Queering & Crippling Geography
Spatializing the Queer & Crip

Queer and Crip are not only identity categories, but *verbs*. Both refer to *applying* a queer or disability-justice perspective... And they mean much more than that too.

**To queer** is to challenge dominant heterosexist discourse, to distort and ‘make the solid unstable’, or to complicate “the taken-for-granted heteronormativity of everyday practices, spaces, and discourses”*.

**To crip** can mean to spin “mainstream representations or practices to reveal able-bodied assumptions and exclusionary effects.” Like queering, criping can include “everyday practices deployed to challenge oppressive norms, build community, and maintain the practitioners’ self-worth.”*

*Encyclopedia of Diversity and Social Justice

**What We Will Do**
This graduate seminar celebrates the queer (LGBTQIA2s+, GNCP, NB, etc.) and crip (we can debate the boundaries of this term). All readings are by LGBTQ and crip/disabled/neurodivergent/autistic authors. Readings also queer and crip geography or spatialize the queer and crip. Your main projects will engage multiple senses, use auto-ethnography and build theory (no exams/long papers).

**Readings Include:**
- Mills & Sanchez (2023) Crip Authorship
- Smilges (2023) Crip Negativity, (2022) Queer Silence
- Schalk (2022) Black Disability Politics
- Kim and Schalk (2021) “… A Crip-of-Color Critique”
- afer (2013) Feminist Queer Crip
- Brown and Knopp (2006) "Queering the Map"

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