A Dangerous Intersection: Assessing the Interplay of Race and (Mental) Disability

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A review of the existing scholarship reveals the absence of analyses with respect to the intersection of race and disability, be that physical or mental compromise. This article attempts to remedy this omission by starting a dialogue committed to exploring the intersection of racialization and mental disability. I have chosen to focus upon mental, as opposed to physical, compromise as this area of investigation presents an even greater opportunity for critical examination given its literal invisibility in critical race, feminist, queer and disability rights discourse. Further insofar as the Americans with Disabilities Act (hereinafter “the ADA) purports to address disability rights writ large, mental health issues remain an under-explored and under-theorized basis for this latest of our civil rights movement.