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Final Project

Here is the link to my final project:

<https://loving---women.tumblr.com/>

I designed a tumblr blog to display the pictures and responses I got from my project participants (definitely view it from a computer, it's a lot cooler/prettier than it is on a mobile device). It displays the pictures, then when you scroll your mouse over each image, their responses are displayed. That way the audience can focus on the responses and photos independently and together. I was hoping to have more peoples' responses, but a lot of people who reached out to me about wanting to participate haven't gotten back to me yet. I initially wasn't sure if I actually wanted to participate as well, I'm not out to most of my family, but reading peoples' responses inspired me, so I wanted to take time to reflect on my questions as well. I made mine a little longer and turned it into a kind of reflective personal essay about my sexuality and gender and life. Without WGS I would have never been able to make these observations and be able to appreciate those of others. I plan to continue working on this past the due date, I'm hoping I can expand it and keep it going with more kinds of people from different age groups, ethnicities, religions and geographic locations. I've never been so excited about a school project, and I'm really happy that I got to do something I was passionate about for my final project. In my reflection I talked about things I'd never even really said out loud before. This was definitely a really special assignment for me.

Here are the questions I asked my participants. They each answered what they were comfortable with and I condensed their answers into paragraphs so it would read easier the audience:

- Why did you choose your picture?
- Has anyone ever made assumptions about your sexuality and/or gender based on your appearance?
- What is your favorite part about dating women?
- How has your geographic location and community affected how you experience your gender and sexuality?
- What are some of the other facets of your identity besides your sexuality that make you, you? (race/ethnicity/gender/religion/disability/anything else important to you!) How do your intersecting identities influence dating and relationships for you?
- Has loving women affected your self-perception and confidence?
- Is there anything else you want people outside the community to know about your gender and/or sexuality? What stereotypes do you want to dispel?