

2SLGBTQ+ POVERTY IN CANADA PAUVRETÉ DES PERSONNES 2SLGBTQ+ AU CANADA

Making the Links: Poverty, Oppression, and 2SLGBTQs

Intersectionality: Is Poverty the Missing Link? International Conference

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Overview



- Intersectionality within 2SLGBTQ+ Communities
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Intersectionality within 2SLGBTQ+ Communities



- 2SLGBTQ+ communities are not monolithic
- An intersection of social locations:
 - Age
 - (dis)Ability
 - Ethnicity
 - Race
 - Gender Identity and Expression
 - Sexual Orientation
 - Newcomer Status
 - Class

Specific Challenges for 2SLGBTQ+ Populations

- Housing and Food Insecurity
- Stigmatization
- Discrimination
- Marginalization
- Poverty
- Intergenerational Trauma



Dispelling Myths, Addressing Gaps



- Disproportionate attention on affluence
- Not enough attention to socio-economic problems

Implications of Internal/External Oppression



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Internal Implications:

- Sense of self and contributions to society are diminished when struggling with poverty
- Ability to participate in the 2SLGBTQ+ communities is limited given how commercialized these communities have become

External Implications:

- 2SLGBTQ+ populations rarely are considered when poverty is being examined
- Lack of policy, funding, programming, and services to address the unique needs of 2SLGBTQ+ people

2SLGBTQ+ Poverty in Canada Study



 First national study to examine the prevalence and effects of poverty on 2SLGBTQ+ populations in Canada

• Awarded \$2.5 million by the SSHRC-funded Partnership Grant

- Study Length: 6 years (2022 2028)
- Extension Year: 1 year (2022 2029)

Full Team Membership:

- Academics 23
- Indigenous Elder 1
- Community Partners 20
- Research Assistants 8
- Community Advisory Board 13
- Postdoctoral Fellows 2
- Peer Researchers 12
- Staff 2
- Total 81

Study Methods & Knowledge Mobilization



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Methods:

- •Quantitative Survey
- •Qualitative Interviews, Focus Groups
- •Mixed Methods Combining the Stats and Narratives

Knowledge Mobilization:

•Sharing findings in meaningful ways (community, academia, politicians, policy makers)

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