

Introduction:

Black Feminist Sociology Is the Past, Present and Future of Sociology. Period.

Origins & Ethos



Black feminist sociology (BFS) cultivates knowledge about and from Black women. Incorporating intersectional analyses, BFS is informed by **"living and archived history"** to move toward systematic changes in service of equity and abolition (p. 6). BFS draws from activists, academics, and the women who raised, taught, and cared for us. Truth and knowledge arise from homes and personal experiences beyond academic walls. This volume focuses on **ethics of truth and transparency** to validate different forms of knowledge production.

Layout of the Book



Black Feminist Sociology: Perspectives and Praxis is a **"timely, accessible, and intellectually stimulating conversation"** (p. 5) in five parts:

Part 1: Revisiting Legacies of BFS & How They Ground Us

Part 2: BFS Communities & How They Speak to Us

Part 3: BFS Epistemologies & What They Reveal to Us

Part 4: BFS Methodologies & What They Teach Us

Part 5: Imagining BFS Futures & What They Create for Us

Guiding Questions



- How will Black feminist thought affect sociological theory and research?
- Who will be included in the BFS canon?
- What are the best guiding principles, theories, and methods for doing BFS? How can these be practically applied?
- What are the risks and rewards of practicing Black feminist sociology (p. 5)?
- How can BFS care for others while challenging them when needed?

Words to Remember



"[...] BFS seeks to divulge not only what is behind the veil, but reveals what personhoods, motivations, challenges and triumphs lie underneath the surface of standard, positivist approaches to sociology and beyond academic walls and ivory towers" (p. 7-8).

BFS is meant to "escalate kindness, grace, support, uplift, reflection, care" and to ensure no one has a burden they must bear alone (p. 11). To enjoy the work we do, we must and concentrate on listening to criticism and give grace to everyone we work with (including ourselves).

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