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WELCOME

Welcome to the Inaugural INQYR Symposium!

We are delighted to welcome you to Mexico City! We can't think of a better place to host our first for our first international INQYR meeting!

Mexico City is known for its world-class arts and culture scene and thriving neighbourhoods. We anticipate an exciting time of exploration. We have planned an active schedule of working and socializing designed to develop our partnership. The International Partnership for Queer Youth Resilience (INQYR) is designed to leverage our knowledge and efforts and support our collective work to improve the lives of LGBTQ+ youth through our understanding of their intersectional and technology-enhanced experiences. We anticipate your contribution to INQYR! We are particularly excited to highlight the work of our regional networks, Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States and Mexico and to plan for our collective projects.

The energy and creativity of Mexico City will serve to inspire us in our quest to better understand and create a better world for our LGBTQ+ youth!

We are thrilled to welcome our first cohort of the International Student Training Network (ISTN) and host Mobilization LGBTQ+ Conocimiento: The INQYR Student Symposium (TISS-Mexico).

Enjoy Mexico City! You are here because we know that you will significantly contribute and your presence is an indication that you are committed to making a positive difference, not only in your own regional network, but throughout the world.

We are honoured to be supported by Canada's Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and are grateful for their investment in the wellbeing of LGBTQ+ Youth through support of the work of INQYR.

As the host committee, we have worked extremely hard to create this event. This is truly a labour of love. We are here to help. Please contact us if you have any questions.

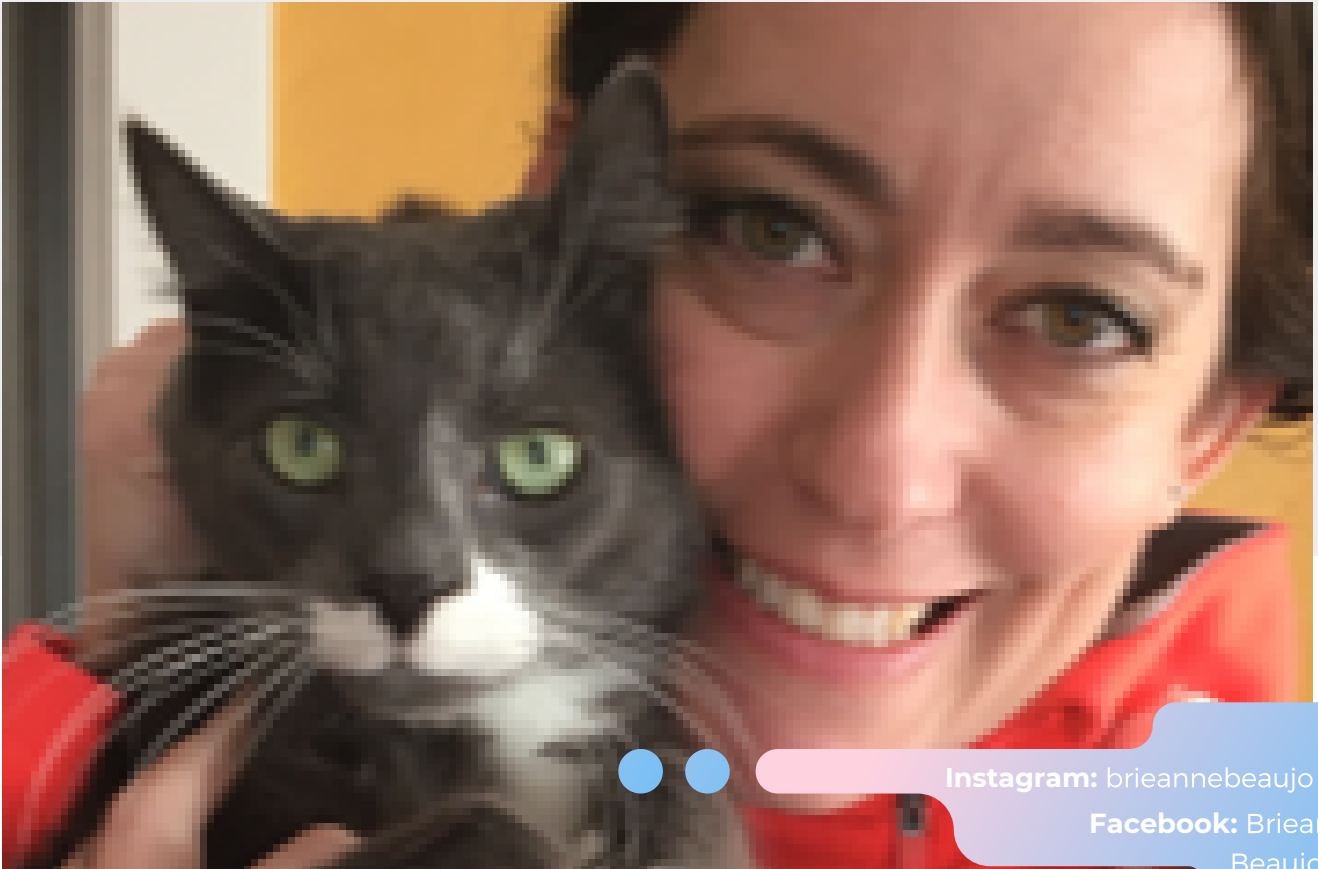
Thank you for effort and energy on behalf of INQYR!

