Special Issue

Considering Black Womanhood: Representation in American Media, Arts, and Culture

Message from the Guest Editors

We invite submissions that reach beyond widely accepted cisgender heteronormative constructions of black womanhood including the changing nature of representations of black womanhood over the past few decades. Some questions to explore are: How do different media, including digital media, portray black women? What can be said about the representation of black women artists? How does sex work contribute to the discourse surrounding the hypersexualization of black women? Do black women exist in augmented reality? How does the performance of black womanhood intersect with other categories of identity? We are also interested in questions that deal with the racialized and sexualized labor of caring, silent classism in mainstream black social movements, black women and trauma, and black motherhood. We invite you to critique, interrogate, and consider black womanhood in online spaces, television, film, popular culture, politics, journalism, art, and other experiences.

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