



Religion Abuse and Spiritual Trauma: A Queer Muslim Perspective

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What is the Social Issue?

- **Main Focus:** Homophobia within Muslim Communities
- **Religion Abuse:** “using the power of position and teachings to oppress, coerce, and manipulate LGBTQ people through shaming, stigmatization, rejecting, outing, exorcising, and ex-communicating” (Super & Jacobson, 2011)
- **Spiritual Trauma:** “essentially an experience of violation of the spiritual or ‘scared’ core in human beings, harm at the innermost level, by an external ‘social’ force” (Kurk, 2010)
- **Marginalization:** “It is history in a cycle of erasure and reconstruction. Our history forgotten and reinvented. A phoenix in an endless cycle of death and rebirth” (Lynn, 2017)

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Theoretical Framework

- **Transformative Media Creation:** “begins with an intersectional analysis of linked systems of race, class, gender, sexuality, ability, and other axes of identity” (Costanza-Chock et.al, 2017)
- **Qualitative Feminist Knowledge Production:** “identity negotiation processes point to areas where individuals feel conflict because of identity gaps, those places where their self-concepts and avowed identities conflict with others” (Faulkner and Hecht, 2011)
- **Intergenerational support and wisdom:** “we have to fight to learn and learn from our elders” (Lynn, 2017)

Leadership Lessons

- **Planning**
- Collaboration
- Self-actualization
- Knowledge Production

Partners and Future Directions

- Mahdia Lynn - Masjid Al-Rabia
- Analysis of the Queer Black American Muslim experience
- Video blogs highlighting my personal story with navigating my different identities
- Interview with Samra Habib, the creator of “Just Allah and Me: A Queer Muslim Photo Project”
- Create and maintain a blog that caters to the needs of POC-LGBTQ Muslims
- **Far future:** Become a scholar of intersectional and inclusive Islamic knowledge and create spiritual spaces for marginalized Muslims

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