# INTERSECTIONAL FILM

## KEY TERMS.

AFAB	Assigned female at birth
AMAB	Assigned male at birth
Ally	A person of one social identity group who stands up in support of members of another group; typically a member of a dominant group standing beside member(s) of a group being discriminated against or treated unjustly
Cisgender	Denoting or relating to a person whose self-identity conforms with the gender that corresponds to their biological sex; not transgender.
Colonial Masculinity	On one hand it's the scripts given to White, European, Colonising men. A masculinity defined against the behaviours of colonial subjects who could be considered men. At the same time, it's the scripts beaten, disciplined into colonial subjects of what a colonised male subject should be, do, aspire to.
Critical Race Theory	A theoretical framework in the social sciences focused upon the application of critical theory, a critical examination of society and culture, to the intersection of race, law, and power. CRT proposes that white supremacy and racial power are maintained over time, and that the law may play a role in this process and investigated the possibility of transforming the relationship between law and racial power.
Cultural Appropriation	This almost always involves members of the dominant culture (or those who identify with it) "borrowing" from the cultures of minority groups.
Diaspora	Scattered populations whose origins lie within a smaller geographic locale. Diaspora can also refer to the movement of the population from its original homeland.
Black	A member of a dark-skinned people, especially one of African, Australian and Caribbean Aboriginal ancestry. A term used in certain countries, often in socially based systems of racial classification or of ethnicity.
Black Masculinity	"Black masculinity is defined in three over arching categories: perception, expectation, and representation. It is impossible to define Black masculinity without addressing the stereotypes that are attributed to the portrayals of Black men in our society". - Audre Lorde.

Black Feminism	The belief that sexism, class oppression, gender identity and racism are impossible to separate. These concepts relate to each other through intersectionality
Brown	Brown or brown people is a racial and ethnic classification. Like black people and white people, it is a metaphor for race based on human skin color In Brazil, brown people is a cognate term for pardo
Desi	A term referring to something or someone who is from the Indian subcontinent. The Indian subcontinent is comprised of the following major countries: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, and the Maldives.
LGBTQIA	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex and Asexual
Equality	A state in which all individuals or social groups are treated fairly, equally and no less favourably; be it by virtue of their race, gender, disability, religion or belief, sexual orientation or age. Equality stands for inclusion and is against discrimination.
Fascism	A form of radical authoritarian nationalism that came to prominence in early 20th-century Europe, influenced by national syndicalism. Fascism originated in Italy during World War I and spread to other European countries.
Female	The biological term for the sex of an organism, referring to animals and humans or plants. The sex of most mammals, including humans, is genetically determined by XX for females.
Female Masculinity	A new understanding of masculine behaviors and identities which go against the societal norm of embodying masculinity.
Feminism	Fight for equality of all genders.
Femininity	A set of behaviours, presentations and roles which are culturally associated with being a woman and/or possessing female sex characteristics. People of any gender identity or sexual orientation can be feminine, but those who are assigned female at birth often experience societal pressure to be so.
Gender	Gender refers to a person's experience of their identity relative to the categories of masculinity and femininity and any other genders recognised by their society. Every person's gender is a complex and unique experience, and it can be difficult to express this gender to others.

