

## Literature on Culture and Body from a DISABILITY perspective

### Literature in English

**2010**

Title and references:	<u><i>IMPACT: Feature Issue on Sexuality and People with Intellectual, Developmental and Other Disabilities</i></u> , 2010, vol. 23/no. 3
Theme:	<b>Disability / Sexuality</b>
Short paragraph:	A magazine that handles issues about sexuality for people living with a disability.
Title and references:	<u><i>The Americanization of Mental Illness</i></u> , Watters, Ethan, In The New York Times Magazine, 2010. Adapted from the book: <u><i>Crazy Like Us: The Globalization of the American Psyche</i></u> . <a href="http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/10/magazine/10psychet.html?pagewanted=all">http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/10/magazine/10psychet.html?pagewanted=all</a>
Theme:	<b>Disability / Health</b>
Short paragraph:	The pivotal argument of this article is that the troubled mind always has been influenced by healers of diverse religious and scientific persuasions, which means that the forms of madness from one place and time often look remarkably different from the forms of madness in another. This is the case until recently. This article argues that an Americanization of mental illness is occurring by homogenizing the way the world goes mad. "For more than a generation now, we in the West have aggressively spread our modern knowledge of mental illness around the world. We have done this in the name of science, believing that our approaches reveal the biological basis of psychic suffering and dispel prescientific myths and harmful stigma. There is now good evidence to suggest that in the process of teaching the rest of the world to think like us, we've been exporting our Western "symptom repertoire" as well. That is, we've been changing not only the treatments but also the expression of mental illness in other cultures".
Title and references:	<u><i>The Disability Studies Reader</i></u> , Davis, Lennard J., ed. 2010
Theme:	<b>Disability</b>
Short paragraph:	This collection is a most comprehensive introduction to disability studies. It covers cultural studies, identity politics, literary criticism, sociology, philosophy, anthropology, the visual arts, gender and race studies, as well as memoir, poetry, fiction, and prose non-fiction."

## 2009

Title and references:	<u>Understanding Disability: From Theory to Practice</u> . Oliver, Michael. 2009
Theme:	<b>Disability</b>
Short paragraph:	In this new edition Oliver draws on his own experiences to paint a vivid picture of both the practical challenges of disablement and the theoretical understandings of disability.”

## 2008

Title and references:	<u>Disability Theory. Corporealities: Discourses of Disability</u> , Siebers, Tobin Anthony. 2008
Theme:	<b>Disability / Body / Gender</b>
Short paragraph:	The book provides indisputable evidence of the value and utility that a disability studies perspective can bring to key critical and cultural questions. The author persuasively argues that disability studies transfigures basic assumptions about identity, ideology, language, politics, social oppression, and the body. He also puts disability studies in dialogue with thinkers in cultural studies, literary theory, queer theory, gender studies, and critical race theory.

## 2007

Title and references:	<u>Disability in local and global world</u> , Ingstad, Benedicte, 2007
Theme:	<b>Disability / Body</b>
Short paragraph:	The lives of many disabled people in Europe and North America have improved over the past two decades through innovative technologies and the efforts of the disability rights movement. These changes have been spreading to other societies around the globe - albeit unevenly. In this collection of essays, leading scholars explore global changes in disability awareness, technology and policy from the viewpoint of disabled people and their families in a wide range of local contexts. The authors report on ethnographic research in Brazil, Uganda, Botswana, Somalia, Britain, Israel, China, Egypt, India, and Japan. They address the definition of disability, the new eugenics, human rights in local contexts, domestic and state citizenship of disabled people, and issues of identity and belonging.

## 2006

Title and references:	<u>Carving the Body: Female Circumcision in African Women's Memoirs</u> , Gordon-Chipembere, Natasha, in <i>eSharp</i> , 2006, issue 6:2. <a href="http://www.gla.ac.uk/media/media_41182_en.pdf">www.gla.ac.uk/media/media_41182_en.pdf</a>
Theme:	<b>Disability / Health / Sexuality</b>
Short paragraph:	The author describes how female circumcision is a worldwide phenomenon, practiced in twenty six African countries, Malaysia, Indonesia, the southern parts of the Arab Peninsula, Pakistan, Russia, Peru, Brazil, Eastern Mexico, Australia, and in

immigrant communities in Europe and the United States. Female circumcision exists today because of its socio-cultural significance, where the value of belonging to one's group and being recognized as a meaningful and thoughtful participating member of the community may outweigh the pain and life-long health implications of circumcision.

## 2004

Title and references:

*Gender and disability*, Meekosha Helen, University of New South Wales, April 2004

Theme:

**Disability / Gender**

Short paragraph:

The article focuses on the interaction and connection between the concepts of gender and disability.

