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Out in psychology : lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and queer perspectives

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Abstrak

In this fi nal section, we outline the themes, structure and organization of Out in Psychology. In addition to two introductory chapters, there are four thematic sections: (1) histories and commentaries, (2) lives and experiences, (3) work and leisure and (4) health and practice. Each section includes a commentary written by a leading scholar in the associated fi eld of research. The chapters that constitute the fi rst section ?histories and commentaries? provide a range of critical refl ections on the historical and contemporary practices of psychology in general and LGBTQ psychologies in particular. Riggs interrogates discourses of race in LGB psychology, Barker probes the invisibility of bisexuality in psychology textbooks, Hagger-Johnson examines the intertwining histories of LGB psychology and personality and individual differences research, and Hegarty offers a queer informed critique of the increasingly common presentation of social constructionism and discourse analysis as representing the radical frontier of (British) LGBTQ psychology. The chapters in ?lives and experiences? highlight the continuing importance of examining the everyday experiences, realities and perspectives of LGBTQ people. The chapters explore the lived experiences of specifi c groups of LGBTQ people ? gay men with intellectual disabilities (Bennett and Coyle) and trans people (Clifford and Orford) ? as well as specifi c aspects of our everyday existence. Land and Kitzinger provide a fi ne-grained analysis of telephone conversations between lesbians, gay men and their partners and family members, and show how these testify to the continuing importance of ?the closet? and visibility in the everyday interactions of lesbians and gay men. Clarke et al. enter the hotly contested terrain of same-sex relationship recognition and offer an empirical exploration of lesbian and gay couples? views on civil partnership and marriage.