Gender Fluid	A gender identity which refers to a gender which varies over time. A gender fluid person may at any time identify as male, female, neutrois, or any other non-binary identity, or some combination of identities.
Gender Queer	Gender queer is an umbrella term with a similar meaning to non- binary. It can be used to describe any gender identities other than man and woman, thus outside of the gender binary.
Hypermasculinity	Term for the exaggeration of male stereotypical behavior, such as an emphasis on physical strength, aggression, and sexuality.
Heteronormative	The belief that people can only fall into distinct and complementary genders (man and woman) with fixed traditional gender roles. It assumes that heterosexuality is the only sexual orientation or the only norm.
Hegemonic masculinity	Is defined as the current configuration of practice that legitimizes men's dominant position in society and which justifies the subordination of women, and other marginalized ways of being a man. AKA Toxic Masculinity
Homohysteria	Is the fear of being thought queer because of behavior that is typically considered gender atypical.
Intersectional	Is a concept often used in critical theories to describe the ways in which oppressive institutions (racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, xenophobia, classism, etc.) are interconnected and cannot be examined separately from one another. The concept first came from legal scholar Kimberlé Crenshaw in 1989 and is largely used in critical theories, especially Feminist theory, when discussing systematic oppression. When possible, credit Kimberlé Crenshaw for coining the term "intersectionality" and bringing the concept to wider attention
Intersectional Feminism	A perspective within feminism that doesn't exclude people from the movement based on their Gender, Race and Class.
Intersex	An intersex person has sex characteristics e.g. sexual anatomy, reproductive organs, and/or chromosome patterns that do not fit the typical definition of male or female. This may be apparent at birth or become so later in life.
Inclusive Masculinity	Men becoming more inclusive within their gender.
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Racism	The belief that all members of each race possess characteristics, abilities, or qualities specific to that race, especially so as to distinguish it as inferior or superior to another race/s.
Male	The biological term for a sex of an organism, referring to animals and humans or plants. The sex of most mammals, including humans, is genetically determined by XY for males.
Male Gaze	Showing or watching events or looking at women from a man's point of view
Man	Is a gender identity which is part of the gender binary. Man is a term used for adults, and corresponds to the terms boy (for children), male (adjective) and masculinity.
Masculinity	Is a set of behaviours, presentations and roles which are culturally associated with being a man and/or possessing male sex characteristics. People of any gender identity or sexual orientation can be masculine, but those who are assigned male at birth often experience societal pressure to be so. Transgender people who are masculine may be described as transmasculine.
Manhood	The notion of manhood is exclusively concerned with the concept of being the 'breadwinner', which agitates hierarchical structures, provoking one to be 'tough' and stimulates phrases such as "act like a man", which is, by far, more complex than just an 'act'.
Marginalise	To relegate to the fringes, out of the mainstream; make seem unimportant: to place in a position of marginal importance, influence, or power.
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Masculinity Bias	Bias toward the observation of/interviews with males in a culture.
Matriarchy	A form of social organization in which the mother or oldest female is the head of the family, and descent and relationship are reckoned through the female line; government or rule by a woman or women

Resistant femininity	Women embodying resistant femininity reject the conventional norms of femininity in society and adopt liberated lifestyles and identities.
Queer	An umbrella term for sexual and gender minorities that are not heterosexual and/or cisgender.
QTIPOC	Queer Trans and Intersex People of Colour
Pro Black	Definition of PRO: For; in respect of; on account of; in behalf of. Thus, to be pro-Black doesn't mean to be anti-white.
Prejudice	Hatred towards someone based on their identity. Example: An oppressed person of colour can be prejudice against privileged races but cannot be racist.
Privilege	A special right, advantage, or immunity granted or available only to a particular person or group.
Political Blackness	Political blackness is the idea that all non-white people can define themselves under one term: black.
POC	People of Colour
Pedagogies Of Social Justice	The art of teaching through the lenses of Social Justice. This includes utilising an intersectional approach to race, gender, faith, disability, class
Patriarchy	A social system in which Males hold primary power, predominate in roles of political leadership, moral authority, social privilege and control of property at the specific exclusion of men, at least to a large degree.
Oppression	When a person or a group of people are subjected to unfair treatment by those in positions of power.
Non -Binary	A form of gender identity which reject the gender binary.
Muslim	A follower of the religion of Islam.
Mixedraceness	A person that descends of two or more different races; also known as mixed, biracial or multiracial.
Misogynoir	A term referring to misogyny directed towards Black women, where race and gender both play roles in bias.
Misogyny	Hatred of, contempt for, or prejudice against women or girls. Misogyny can be manifested in numerous ways, including social exclusion, sex discrimination, hostility, androcentrism, patriarchy, male privilege, belittling of women, violence against women, and sexual objectification.

