Queer and Crip Spatialities GEOG 672 Spring 2025

Queer and Crip are not only identity categories, but verbs. Both refer to applying a queer/LGBTQ+ or disability-justice perspective, and:

To queer is to challenge dominant cis-hetero-sexist and binary norms, and to complicate "the taken-for-granted heteronormativity of everyday practices, spaces, and discourses"*



To crip can mean to "reveal ablebodied assumptions and exclusionary effects."

Like queering, cripping includes regular everyday ways to push back against harmful norms, care for each other, and preserve our wellbeing.*

This class celebrates the queer (LGBTQIAP2s+, GNCP, NB, etc.) and crip (disabled, and/or neurodivergent and chronically ill)

All authors identify as both LGBTQIAP+ and crip/neurodivergent/autistic or autigender or neuroqueer.

Plus... no long papers, no exams, no textbooks!

Readings Include:

Smilges (2023) Crip Negativity

Schalk (2022) Black Disability Politics

Piepzna-Samarasinha (2022) The Future Is Disabled

Gieseking (2020) A Queer New York

Yergeau (2017) Authoring Autism

Kafer (2013) Feminist Queer Crip

McRuer (2006) Crip Theory: ... Queerness and Disability

And podcasts, videos, comics, and graphic novels!

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Wed 6:00-8:30 PM

online (and/or hybrid)

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