Hand Mapping a Visual Methodology

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HAND MAPPING a qualitative method to inquire about La Pasion: Sexual Desires, Pleasures and Passions of Latino Gay Men in North America

Take Away

- Learn the ability, skills and methodologies to conduct Hand Mapping Methodologies.
Hand Mapping and the Evaluation, Assessment and Evidence of Sexual Life Experiences and Sexual Health Trajectories Needs, A Community Participatory Method

• Objective: To introduce an innovating community participatory method, that has been used for needs assessment, evaluation and qualitative evidence of sexual life experiences and sexual health trajectories needs.

• Hands Mapping have been used to evaluate the intervention “Chicos Net” with Gay Latino Immigrant Men (GLIM) in Canada.

• It can be used with other marginalized and oppressed communities.
Chicos Net Model

Individual's Context
- Theoretical Approaches, Intervention Domains for intervening in sexual desires, pleasures and passions: Knowledge, skills, self-awareness and judgment

Risk Environment
- Social Determinants of Health and Gender (Sexual Orientation)
- Health Disparities

Proximate Mediator
- Social-Cognitive determinants of HIV transmission behaviour
- Provide a Program that intervenes:
  1) Reduce isolation
  2) Provide HIV information
  3) Develop critical awareness
  4) Develop resilience and self-efficacy skills

Evaluation Pre and Post Interview
- Isolation Scale
- Knowledge of HIV
- Impulse Control Scale
- Resilience scale

Immediate Outcome
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Gay Latino Immigrant Men (GLIM) in Toronto, Canada

- HIV/STI’s Prevention in Canada
- GLIM
- The HIV Prevention Program at the Centre for the Spanish-Speaking Peoples.
- Mano en Mano, Guys Like You, and Chicos Net.
The intersection of sexual desires, pleasures and passions (Betancourt 2015).
La Pasión (2016)

- Race
  Latino Cultural Background
- Sexual Orientation/Identity/Attraction
- The Geographic Setting
  With White men located at the top of the social organization
- Interracial Sexual Sex
- STI Sexual Health

La Pasión
Why do we need a visual representation of narratives?

(Rose G. (Visual Methodologies, 2001))

(Jager et al. 2016)

• The visual is very powerful.
• Deliver complex ideas faster and more effectively.
• It is good for KTE
• Participant’s are more involved (limited education or language barriers).
• Awakes different level of analysis.
• Excellent for health research and found to be excellent about sharing intersectional experiences.
Body Mapping Used to Convey the Experiences of Undocumented Individuals in Canada

- Gastaldo et al. (2012) CBPR that involved many community organizations.
- Wanted to bring the voice of marginalized and made-invisible communities.
- BM was used as a research for of data collection.
- It brought a visual of picture of the undocumented individual’s health.
Body Maps Used to Study Sexualities

- Brazilian article: Juventude, homosexualidade e diversidade: um estudo o processo de sai do armario usando mapas corporais (Murasaki & Galheig 2016).
There has been a need for individuals for visually recording the embodiment of their experiences. The ones that are contained in the body, and in their memories (Iroshima, atomic bomb).
Body parts representations, what counts and what does not count as a narrative?
Body Mapping Limitations = Welcome Hand Mapping!!!

- Space
- Time
- Money
- Lines in the hand are a new theoretical opportunity for asking about life events and health trajectories.

(Betancourt 2014, 2015, 2016)
Life Events and Health Trajectories
Qualitative Participatory Visual Theories

- Mehdi Tavallaei & Mensor ABU Talib, in A General Perspective of Role of Theory in Qualitative Research questions (2010): What is the role of and position of theory in the structural formation of qualitative research? (p. 570).

- Hand Mappings are theory that have emerged as Post-structural, post-colonial, post-gendered, in a global setting.
La Pasion

Photo of Race

Sexual Desire/
Sexual Orientation
White Hierarchies in a North American setting (Green 2003, 2008).

- White hierarchies
- Interracial
Limitations, Expected Outcomes and Social Work Implications

Thinking through sexuality (Hicks, 2008)

- Exploratory, qualitative nature
- Based on participants experiences
- Sexuality is a complex field of inquiry, framed by many overlapping forces, factors, intersections, etc.
- Understanding of sexuality will help to frame soc. services, social marketing campaigns, research, policies, etc.

Writing the racialized queer bodies (Kwong-Lai Poon, 2011)
The Intersectional Trajectories and Life Course Events

• Intersectionality, immigration, health racism, sexual orientation and sexual practices are shown in the body.

• Line hands are the metaphor of life course and live events.
What about the fingers?
Fingers as Qualitative Theme Analysis

- Fingers present an opportunity for visually representing a relevant themes for the participant, e.i., gay sexualities (love, sexual health, hot sex, social integration, careers, PrEP).
Ethical Limitations

• All that are implicated or related to visual methods.

• “When qualitative methods are employed to research sexuality, the bodies, sexes, genders, desires and pleasures of both researchers and researched population are under analytical scrutiny and ethical possibilities of research may be used to create new forms of subjective existence and unpredictable, politically engaged knowledge” (Zago & Holmes p. 150).
Hand Mapping Materials
Making Hand-Mapping READY!

1- Grab a piece of paper
2- Write your name, age, country of origin, gender at birth, gender at the moment at present, sexual orientation, etc.
3- Turn back the piece of paper and draw your hand border/silhouette.
Intersectional Lives

4- Draw imaginary lines in your hand. You want to be able to explain your life events. From the moment you were born, to where you actually are. Remember lives are intersectional. Use the lines of your hand as a metaphor to explain that to yourself.
Trajectories of Health are Related to Life Events

• 5- Do not be shy, mark when you lost your virginity, learn about your HIV status, started taking PrEP, got married or, move with the your significant other.

• 6- Also, write when you got divorced, separated, got stressed out, diagnosed depression, or other major events.
Slogan of Your Life

- According to Gastaldo et al. (2012) participants are welcome to write a slogan about their piece.
- The slogan is a life reflection and a learning lesson that can be used as a themed indicator of success or unit of analysis.
Fingers Themes
Conclusion

• Hand Mapping is an affordable qualitative methodology that allows the collection of information related to life events, health trajectories.

• Also, allows the collection and discussion and representation of five important themes.

• Hand Mapping can be used in: community settings (assessments, evaluations), research, corporations, etc.
Thank You!

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"Still trying to find out who I am"
"MI ESPEJO"

Fantasías

Gay

Libertad

Salud

Deseo

SEX

Aceptar

Amigas

Repetor

© Protección

AMOR

FEDERACIÓN

Canadá
"En esta vida hay que vivir de todo un poco para no morirse estúpido"
Growth, Growth, and More Growth
Camino de la vida:

- el uso del condón.
- estoy seguro
- conocer una persona y estar en éxito
- tener y estar con mi pareja y mucho tiempo
- soy gay
- de Colombia:
- aceptar mi real identidad
- realización personal y profesional
- dedicar y dedicar de la vida