6.2 - Intersex History Through 1950

Objective:

The personal is political. We reflect on how heterosexuality and the gender binary have deep roots in Westernization and colonization. We use our collective experience to develop a lens by which to understand intersex history. This section will cover:

1. Disrupting the Greek myth of Hermaphrodite
2. Indigenous recognition of sex variations
3. Colonial frameworks and hermaphrodites
4. Medical approaches to intersex embodiment

Core Readings:

*Alice Dreger, Hermaphrodites and The Medical Invention of Sex

*Jules Gil-Peterson, Histories of the Transgender Child (Chapters 1-3)

*Hil Malatino, Queer Embodiment: Monstrosity, Medical Violence, and Intersex Experience (Chapter 3)

Elizabeth Reis, Impossible Hermaphrodites: Intersex in America, 1620-1960

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