Title and references:

*A guide to high school success for students with disabilities*, Jaeger, Paul T., 2004

Theme:

**Disability / Gender / Body**

Short paragraph:

The book is divided into five topical sections that each addresses a set of related issues. Section I provides a history of disabilities across different times and cultures and a discussion of the legal rights of students with disabilities. Section II discusses the cultural and social issues disabled teens face in modern society and looks at representations in film and literature. Section III is devoted to the many interactions and relationships faced in high school, including dating, socialization, and extracurricular activities. Section IV addresses issues related to academic success and the concluding chapter offers tools for advocacy and empowerment. Appendices complete this multi-facted volume with lists of additional readings and on-line resources for students with disabilities.

## 2003

Title and references:

*Disability, Culture and Identity*, Riddell, Sheila, 2003

Theme:

**Disability**

Short paragraph:

The book is a succinct and accessible presentation of current research on disability, culture and identity. Key topics covered include: "Development of the social model of disability", "Disability and the politics of social justice", "Disability and theories of culture and media", "Disability, ethnicity and generation", "The policy options for empowering disabled people, and how the disabled are empowering themselves", "The disability arts movement" and "Media treatment of disability."

## 2002

Title and references:

*Disability Studies Today*, Barnes, Colin, ed. Barton, Len & Oliver, Mike, 2002

Theme:

**Disability**

Short paragraph:

The book contains contributions from established figures, as well as newcomers to the field. Topics covered include: the history of the development of disability studies

in Britain and America, key ideas, issues and thinkers, the role of the body, divisions and hierarchies, history, power and identity, work, politics and the disabled peoples' movement, globalization, human rights, research and the role of the academy.

## 2001

Title and references: *The Body Silent*, Murphy, Robert E., 2001

Theme: **Disability / Health**

Short paragraph: Winner of the Columbia University Lionel Trilling Award. Robert Murphy was in the prime of his career as an anthropologist when he felt the first symptom of a malady that would ultimately take him on an odyssey stranger than any field trip to the Amazon: a tumor of the spinal cord that progressed slowly and irreversibly into quadriplegia. In this gripping account, Murphy explores society's fears, myths, and misunderstandings about disability, and the damage they inflict. He reports how paralysis - like all disabilities - assaults people's identity, social standing, and ties with others, while at the same time making the love of life burn even more fiercely.

## 1999

Title and references: *Disability in Different Cultures: Reflections on Local Concepts*, Holzer, Bridgitte & Vreede, Arthur & Weigt, Gabriele, 1999

Theme: **Disability / Body**

Short paragraph: How are disability and rehabilitation conceived of in different cultures? How can these concepts be made accessible? Studies from the fields of sociology, ethnology and educational science address these questions, while contributors from rehabilitation projects in development cooperation and from self-help movements highlight culturally different perceptions of disability. A distinctive feature of this volume is the dialogue it creates by bringing together scientific praxis and practical work. This book is a collection of virtually all the contributions presented and discussed at the symposium Local Concepts and Beliefs about Disability in Different Cultures.

Title and references: *Connecting gender and disability*, Froschl, Merle & Rubin, Ellen & Sprung, Barbara, WEEA Equity Resource Center at EDC, November 1999

Theme: **Disability / Gender**

Short paragraph: Discrimination is an enduring issue for all people with disabilities. Women and girls with disabilities however, are subjected to double discrimination: sexism as well as disability bias. Needless to say, women and girls of color who are disabled face a third layer of bias in the form of racism. This is also a problem for education of these groups of people.

## 1998

Title and references: *Body battles: Bodies, gender and disability*, Meekosha Helen, in "Disability Reader: Social Science Perspectives.", 1998, pp. 163–180

Theme:	<b>Disability / Body / Gender</b>
Short paragraph:	A collection of essays exploring the intellectual implications of a disability equality perspective. Leading social scientists draw on current theory and research and offer an overview of contemporary debates.
Title and references:	<i>Feminism, gender and disability</i> , Morris, Jenny, 1998
Theme:	<b>Disability / Body / Gender</b>
Short paragraph:	The author addresses the development of her own thinking on the relationship between feminism and disability, since she first started writing on these issues. She also describes her own research interests and how they touch on feminism and disability.
<b>1997</b>	
Title and references:	<i>Community-based rehabilitation in Botswana: the myth of the hidden disabled</i> , Ingstad, Benedicte, 1997
Theme:	<b>Disability</b>
Short paragraph:	The book looks at disabled people and their position in Botswana communities.
Title and references:	<i>Disability and culture</i> , Medical Anthropology Quarterly 1997, volume 11/issue 3, pp. 404–406
Theme:	<b>Disability / Body</b>
Short paragraph:	A short article about an idea around disability and culture.
<b>1995</b>	
Title and references:	<i>Disability and culture</i> , Ingstad, Benedicte & Whyte, Susan Reynolds, 1995
Theme:	<b>Disability</b>
Short paragraph:	Spurred by the United Nation's International Decade for Disabled Persons and medical anthropology's coming of age, anthropologists have recently begun to explore the effects of culture on the lives of the mentally and physically impaired. This major collection of essays both reframes disability in terms of social processes and offers for the first time a global, multicultural perspective on the subject. Using research undertaken in a wide variety of settings - from a longhouse in central Borneo to a community of Turkish immigrants in Stockholm - contributors explore the significance of mental, sensory, and motor impairments in light of fundamental, culturally determined assumptions about humanity and personhood.

