

Irene Watson: Sex, Race and questions of Aboriginality.

All people are accorded the same right not to be discriminated against on the grounds of sex, but I would argue that this right is experienced differently by different people, and that the difference could be measured and scaled according to how close one's life is located to the centre of white privilege. Similarly questions of race and the experience of race discrimination could also be measured against the proximity of one's life to the centre of white privilege. Aboriginality raises similar problems. Where does aboriginality situate in terms of discrimination experiences and how might we measure Aboriginal life stories? Some have argued that the violence in Aboriginal communities is inherent to the life of Aboriginal peoples, but how do these, among other life stories, situate with the SDA?