Open Data, Diversity Data: Diversity Scholars and Campus Library Research Data Services

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Agenda

1. Research
2. Toolkit
3. Partnership & (Potential) Applications
Research

- Problem statement
- Support
- Research
  - Partnership & Research sample
  - Mixed methods
- Toolkit
Research question

“What implications do Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility considerations have for best practices in each step of the data lifecycle?”
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Framework for Diversity Scholarship

Diversity Scholarship is research and scholarship that broadly seeks to:

- **inform** understanding of historical and contemporary issues of social inequality across societal contexts and life domains
- **illuminate** the challenges and opportunities that arise when individuals from different backgrounds and frames of reference come together in significant societal contexts
- **inform** our understanding of systems of power and privilege and their interactions with groups historically underrepresented and marginalized based on identities
- **highlight** the experiences of disenfranchised populations, whose narratives have traditionally been relegated to the outer periphery of intellectual inquiry and academic scholarship
- **foreground** the knowledge systems, assets and resources, and cultural strengths of members of historically marginalized communities
National Center for Institutional Diversity

- Supports programming and resources for scholars committed to diversity and diversifying the academy, either through their research, teaching, or service
- Existing working relationship; partnership borne out of recognition of need for resources for diversity scholars
- Partnership as model for possible collaborations to address real needs
- Provided access to sample and expertise of NCID staff
Diversity Scholars Network (DSN)

- Scholarly community of over 900 “diversity scholars” across the country and some international
- Consists primarily of assistant professors, but also includes a number of senior scholars, postdoctoral fellows, faculty of practice, and research faculty/staff. Members are required to be affiliated with an institution at the time of their application.
- Represent a wide variety of disciplines and methodologies
Diversity Scholars Network (DSN) (cont.)

- DSN members are supported through community building and networking opportunities, having their scholarship highlighted and promoted publicly by NCID, programming and workshops, and publication and grant opportunities.
Survey Findings: Question 1

- No correlation found between demographics and likelihood of using a toolkit:
  - 131/140 respondents “somewhat likely” or “very likely” to use

- Biggest anticipated barrier:
  - Time and resources (83/140)
### What toolkit resources would diversity researchers find most useful?

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Examples of Useful Resources for Diversity Scholars

On this page you will find resources that may be useful to diversity scholars whether they are currently conducting research or not. The resources are listed in no specific order. Additionally, you are welcome to complete the form and request further resources provided.

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Applications/Implications

- Context change in the middle of project timeline (COVID-19, Movement for Black Lives)
- Resources can help frame and model just data practices for future and current research inside and outside of academic settings
- Important to consider specific needs of data from vulnerable populations
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Proposed resources

Chicago Beyond’s *Why am I always being researched?*
- Use during data planning
- Focuses on approaching data ownership, use, and co-creation

Open Data Institute’s *Data Ethics Canvas*
- Use to prepare for data sharing
- Focuses on context and intention behind data collection and use for new audiences
Planned dissemination

- Sharing research, toolkit
- Talking about how best to reach intended audience
- Feedback and closing the loop
Further information

- **Project site:** https://um-deia-data-toolkit.github.io/home/index.html
- **LYRASIS White paper:** http://dx.doi.org/10.7302/10
- Forthcoming: toolkit, publications, data, bibliography
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Thank you!
## Important data lifecycle stages: comfortable vs. uncomfortable

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