6.4 - From Intersex Rights to Intersex Justice

Objective:

Beginning with the Intersex Society of North America in 1993, intersex people began to find one another and share stories of medical violence, shame, secrecy, but also righteous anger. In this section, we will look at the shift from intersex representation, which was largely white and middle class, to a movement toward intersex justice, which incorporated disability, Black and people of color, sex workers and people with different intersex traits.

Core Readings:

Cheryl Chase, Hermaphrodites with Attitude: Mapping the Emergence of Intersex Political Activism

Rubin, Wolff, and Swarr, Creating Intersex Justice: Interview with Sean Saifa Wall and Pidgeon Pagonis of the Intersex Justice Project

David Rubin, Anger, Aggression, Attitude: Intersex Rage as Biopolitical Protest,

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Finding Joy through Black intersex resistance

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Videos:

Tiger Devore interview with Oprah Winfrey

Hermaphrodites Speak!

What Does Intersex Mean?

Buzzfeed, What It's Like to Be Intersex

Hermaphrodites with Attitude Protest

Trailer for Every Body film by Julie Cohen

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