

Introduction to Queer Studies

PERSONAL NARRATIVE ASSIGNMENT

Due Monday, March 21, by the beginning of class as a Microsoft Word Attachment. This essay should reach five pages in length. Double-space everything. Use a standard-sized font and regular margins. Title your narrative.



Narrate and analyze an incident from your personal experience that taught you something about sexuality, whether your own or someone else's. While formal writing is not a requirement, this essay should be thesis-driven: you are to make a claim about sexuality, using personal experience as evidence. There are no limitations on what forms of sexuality you can discuss.

A single incident, rich in concrete detail, will work better than bare-facts summary. The incident does not have to be a life-changing, momentous event (though it can be): what matters is that you can fully demonstrate that it matters to you, even if in a small way.

I have no intention of sharing these narratives in class, or with anyone else, so whatever you say is what you feel comfortable with me hearing. At the same time, I am not grading on a scale of outrageousness: what matters is how well you can marshal evidence to back up your claim.