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What degree are you currently pursuing?

PhD in Social Work. I recently completed my candidacy and have started to work on my dissertation proposal.

What made you choose to work in the field of gender and sexualities?

I became particularly passionate about gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and promoting wellness and recovery for those who have survived GBV after I began volunteering with a local rape crisis center 15 years ago. I have made it my life's work since.

Your research goals?

To contribute to knowledge in the field of gender-based violence prevention, particularly as it relates to empowerment-based interventions.

What research achievement are you most proud of?

I am most proud of my work related to the impact of the opioid crisis on domestic violence shelter services.

What book/movie ending would you change if you could?

Titanic.

Things you most like to do when you are not studying?

Read, listen to music, dance and exercise.

Who would you have dinner with if you could have it with any person, living or dead?

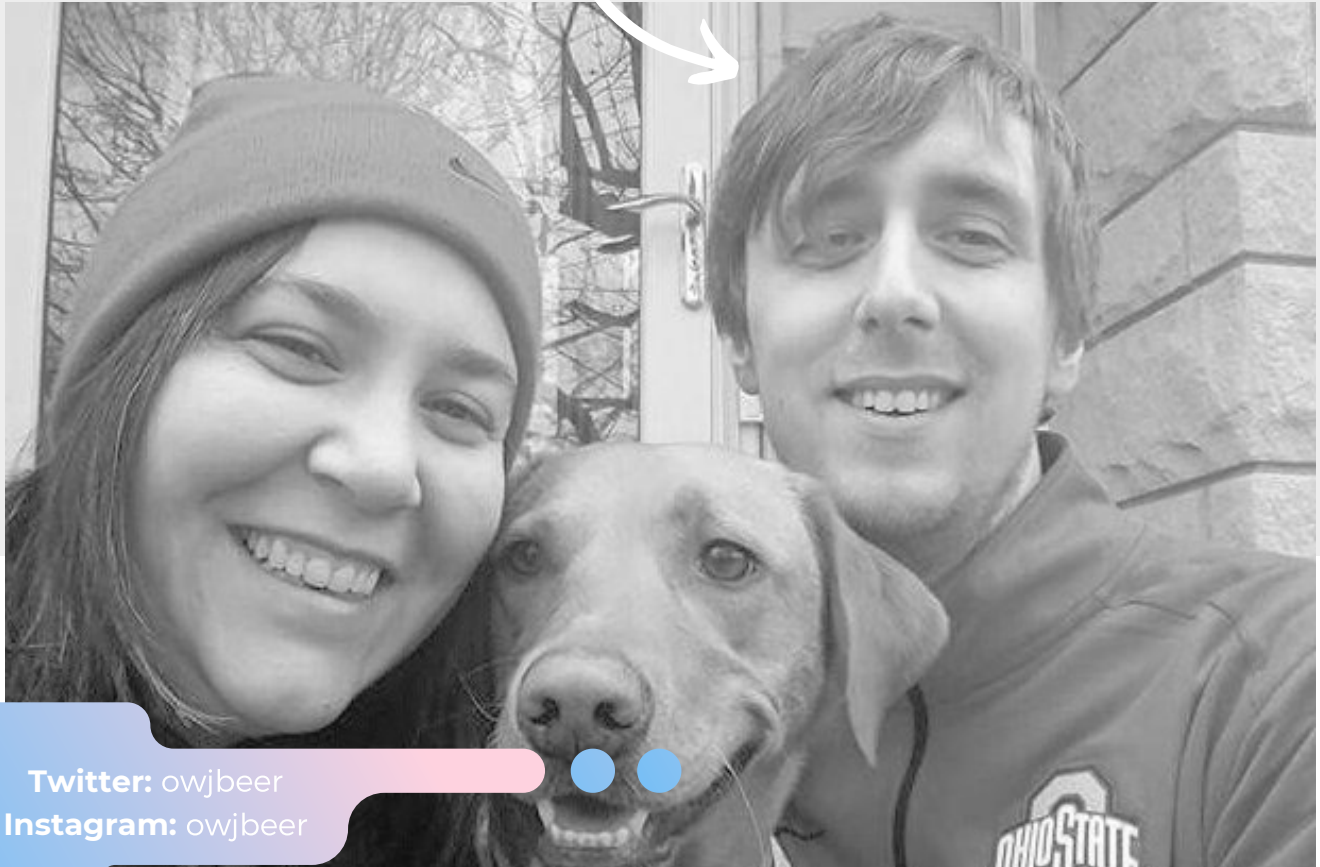
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What degree are you currently pursuing?

