

Tuesday Talks


PRESENTS

Dr. Lee Thorpe, Jr.
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Speaking on

“Does Sexuality Trouble Homophily? An Exploratory Study”

Dr. Thorpe investigates the role of sexual identity on homophily, and its effects on romantic partner selection. Homophily states that individuals tend to befriend and seek romantic partners who are most similar to themselves based on social characteristics (i.e., birds of a feather flock together). The majority of the homophily literature focuses on heterosexual friendships and coupling. Recently, homophily research has included sexual identity in their analyses. However, recent studies have only investigated friendship formation/bonds for lesbians and describing certain racial coupling types for individuals based on their sexual identity. He fills the lacuna in research by exploring LGBTQ+ individuals decision-making processes when determining who to date. Dr. Thorpe incorporates queer theories (queer theory, queer of color critique, and queer sociology) to understand how sexual identity may alter homophily patterns. He explains how sexual identity influences homophily by race/ethnicity, social class, education, age, sexual identity, politics, religion, and geography.




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Tuesday, February 18, 2025

5pm-6:30pm

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