Representation         Refers to equality in opportunity and visibility. For example, representative media is media that is reflective of the variety of races, cultures, genders or religions that its entire readership belongs to.           Social Justice         Social justice is the fair and just relation between the individual and society.           Stereotyping         When you judge a group of people who are different from you based on your own and/or others opinions and/or encounters.           Trans-Man         Someone who is both a man and transgender/transsexual. Trans men were assigned female at birth but their gender identity is male.           Trans-Masculine         A term used to describe transgender people who were assigned female at birth, but identify with masculinity to a greater extent than with femininity.           White Feminism         "White feminism is a set of beliefs that allows for the exclusion of issues that specifically affect women of color. It is one size-fits all feminism, not an indictment of every individual White feminist, everywhere, always." Cate Batt/Mamzelle           White Privilege         "An invisible package of unearned assets that I can count on cashing in each day, but about which I was "meant"" to remain oblivious. White privilege is like an invisible weightless knapsack of special provisions, maps, passports, codebooks, visas, clothes, tools, and blank checks: "Peggy McIntosh"           White supremacy         An ideology centered upon the belief, and promotion of the belief, that white people are superior. It is argued by critical race theorist that all white people have a level of white supremacy values because of the media, education and politics have embedded whiteness as superior in soc		
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## FILM RECOMMENDATIONS.

Sins Invalid: An Unashamed Claim to Beauty Directed By Patricia Berne and Leroy F. Moore Jr

Salt of the Sea (2008) Directed By Annemarie Jacir

Where Do We Go Now (2011) Directed By Nadine Labaki

Circumstance (2011) Directed By Maryam Keshavarz

A Jihad for Love (2007) Directed By Parvez Sharma

City of Borders (2009) Directed By Yun Suh

Mind/Game: The Unquiet Journey of Chamique Holdsclaw (2015) Directed By Rick Goldsmith

Dear White People (2014) Directed By Justin Simien

Belle (2013) Directed By Amma Asante

Our Homeland (2012) Directed By Yang Yong Hi

Tokyo Story (1953) Directed By Yasujiro Ozu

Tangerine (2015) Directed By Sean S Baker A Girl Like Me (2005) Directed By Kiri Davis

l am (2010) Directed By Onir

Skin (2008) Directed By Anthony Fabian

The Catch and Death by Hanging (1968) Directed By Nagisa Oshima

Imitation of Life (1959) Directed By Douglas Sirk

When I Came Home (2006) Directed By Dan Lohaus

A Patch of Blue (1965) Director: Guy Green

Hidden Figures (2016) Directed By Theodore Melfi

Whale Rider (2002) Directed By Niki Caro

Storme: Lady of the Jewel Box (1987) Directed By Michelle Parkerson

Baadasssss Cinema (2002) Directed By Isaac Julien

The Body Beautiful (1990) Directed By Ngozi Onwurah

13th (2016) Directed By Ava DuVernay

#### Farewell China (1990) Directed By Clara Law

Princess and the Frog (2009) Directed By Ron Clements and John Musker

In the Time of Butterflies (2001) Directed By Mariano Barroso

Persepolis (2007) Directed By Marjane Satrapi

Cecile Emeke's wonderful Web series "ackee & saltfish" (2012): https://www.youtube.com watch?v=xw6rGcFCBmA

## Online Videos:

Intersectionality 101: https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=w6dnj2lyYjE

Kimberle Crewnshaw on Intersectionality: Ted talk: https://www.ted.com/talks/ kimberle\_crenshaw\_the\_urgency\_of\_ intersectionality

Women of the World (WOW): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DW4HLgYPIA

Akala on "Every Day Racism" https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=uZUvjAJGFkM

Mona Chalabi "Is Britain Racist?" https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=rP100qDliec