PhD in Social Work (Year 3).

What are your research goals?

To better understand:

- 1) the experiences of LGBTQ+ youth/adolescents in relation to online microaggressions.
- 2) how prejudice and discrimination may impact the health and well-being of LGBTQ+ youth/adolescents.

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3) the responses of LGBTQ+ youth/adolescents when they encounter online prejudice and discrimination.

What research achievement are you most proud of?

My proudest research achievement to date is having my conceptual paper (connecting mindfulness training and the Transactional Model of Stress and Coping to reduce work-related stress) accepted and published by the British Journal of Social Work.

Things you most like to do when not studying?

Meditation, music, walk my dogs.

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James Mercer.

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What degree are you currently pursuing?

Master's of Social Work. I've just entered my second and final year of the program; I hope to graduate by November 2020.

What made you choose to work in the field of gender and sexualities?

Coming to terms with my sexual and gender identity has been a long and uncomfortable process. At the same time, I am mindful of the privilege I have accessing higher education, and having a great support system to allow me to safely explore my identity. I know that many

other people are not in a comparable situation to safely explore their identities, and that lack of safety is deeply concerning to me, motivating me to understand how sexual and gender minority youth (SGMY) are able cultivate spaces to conceptualize what living "their most authentic lives," within their precarious environments.

Your research goals?

To contribute to knowledge in the field of gender-based violence prevention, particularly as it relates to empowerment-based interventions.

What research achievement are you most proud of?

Being a recipient of the SSHRC Canadian Graduate Scholarship -Master's award. I almost did not apply because of my discomfort with sharing my writing. Dr. Shelley Craig was incredibly supportive during this process, offering meaningful feedback and words of encouragement. Her support as my Faculty Advisor was critical to my development as a research practitioner: I became more confident in accepting that I am deserving of the good things that have happened to me, including winning SSHRC.

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What degree are you currently pursuing?

Doctorate; I will finish in a year.

What made you choose to work in the field of gender and sexualities?

I wanted to learn more about my orientation and how I could improve the world for me... As a gay person, it is hard to think that I will ever get married and stuffs like that... And the interesting thing is that is also my biggest dream.

Your research goals?

To publish a few articles.

What research achievement are you most proud of?

