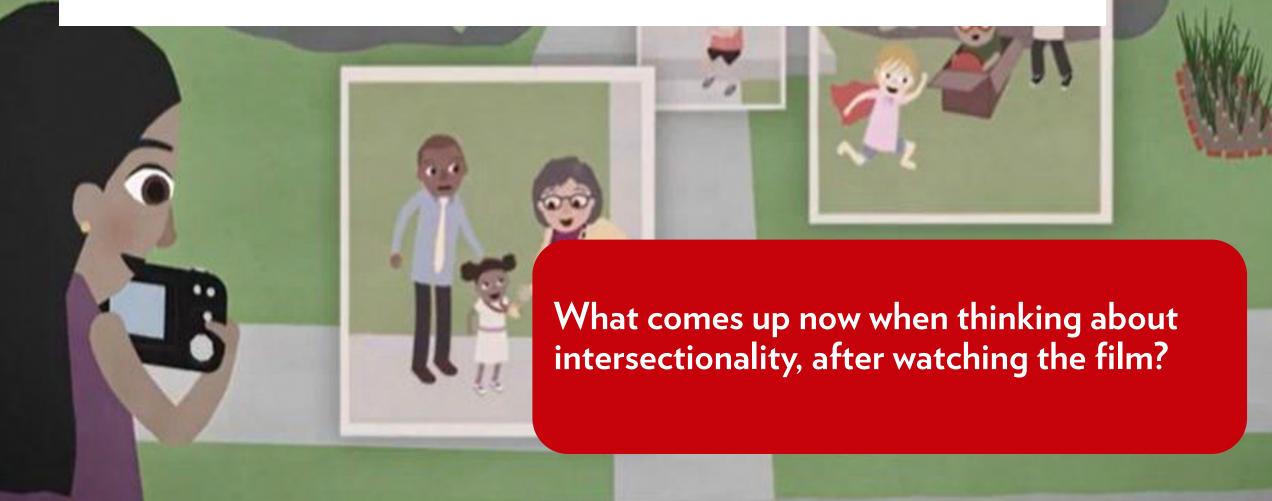
The term Intersectionality was coined by Kimberlé Crenshaw in 1989.

She wanted to identify how interlocking systems of power affect those who are most marginalized in society.

Let's think about how we move towards power and away power in this wheel.







Baron Kelly

Professor of Theater in the UW Department of Theatre and Drama and the Division of Continuing Studies







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Sofía Snow

Director of the Office of Multicultural Arts Initiatives



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WHO IS FIRST WAVE?



HOW TO GET INVOLVED?











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