

On Being and Seeing: Transgender Experience in Writing Centers

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Queering the Writing Center

Harry Denny

The Writing Center Journal, Vol. 30, No. 1, An Alternative History (Spring 2010), pp. 95-124

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...(and perhaps as a consequence of its absence) is the need to include the perspective of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender studies (or what some have come to call "queer theory"). This intellectual 96...

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Introduction to "Queering the Writing Center"



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Unicorn Status, Queer Activism, and Bullied Laboring: LGBTQ Writing Center Directors Reflect On Invisible Work

Travis Webster

The Writing Center Journal, Vol. 39, No. 1/2, 40th Anniversary Special Double Issue (2021), pp. 97-118

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...Reflect On Invisible Work Abstract This article showcases interviews with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) writing center directors about their administrative work. In it, findings reveal that participant work distinctly departs from recent empirical writing center research about labor (Geller & Denny, 2013; Caswell, Grutsch...





On Being and Seeing

- Critique the gap in scholarship
- Add my perspective (narrative sections)
- Call for increased support and awareness

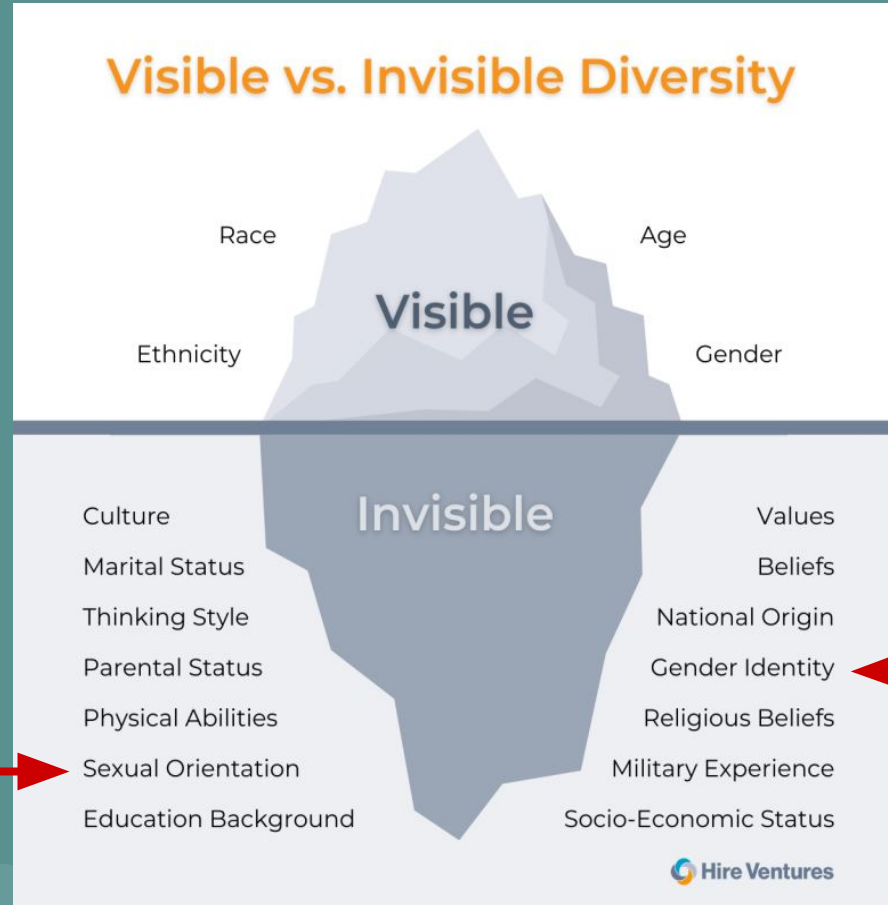


Robert Toynton, “Invisible Other”

- **Queer identity:
invisible and
marginalized**
- **Academic disruption**
- **Emotional burden**

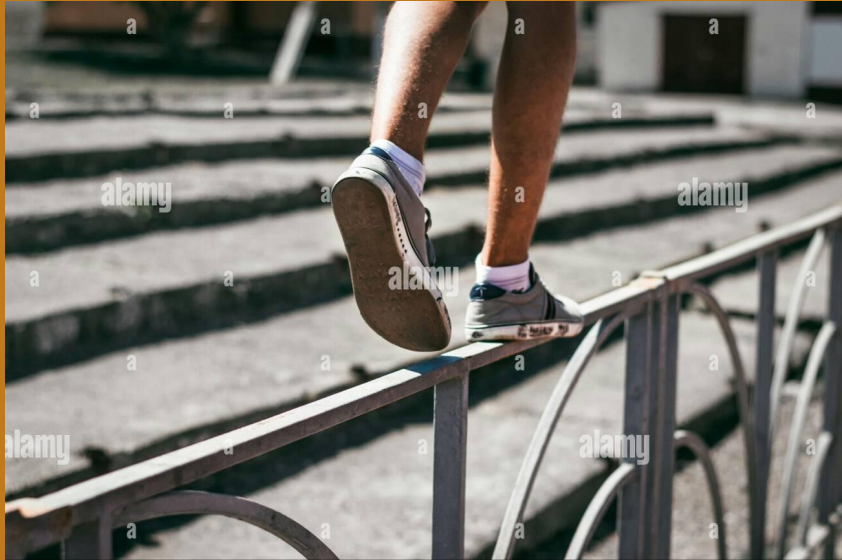
Invisible Identity

“While everyone who interacts is involved in some level of emotional work, the queer, through being both other and invisible, is subjected to a burden of emotional work of a different order of magnitude to that of the privileged majority.”
(Toynton 2006)



