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Black Women in Graduate Education: Building Community to Increase Satisfaction and Well-Being

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Overview

- Background Information
- Theoretical Framework
- Theory to Practice: “Sister Circles” (Winkle-Wagner, 2009)
- Questions

Background Information

- Purpose/Motivation: “Me-Search”
- Context
 - Black Students in Higher Education Today
- Problem of Practice
 - Marginality and Mattering (Johnson, 2013)

Theoretical Frameworks

- **Black Feminist Thought (Collins, 2000)**
 - Grounded in the experiences of Black women and their collective standpoint
 - “Outsiders-within”
- **Critical Race Theory (Ladson-Billings, 1998)**
 - Critique of the liberal policies and practices of the Civil Rights Era
 - Storytelling

Theory to Practice: “Sister Circles”

(Winkle-Wagner, 2009)

- ① “You ‘Betta Call Becky with the Good Hair”:
Issues of Race and Colorism among Black
Women (Hill, 2002; Hunter, 2007)
- ② “There’s Power in ‘Dem Rolling Hills”: Body
Image Concerns of Black Women (Capodilupo &
Kim, 2014)
- ③ “Who Runs the World?” Black Women:
Leadership and Activism (Collins, 2000)

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