

Queer Theory Response Paper Three

Deadline: Tuesday, November 15

In the third response paper, I would like you to consider the question of visibility/invisibility in relationship to the construction of categories of sexuality. How does our understanding of sexuality in different cultural contexts impact the politics of sexual liberation? When is sexuality rendered visible? How have issues of assimilation and the “epistemology of the closet” impacted the gay liberation movement? Consider the political movement for gay marriage, health care issues such as AIDS, and/or the differences between the homophile movement, gay liberation, and queer politics. Choose two or more of the essays we have read in the past few weeks, and write a **short critical response paper (2-5 pages)** in which you address one of these issues.

Possible Questions/Topics to Address:

- **Discuss the phenomenon of the closet and its continuing impact on GLBT identities**
- **Compare/contrast different cultural responses to AIDS and the difficulty of diagnosis and HIV prevention for health care professionals, considering the differences between “risk groups” and “risk behaviors.”**
- **What are the arguments for and against gay marriage? How do these resonate with what we have learned about the history of gay politics?**
- **What is the particular relationship of lesbianism to queer politics?**