Writing Center Work

“LGBTQ+ consultants...often must negotiate these tricky personal and professional boundaries” (Herrmann 2017)



“Tutors also must contend with disclosing their own components of identity” Denny Queering the Writing Center 2010

Coming Out

“the hurt, marginalisation and impact on the self-esteem of the queer individual caused by the lack of a challenge is no less real for itself being invisible.” (Toynton 2006)

Toynton: Teachers should be out because we need representation in classrooms

Dickerson and Rylander:
Should consultants come out?



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Trans Experience



~~Transgendered~~
Transgender



Cultural Context

**“Writing centers exist in institutions and in a sociocultural context in which tensions must be navigated; they are of this world and must exist in it.”
(Denny, “Of Queers, Jeers, and Fears” 2019)**

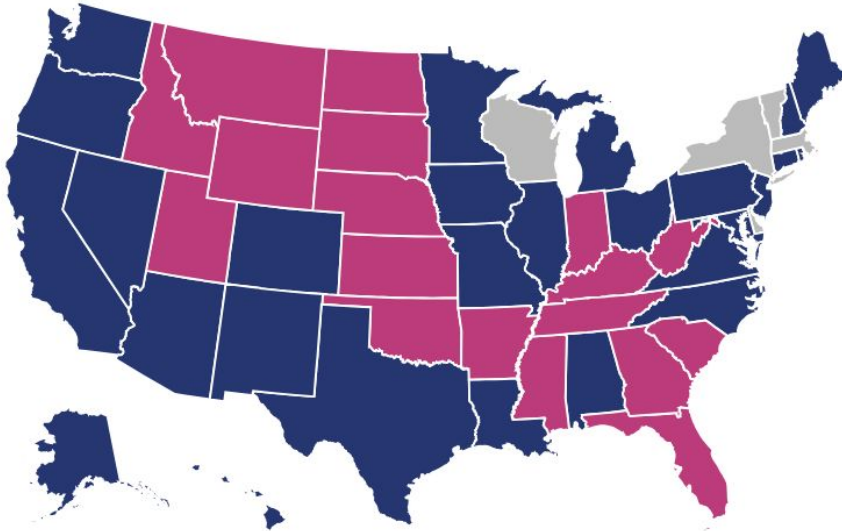


2023 Anti-Trans Legislation

Use the tools below to track the anti-trans legislation proposed this year. [Take Action](#) to prevent these bills from passing. Visit the [Terminology](#) page to learn more about bill types and statuses.

45 states have proposed anti-trans bills in 2023

■ Bills pending ⓘ ■ Bills signed into law ⓘ ■ Bills prevented from advancing ⓘ ■ No bills ⓘ



Beaten, Stabbed And Shot: 320 Trans People Killed In 2023 - New Monitoring Report

Jamie Wareham Contributor ⓘ

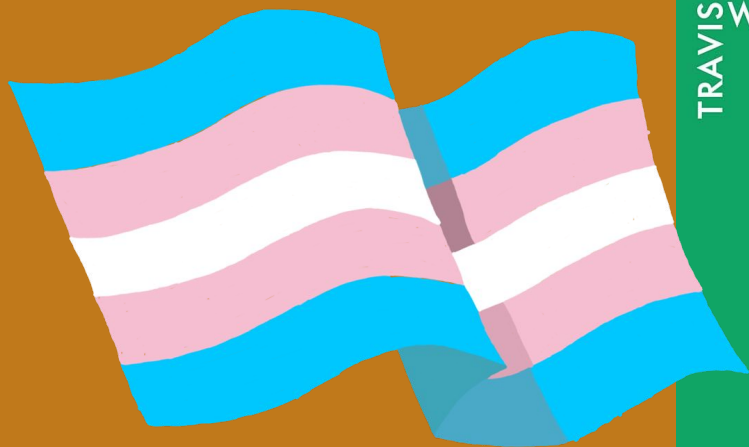
Founder, QueerAF - I report on LGBTQ+ life, identities and being queer

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Kindness

“Maybe their kid in fifteen years comes out as trans, and they're not happy about it, and they wish it weren't the case. But maybe they'll remember me and think, 'Maybe I don't have to be scared that my kid is going to be unhappy and be beaten up or whatever.' I'm not a director who gets up on the pulpit. I will if somebody asks me to. But mostly it's so just, if you're in somebody's life, make sure you're doing whatever it is so that when they wake up tomorrow morning, the first thing they think of isn't, 'I don't know why I should get up.'” (‘Jack,’ Queerly Centered)

Thank you!