My first article:
<https://revistas.ucr.ac.cr/index.php/estudios/article/view/33511>

Things you most like to do when not studying?

See touristic places, take pictures, eat something new, walk in the city and hug.

Who would you have dinner with if you could have it with any person, living or dead?

Judith Butler.

What book/movie ending would you change?

The Fault in Our Stars.

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What degree are you currently pursuing?

I'm in my senior year of my BSW degree.

What made you choose to work in the field of gender and sexualities?

I have an interest in research and was introduced to Dr. Austin, who sent me many articles that helped me realize that this is a population I have a heart for and enjoy learning about. As a cisgender, heterosexual white male I will never truly know what it is to be a sexual or gender minority (SGM). Despite that, I do know what it's like to be marginalized,

and to feel like I don't fit in and my life has no value to others because of the mental health challenges I have fought my entire life. The understanding I do have really shows me how important it is to champion the cause of SGM, as marginalized and stigmatized as they are.

Your research goals?

To get published and earn a Ph.D. I want to research evaluating mental health policies, programs and treatment modalities. Now that I am learning so much about SGM, I absolutely want to have that population included in my future research.

What research achievement are you most proud of?

I'm proud of all the work I do with Dr. Austin. I'm most proud of fighting through all I've had to contend with just to get back into school at my age. With all the physical and mental health challenges I have experienced my entire life, I am just so proud and grateful to be in a position today where I can help others.

What book/movie ending would you change?

The Sun Also Rises.

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What degree are you currently pursuing?

Master's of Arts - Adult Education & Community Development, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto - Year 2.

What made you choose to work in the field of gender and sexualities?

It wasn't until I joined the Women's Rugby team during my undergraduate that I was able to build confidence and come to terms with my sexuality because of the team's affirming and inclusive environment.

I was also developing a deeper theoretical understanding of the unique history and experience of the LGBTQ community. Reflecting on how important visibility and space meant for myself and my friends, I was motivated to engage in studies and research that offered me tools to challenge hegemonic discourse and improve access and safety for GSM within sport culture.

Your research goals?

To better understand the experience of outreach workers interactions advocating for

people who use drugs (PWUD) in an acute mental health care setting and how they navigate these experiences while working from a harm reduction/ social justice lens.

What research achievement are you most proud of?

During my undergraduate thesis, I disseminated our findings on LGBT (In)visibility in Memphis, TN in the form of a screenplay. This was a great achievement for me because creative writing has never been a strong suit for me but the participants loved the final product and it turned out to be quite a special experience.

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What degree are you currently pursuing?

My second year of the Social Work/ Women and Gender Studies Dual Master's Degree.

What made you choose to work in this field?

I came across Gender Studies at a vulnerable point in my academic career and I was also very intrigued with the ideas and nuances of the study. During undergrad, I began my period of academic probation after not doing so well in my first year and I was encouraged to enroll in a gender studies intro course along with a seminar. For the first time, I felt comfortable approaching the

professor and was also amazed at how accessible the theory was in terms of day to day experience. I enjoyed that the course integrated art as a final project and I've been hooked on gender studies ever since.

Your research goals?

To develop fluency around forming, conducting and concluding a large-scale study on a larger scale. My hopes are to get a better idea and feel for potentially committing to a PhD program in the future.

What research achievement are you most proud of?

A personal research project about the B52's when they most recently performed in Chicago. Over a radio segment, I shared some of what I found out. Their sound as a band was largely because of Ricky Wilson and his playful riffs on the guitar. He passed away from AIDS complications around the time the band was picking up but since then they've been strong advocates for folks living with HIV/AIDS.

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What degree are you currently pursuing?

PhD.

What made you choose to work in the field of gender and sexualities?

My experiences as gay man, and my professional training.

What are your research goals?

To contribute to LGBT people.

What research achievement you are most proud of?

My thesis, presentations, and training.

Things you most like to do when you are not studying?

Read, listen to music, dance and exercise.

What book/movie would you change the ending to if you could?

Titanic.

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What degree are you currently pursuing?

PhD completed in July.

What made you choose to work in the field of gender and sexualities?

