

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"*



Banner Alice Sheppard & Kitty Lunn with Infinity Dance Theater
Screen captures from Them video with Nyle DiMarco and Chella Man

To crip can mean to spin
"mainstream representations or
practices to reveal able-bodied
assumptions and exclusionary
effects."

Like queering, crippling 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"
Yergeau (2017) Authoring Autism: On Rhetoric & Neurological Queerness
afer (2013) Feminist Queer Crip
McRuer (2006) Crip Theory: ... Queerness and Disability
Giesecking (2020) A Queer New York
Brown and Knopp (2006) "Queering the Map"

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(Or possibly one evening/week.

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