## Podcast Recommendations.

#### .femm

"Conversations about art, design, technology, queer things, and feminism between Hannah Patellis (@ hannahpatellis) and Dany Gonzalez (@ ohlookitsdany). The .femm podcast is a feminist cyberqueer nerd palooza where design, technology, and intersectional feminism collide."

http://www.podbean.com/podcastdetail/6kn4e-3cf30/femm

#### Melanin Millennials

"Imrie and Satia are Black Women from London. As Melanin Millennials the ladies discuss everything topical from pop culture, millennial struggles to Black Twitter with a distinct British point of view."

https://soundcloud.com/ melaninmillennials

#### Another Round With Heben And Tracy

A buzzfeed podcast discussing anything and everything an intersectional feminist would want: "from race, gender and pop culture to squirrels, mangoes, and bad jokes, all in one boozy show."

https://soundcloud.com/ anotherroundwithhebenandtracy

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# HELPFUL ORGANISATIONS.

## AAPF

The African American Policy Forum (AAPF) is an innovative think tank that connects academics, activists and policy-makers to promote efforts to dismantle structural inequality. We utilize new ideas and innovative perspectives to transform public discourse and policy. We promote frameworks and strategies that address a vision of racial justice that embraces the intersections of race, gender, class, and the array of barriers that disempower those who are marginalized in society. AAPF is dedicated to advancing and expanding racial justice, gender equality, and the indivisibility of all human rights, both in the U.S. and internationally.

#### **Black Blossoms**

Black Blossoms highlights the voices of Black Women by hosting regular events which Black Women are the centre of the conversation. blackblossoms.org // @BlackBlossomss

#### **Black British Academics**

Black British Academics are an independent organisation working proactively to enhance race equality across the higher education sector. www.blackbritishacademics.co.uk // @BLACKBAcademics

#### Consented

Consented is a multi-media platform for those who aren't accurately represented by the mainstream. Consented was founded in 2015 as an independent project looking to add more diversity to the status quo through our website and our Youtube channel. Based in London with contributors from around the world, Consented welcomes the ideas of any who want to break the mantra of the norm. If you have any questions, requests, media inquiries, contributions, comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us here. Consented accept comments, criticisms and contribution. Keep up to date with all our work here by signing up to our newsletter. www.consented.co.uk

#### www.colorlines.com

A News and Current Events website run by Race Forward.

## For Harriet

For Harriet is an online community for women of African ancestry. We encourage women, through storytelling and journalism, to engage in candid, revelatory dialogue about the beauty and complexity of Black womanhood. We aspire to educate, inspire, and entertain.

www.forharriet.com//@ForHarriet

#### Huffington Post: Black Voices

A voice for black people in the news. www.huffingtonpost.com/section/black-voices

#### JawaabUK

Building a grassroots youth movement against hate, racism, and Islamophobia. jawaab.org.uk // @JawaabUK

### Media Diversified

Media Diversified is a young and growing non-profit organisation which seeks to cultivate and promote skilled writers of colour by providing advice and contacts and by promoting content online through its own platform. Live since July 2013, the initiative is already diversifying the UK's media landscape, providing important, challenging and original content which contributes to ongoing global discussions on issues of social justice, equality, gender, politics, economics and pop culture. www.patreon.com/MediaDiversified // @WritersofColour

#### Media Justice

Media Justice is a long-term vision to democratize the economy, government, and society through policies and practices that ensure: democratic media ownership, fundamental communication rights; universal media and technology access, and meaningful, accurate representation within news and popular culture for everyone. Media Justice has been achieved when the media and cultural environment results in connected communities, fair economies, racial justice and human rights for all people, and lifts up the voices of communities of color, low-income families, low-wage workers, LGBT communities, women, and all those whose voices are raised, but remain unheard. centerformediajustice.org

#### www.truth-out.org

People of color, women and trans people are encouraged to submit.

#### www.voice-online.co.uk

"Keep up to date with news stories, unique features, sports, entertainment, events in your area, exclusive interviews, special offers and much more from Britain's leading black newspaper."