Being part of the LGBTQ+ community I have always wanted to learn more about myself and others. I want to know why and how society is structured in such an oppressive way and most importantly how to disrupt and challenge this!

Who would you have dinner with, living or dead?

Kate Bush.

Your research goals?

To build on my PhD research and develop skills to acquire funding to lead future projects. Develop and build my research profile by publishing more.

What research achievement you are most proud of?

Passing my Viva with no corrections. Getting a research post at Uni of Oxford.

What book/movie ending would you change?

Hocus Pocus - the witches should have won.

Things you most like to do when not studying?

Watch Netflix, go to the cinema, sleep!

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What degree are you currently pursuing?

The 2nd year of my PhD in Social Work at the University of Toronto.

What made you choose to work in the field of gender and sexualities?

As a social worker, I have worked with children and youth providing clinical therapy for trauma. As a researcher, I was drawn to Dr. Shelley Craig's work because of her focus on therapy

interventions for LGBTQ youth. For my own research, I hope to do program evaluation research on a different population of youth, applying similar research methods and a focus on intervention.

Your research goals?

- Develop an evidence base for youth interventions (specifically group therapy!)
- Connect with a team of like-minded skilled researchers who are passionate about helping others
- Help participants feel like they have a say and their voices matter.

What research achievement are you most proud of?

All the research work that I have had a chance to be involved in, but the latest photo elicitation project, QueerVIEW, is really rewarding right now!

Things you most like to do when not studying?

Watch true crime shows, cook, yoga, go for walks, or see theatre/live shows.

Who would you have dinner with if you could have it with any person?

Robin Williams.

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What degree are you currently pursuing?

PhD in Social Work, 5th year.

What made you choose to work in the field of gender and sexualities?

I believe when I first started working in the field of gender and sexualities, it was towards finding self-acceptance, and theoretically understanding and exploring my research interests.

Your research goals?

To conduct more relevant and responsive studies with the aim at reducing social and health disparities among LGBTQ persons.

What research achievement you are most proud of?

One of my recent papers, where I discussed the importance of looking at the combination of gender-sexual identities, rather than their independent effects, as better predictor of behavioral health outcomes among LGBTQ adolescents.

What book/movie would you change the ending to if you could?

Never Let Me Go.

Things you most like to do when you are not studying?

I am big on TV/Movies, and love to cook.

Who would you have dinner with if you could have it with any person, living or dead?

Jean-Paul Sartre.

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The 2nd year of master's degree in Applied Clinical Psychology at Universidad Autónoma de Yucatan (UADY).

What made you choose to work in the field of gender and sexualities?

First, my sexual orientation, but I am also interested in researching issues that are not yet fully explored in Mexico.

What are your research goals?

- I hope to specialize in the mixed area of research.
- Develop effective interventions with a scientific basis.
- To contribute to scientific knowledge.

What research achievement are you most proud of?

Being part of INQYR as a research assistant.

Things you most like to do when you are not studying?

Exercise, listen to music.

Who would you have dinner with if you could have it with any person, living or dead?

My boyfriend, my nuclear family, my grandmothers.

What book/movie would you change the ending to if you could?

