

Intersectionality and Characterization Resources

None of us are All One Thing. We exist at the intersection of many identities.

- Kimberlé Crenshaw coined the term “intersectionality” in her insightful 1989 essay: [Demarginalizing the Intersection of Race and Sex: A Black Feminist Critique of Antidiscrimination Doctrine, Feminist Theory and Antiracist Politics by Kimberlé Crenshaw](#)
 - "Consider an analogy to traffic in an intersection, coming and going in all four directions. Discrimination, like traffic through an intersection, may flow in one direction, and it may flow in another. If an accident happens in an intersection, it can be caused by cars traveling from any number of directions and, sometimes, from all of them. Similarly, if a Black woman is harmed because she is in an intersection, her injury could result from sex discrimination or race discrimination. . . . But it is not always easy to reconstruct an accident: Sometimes the skid marks and the injuries simply indicate that they occurred simultaneously, frustrating efforts to determine which driver caused the harm."
- [Kimberlé Crenshaw: On Intersectionality - Keynote from WOW Festival 2016](#) [video]
- [Why intersectionality can't wait](#) By Kimberlé Crenshaw
- [Intersectionality Primer at The Washington Post](#)
- [Tumblr thread on the atonement of women/people of color/lgbt people](#)

Suggested Books:

- [Writing the Other: A Practical Approach](#) by Nisi Shawl and Cynthia Ward
- [About Writing: Seven Essays, Four Letters, & Five Interviews](#) by Samuel R. Delany
- [Write Characters Your Readers Won't Forget](#) by Stant Litore