

Avoiding Assumptions in Advising: Understanding Non-Traditional Families & Adoption

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Transracial Adoption

Transracial / Interracial adoption “refers to the act of placing a child of one racial or ethnic group with adoptive parents of another racial or ethnic group.” - Wikipedia

Adoption & Non-Traditional Families

- Adoption & Transracial Adoption
- Loss, Assumptions & Conspicuous Families
- Identity Theory: Intersectionality/Multiracial Dev.
- Adoption & Advisement

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- Lack of Visibility
- Challenging Assumptions
- Racial & Identity Development & Exploration
- Unique Experiences of Students
- Impact of Family Dynamics
- Uncertainty & Citizenship

Organizations:

- Adoption Star <https://adoptionstar.com/>
- Adoptive and Foster Care Foundation of NY <http://affcny.org/>
- NYS Office of Family & Children’s Services: Foster Care <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/fostercare/>
- WNY Transracial-Transcultural Adoption Group (Must request membership to join) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wnytransracialadoption/>

Blogs & Articles (Sampling):

- Growing Up 'White,' Transracial Adoptee Learned To Be Black - NPR <http://www.npr.org/2014/01/26/266434175/growing-up-white-transracial-adoptee-learned-to-be-black>
- Not Just Hair: The intersection of Hair/Skincare and Transracial Adoption (FB Closed Group) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1558461304393944/>
- The adopted Life: <http://www.theadoptedlife.com/>
- I am adopted: <http://iamadopted.net/>
- Raising Race Conscious Children: <http://www.raceconscious.org/>
- Exploring the college experiences of students adopted from South Korea (Garrett Nissen, 2011) <http://lib.dr.iastate.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=3049&context=etd>
- Adopted women of color: Narratives of their college experiences (Billie, 2013) <http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/dissertations/AA13591523/>
- College Student’s Perceptions of Adoption (Frye, 2010) http://acumen.lib.ua.edu/content/u0015/0000001/0000485/u0015_0000001_0000485.pdf
- How to Love a Transracially Adopted Person <https://medium.com/@adoptioninst/how-to-love-a-transracially-adopted-person-c2a07e3868ed#.d13ak5qfy>
- Are You My Mother? Adoptees are in reunion whether they’re searching or not <http://www.theadoptedlife.com/angelablog/2017/2/5/are-you-my-mother-adoptees-are-in-reunion-whether-theyre-searching-or-not>