



# Name a Woman!

Teaching Students How  
to Navigate Privilege in  
Scholarship



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The inspiration: *Billy on the Street*

# Why IS it so hard to name a woman, yoga mat girl?

## A crash course in privilege in scholarship

- 41% of full-time faculty are white males, 35% white females, others in single digits; discrepancy even larger when factoring in rank (NCES, 2019)
- Non-white academics underrepresented in publication, citation, and editorial positions in Communications (Chakravarty et. al., 2018)
- Women not on/poorly represented in ecology journal boards - much less than the number of women who represent the societies that own the journals (Fox et. al., 2019)
- 1990-2011, publications indexed in JSTOR: only 27% from women (Eigenfactor)
- Men cite themselves 56% more than women do (King et. al., 2017)

**Mostly white men in higher ed**  
+  
**Mostly white men reviewing/editing**  
+  
**Mostly white men citing themselves**

**Scholars of color/  
other genders:**



# Background

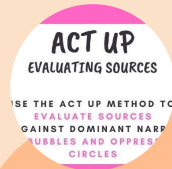
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How did this come up?

ACT UP

Women Also Know Stuff

# The Activity



## ACT UP

Review of ACT UP  
Place the P in context



## Traditional Research

Find an article on women in prison in Academic Search Complete



## Finding Underrepresented Voices

Use Women Also Know Stuff to find a woman who is an expert on prison reform



Try it  
Out!

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Follow this link:

[https://lsu.libwizard.com/  
f/nameawoman](https://lsu.libwizard.com/f/nameawoman)



## Evaluation Methods

### ACT UP

Dawn Stahura

[Link](#)

### SMELL Test

John McManus

[Link](#)

Or just focus on critical thinking  
about privilege and the politics  
of citation... and give them the  
tools to act.

# Resources for Finding Underrepresented Voices

## Women Also Know Stuff

Directory of women in Political Science

## Women Also Know History

Directory of women in History

## POC Also Know Stuff

Directory of people of color in Political Science

## LGBT Scholar Network

Twitter feed sharing work by LGBTQ+ scholars across disciplines

## Cite Black Women

Collective promoting Black women's scholarship (#citeblackwomen on Twitter)

## Black Latinas Know Collective

Collective for sharing Black Latina scholarship

## Sourcelist

Database of technology experts from diverse backgrounds

+ consider zines, blogs, OA journals

# Adapting the activity



## In Classroom

In small groups  
Discussion-based

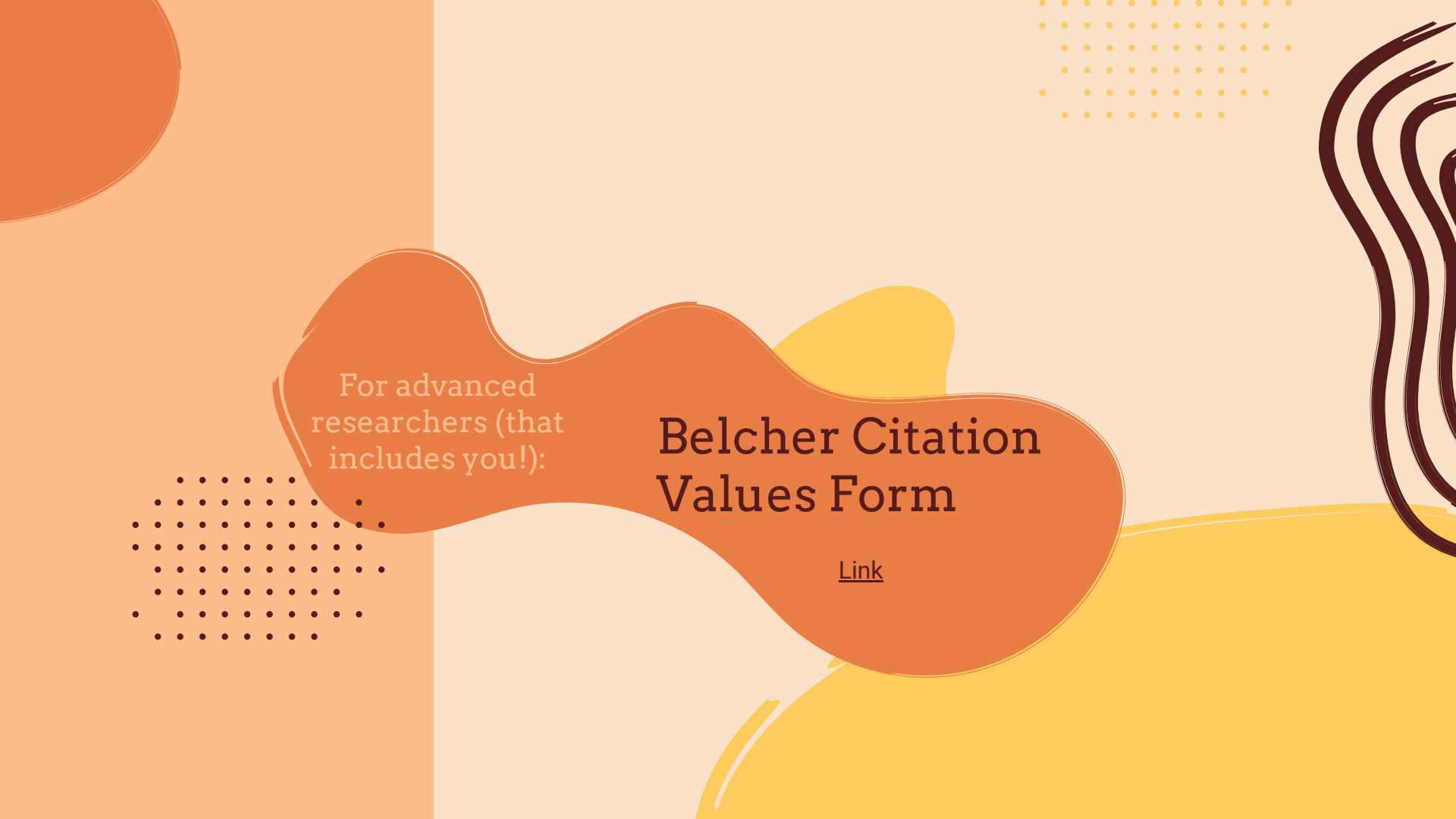


## Online

LibWizard form  
As part of larger lesson/tutorial

# Other activities that address privilege

- [“Why Does Authority Matter in the Research Process?” - New Literacies Alliance](#)
- [“Politics of Citation Discussion Activity” - Aisha Conner-Gaten on Project CORA](#)
- [“Whose Shoulders Are You Standing On? Inclusive Citation Practices in Literature Reviews” - Liz Bellamy on Project CORA](#)



For advanced  
researchers (that  
includes you!):

## Belcher Citation Values Form

[Link](#)

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# Takeaways



# Thank you!

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