


Theses & Dissertations





For most allies and LGBTQIA+ studies scholars and practitioners, their undergraduate and/or master's theses and doctoral dissertations were their first formal academic foray into the field. These sources, even when not widely circulated, follow a rigorous evaluation process that includes proposal defense, ethics review, data collection, analysis, and academic writing.

Aside from surveys, the theses and dissertations in this section include rich qualitative materials: oral histories, ethnographies, interviews, and textual and contextual analyses. These academic texts can serve as documentation of localized, even indigenous, experiences, intersectional realities, and context-specific insights that are not always available in other published forms.

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