## 2012

Title and references:	<i>Passwerk, een bloeiend bedrijf</i> , Handiscoop januari 2012, jaargang 67/no. 1, pp. 24-26
Theme:	<b>Disability</b>
Short paragraph:	This article is about a company called Passwerk, where mainly people with the autism spectrum disorder work. The article describes the recruitment process. When the people are hired, they get a coach assigned who is specialized in guiding people with autism spectrum disorder. This mentor makes sure that the individual employee can work in an optimized environment by removing all distractions.

## 2011

Title and references:	<i>Met alle geweld</i> , Handiscoop september 2011, jaargang 66/no. 7, pp.12–14
Theme:	<b>Disability / Gender</b>
Short paragraph:	This article treats the subject of women with a disability being abused and how they can arm themselves. The article gives several reasons why women with a handicap are more vulnerable. There is also a section about how offenders take advantage. Besides, the article talks about the self-defense initiation of the organization Persephone. Finally, the article states how you can report an offender and what happens after a report.

## 2010

Title and references:	<i>Vreemdelingenrecht en handicap</i> , Dialoog 2010, september-oktober, pp. 6-7
Theme:	<b>Disability</b>
Short paragraph:	This article is about subvention of the Flemish Agency for Persons with a Handicap for migrants with a handicap. It tells us what difficulties they can encounter. For receiving subventions a person has to have a residence condition. This doesn't apply for children.

Title and references:	<i>Duodag laat bedrijven kennismaken met talenten van personen met arbeidshandicap</i> , Dialoog 2010 mei-juni, pp. 8-9
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Theme:	<b>Disability</b>
Short paragraph:	This article is about the initiative "Duodag", where corporations get to know the strengths of people with a disability who are looking for a job. On their turn, people with a disability get to know corporations where they can work. It's an initiative of RESOC, Regional Social-economic consolation.

## 2009

Title and references:	<i>Personen met een handicap en (seksueel) misbruik</i> , Handiscoop, maart 2009, jaargang 64/no. 2, pp.3–8
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Theme:	<b>Disability / Sexuality</b>
Short paragraph:	The subject of this article is (sexual) abuse towards persons with mainly a mental disability. The article contains the definition of sexual abuse and tells us why persons with a mental disability are more vulnerable. Besides that it also contains a few testimonies from parents about how they try to arm their kids against abuse. There is a rubric about what instances people can contact if there is suspicion of abuse, and which steps they can take accordingly.
Title and references:	<i>Islam en Handicap</i> , Handiscoop, september 2009, jaargang 64/no. 7, pp.16–17
Theme:	<b>Disability</b>
Short paragraph:	In this article, professor Mohammed Ghaly tells us about the different approaches of persons with a handicap in the Islam. In their religion there are three different explanations of the existence of disabilities. The first one is that it's a test of faith. The second one is that it's a disciplinary way for disloyal believers. The third and last explanation tells us that persons with a disability are a reward because they are in an elevated position to enter paradise. According to the followed explanation some families treat their children with disability as a shame because they think they must have done something wrong. Others think it's a reward and spoils their children.
Title and references:	<i>Behandel ons niet als kleine kinderen</i> , Sociaal, jaargang 17/no. 2, pp. 3-6
Theme:	<b>Disability / Sexuality</b>
Short paragraph:	This article is about sexuality, affection and relation for adults with a mental handicap. Just like people without disability they have the right to grow up, to get sexual education and nurturing, to have sexual contacts and relationships and to live together or marry.
Title and references:	<i>Genotmiddelengebruik bij adolescenten met een licht mentale handicap en/of ernstige gedragsstoornis</i> , Echo's uit de gehandicaptenzorg, jaargang 20/no. 5, pp. 4-11
Theme:	<b>Disability / Health</b>
Short paragraph:	This article is about an investigation of usage of drugs among adolescents with a minor mental handicap and/or a serious behavior disorder. Schools are often confronted with this, even with serious usage. This research focuses on several drugs: usage of alcohol, usage of medicine and usage of illegal drugs.
Title and references:	<i>Marian schreeuwt om begeleiding die ze begrijpt</i> , Klik, jaargang 32/no. 6, pp. 10-12
Theme:	<b>Disability</b>

Short paragraph:	This article is about a woman called Marian, who has a heavy mental disability and autism. She drove her supervisors desperate because she yelled constantly, whined and caused damage to herself and others. When the supervisors tried another method, mirroring, they brought rest and clearness into her life.
Title and references:	<i>Van het kastje naar de muur</i> , Klik, jaargang 32/no. 12, pp. 21-22
Theme:	<b>Disability / Health</b>
Short paragraph:	This article presents an investigation of parents with disabled children and their supervisors in order to clarify what can be improved in hospitals. Common obstacles are telling the story of their children over and over again, talking next to each other and no adaptation of the hospitals for children with a handicap.

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