### Son of Baldwin

Winner of the 2014 Black Weblog Award for Best LGBT Blog Inspired by the incomparable work of authors James Baldwin, Toni Morrison, Alice Walker, Marlon Riggs, Audre Lorde, Joseph Beam and other progressive thinkers and literary figures, Son of Baldwin is the literary, sociopolitical, psychosexual, popcultural blog exploring, critically, issues that matter to queer people of color and their allies. We discuss matters of race, sexuality, gender, gender-identity, disability, class, and the intersections thereof.

FB & Tw: sonofbaldwinfb

#### Sisters Uncut

"Sisters Uncut is a feminist direct-action collective. This means we do not share one "type" of feminism, but are united by a desire to campaign for better domestic violence services."

www.sistersuncut.org

## Vox

Vox explains the news and the world around you. Making complex topics easier to understand, Vox candidly shepherds audiences through politics and policy, business and pop culture, food, science and everything else that matters. At its 2014 launch, the site amassed more than 5MM unique visitors in just over one month. Today it reaches more than ten times that audience through Vox.com, its award-winning videos, and on its top-ranked podcasts.

www.vox.com

## United Families & Friends Campaign

"The United Families and Friends Campaign (UFFC), is a coalition of those affected by deaths in police, prison and psychiatric custody, supports others in similar situations. Established in 1997 initially as a network of Black families, over recent years the group has expanded and now includes the families and friends of people from varied ethnicities who have also died in custody."

uffcampaign.org

## Twitter users to follow.

@UnmaskedWoman @blackqueenCol @AIAWC @bglhonline @ShequalityMatte @BlackGirlNerds @galdemzine @AllBlackWomen @BlackFems @spelmanmuseum
@projectfem4all
@WomenEnabled
@BlackTransMedia
@BlackTransWomen
@GNBlackPride
@centerblacklgbt
@bellhooks
@ForHarriet

## HASHTAGS TO FOLLOW.

#### #WhyWeCantWait and #BlackGirlsMatter

Are both hashtags utilised by Kimberle Cranshaw to raise awareness around the unequal treatment of black women, more specifically the abuse of black girls in public schools. The hugely disproportionate mistreatment of black girls highlights the intersection of both gendered and racial violence. The hashtag are aimed ultimately at elevating the life experiences of women and girls of colour and pushing for the incorporation of gender in our definition of racial justice. And for raising awareness of the fact that girls of colour face much harsher school discipline than their white peers but are excluded from current efforts to address the school-to-prison pipeline.

## #BlackLivesMatter

An activist movement created in the United States that began in the wake of the July 2013 acquittal of George Zimmerman in the Florida shooting death of African-American teen Trayvon Martin. The Black Lives Matter movement campaigns against police brutality in the United States against African-Americans and has presented a form of solidarity globally to the black experience with spin off hashtags worldwide.

## #BlackGirlMagic

"We're using it to celebrate ourselves because historically black women haven't had the type of support that other groups have... Black Girl Magic tries to counteract the negativity that we sometimes hold within ourselves and is sometimes placed on us by the outside world." Cashawn Thompson

Read more: http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-trending-35263240

## #BlackTransEverything

@BlackTransMedia reframes the value and worth of black trans people by building community/media/education for racial and gender justice

#### #Oscarssowhite

At the 2016 Oscars, only white actors and actresses were nominated for the 20 Academy Awards in the top four categories. For the second year in a row. Reports showed that in 2014, only 2% of Academy voters were black while 94% were white. Beyond the Academy, the hashtag focused attention on the lack of diversity in the film industry at large. Over the last 100 years, for example, only 15% of 'top film roles' have been given to minority actors.

#### #SandraBland

A vigil in the memory of Sandra Bland, a 28-year-old black woman who was found hanged in a jail cell in Waller County, Texas, on July 13, 2015. Her death was classified as a suicide by the county coroner and was followed by protests against her arrest disputing the cause of death and alleging racial violence against her.