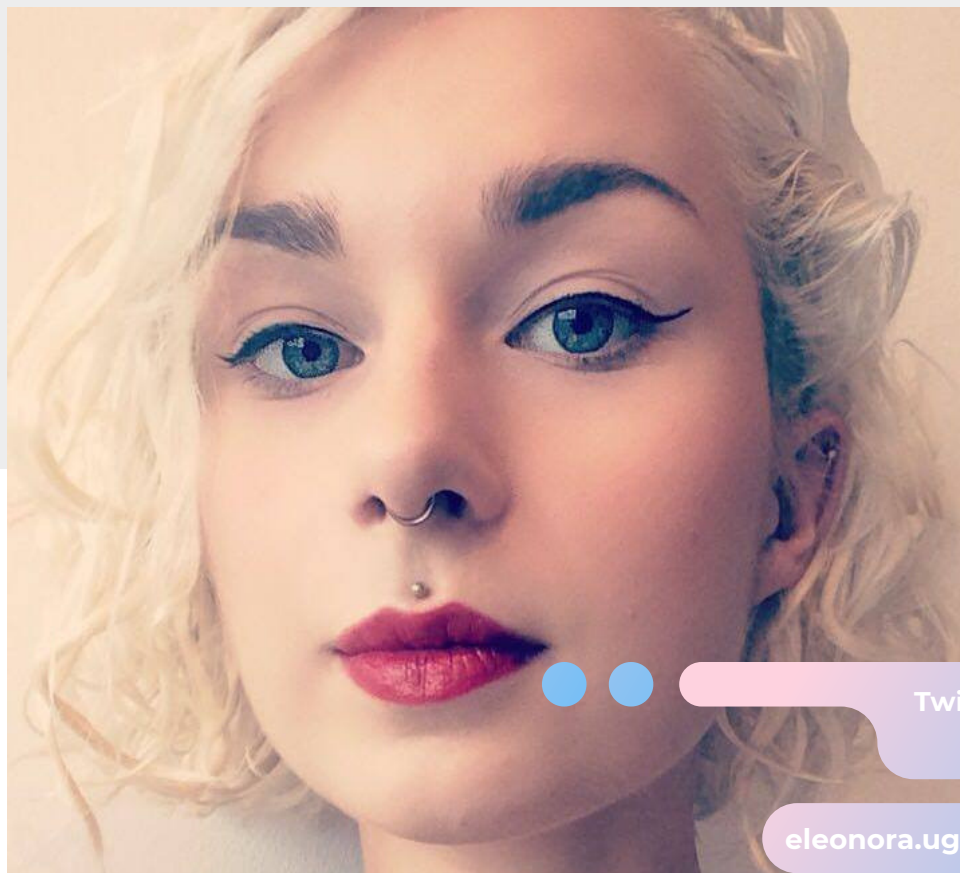
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What degree are you currently pursuing?

Just finished MSc in Clinical Neuropsychiatry. Taking a gap year now and will be applying for a PhD.

What made you choose to work in the field of gender and sexualities?

Mostly because of my personal experience, which naturally has led to a need for gaining more in-depth knowledge in this field. Had to do my own bit of research outside of my university as my interests are

very narrow, and I wasn't particularly fond of the state of the literature and what some researchers did. That's why I have decided to take matters into my own hands!

Your research goals?

Currently it is to get accepted into a PhD program!

What book/movie would you change the ending to if you could?

Avengers: Endgame; probably every book written by Stephen King.

Things you most like to do when you are not studying?

Reading fantasy, sci-fi; taking naps; writing short poems.

Who would you have dinner with if you could have it with any person, living or dead?

(Hope that fictional people count...) Doctor Who.

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What degree are you currently pursuing?

I am a PhD Candidate in the School of Social Work at Virginia Commonwealth University; this is now my third year in the program.

What made you choose to work in the field of gender and sexualities?

Identifying as both a racial and sexual minority, I've had the pleasure of experiencing and witnessing a host of negative, marginalizing, discriminatory,

and hateful interactions either implicitly or explicitly supported by both social milieu and official policy. Believing in the power of research to make substantial, evidenced claims regarding such phenomenon, and thus demonstrate the need for change (i.e., intervention programs and policies), I knew that this field was where I needed to be.

Your research goals?

- Explore and explain connections between gender identity, sexual orientation, mental health, and well-being, such as those for Black men who identify as gay around the world.

- Explore how the impact of gender/sexual identities on mental health and well-being of communities varies within a global context.
- Explore utility of information and communication technologies as it relates to well-being of GSM within a global context.

What research achievement are you most proud of?

After completing data collection of my first independent, University IRB approved study (on masculinity and mental health for gay Black men), I am finishing up the manuscript of this qualitative study and submitting it to a academic journal soon.

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INQYR is a SSHRC-funded Partnership working to address the needs of gender and sexual minority youth and their use of information and communication technologies within diverse global contexts, while also training the next generation of scholars and practitioners working with LGBTQ+ youth.

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