## **#SAYHERNAME**

A Vigil in Memory of Black Women and Girls Killed by the Police

#### #GirlsLikeUs

"A space created by and for trans" women with the purpose of connecting, upLIFTing one another, and sharing resources and stories. It reaches across generations and color, location and socioeconomic standing, established by @janetmock in March 2012 to empower trans women to live visibly and connect in sisterhood and solidarity." --Janet Mock

#### #SolidarityIsForWhiteWomen

Sparked in 2013 by Hood Feminism blogger Mikki Kendall after Hugo Schwyzer, a gender studies professor and blogger based at Pasadena City College, admitted to having affairs with his students and silencing women of color bloggers on Twitter. Kendall argued that sites like Geministing and Jezebel had been complicit in Schwyzer's treatment of women of colour, telling the Guardian: ""When I launched the hashtag #SolidarityIsForWhiteWomen, I thought it would largely be a discussion between people impacted by the latest bout of problematic behavior from mainstream white feminists."

#### #YesAllWomen

After the mass shooting in 2014 on the University of California Santa Barbara campus, where Elliot Rodger murdered six people with explicitly misogynous intent, Twitter user (@Gildedspine started the hashtag for women to share their experiences with misogyny and violence. The hashtag was a play on the #NotAllMen hashtag, and subsequently inspired the #AllMenCan hashtag (which outlines ways men can be allies within feminist movements).

#### #RaceAnd

"#RaceAnd" is a special eight-part video series that explores the many ways that race compounds and intersects with all the other issues that impact people of color. Each video features an artist, activist or thinker sharing how their mix impacts their lives both personally and systemically. As featured subject Kay Ulanday Barrett puts it, we can't truly work toward racial justice if we "see race in a vacuum."

www.colorlines.com/articles/our-new-video-series-raceand-captures-essence-intersectionality

# UPCOMING EVENTS.

#### London Indian Film Festival

Europe's largest South Asian film festival returns for its 8th edition in ten great cinemas across London from 22 - 29 June, we're also screening synchronously in cinemas in Birmingham from 23 June - 02 July. We aim to bring you a carefully curated selection of the very best new Indian and South Asian independent cinema, which includes feature films, documentaries and short films by both acclaimed and new filmmakers. londonindianfilmfestival.co.uk

#### Artist's Talk: Sonia Boyce

12 Apr 2017 // 6:30 pm // Cinema 1 // £7.00 to £8.00

ICA exhibiting artist Sonia Boyce is in conversation with art historian Sophie Orlando discussing her work on the occasion of the exhibition Sonia Boyce: We move in her way. A new body of work created especially for the ICA, We move in her way involves the exploratory vocal and movement performances of Elaine Mitchener, Barbara Gamper and her dancers Eve Stainton, Ria Uttridge and Be van Vark, with an invited audience. The title of the work suggests two possible readings: that 'she' dictates our movements, or that we obstruct 'hers', with both interpretations suggesting power is at play. Here, Boyce and Orlando discuss the artist's participatory practice and this new work in which Boyce has invited others to engage performatively with improvisation.

#### Art and Identity with gal-dem

12 Mar 2017 // Archive Studio, Level 2, Blue side, Royal Festival Hall

Part of WOW – Women of the World

Create your own feminist artwork with two of gal-dem's editors, Heather Barrett and Suyin Haynes, who share the story of their collective and inspire you to explore the different forms of female identity.

www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/120679-art-and-identity-galdem-2017

#### Edinburgh Asian Film Festival (EAFeiff2017F)

#### 24th-26th March 2017

Since its conception Tongues on Fire (TOF) has devoted its life to showcasing South Asia through arts and independent film. With an 18-year history of producing the London Asian Film Festival, Tongues On Fire is about to embark on a new step in its evolution as a festival. TOF is delighted to announce that we are expanding the festival's reach to other cities throughout the UK. With audiences spanning across the country, TOF is excited to be bringing the finest selected independent Indian cinema to more doorsteps. www.tonguesonfire.com