

Developing Novel Interdisciplinary Projects to Advance Public Knowledge



The Interdisciplinary Center for Innovative Theory and Empirics

CURRENT RESEARCH

Promoting global social change through effective cross-sector initiatives

With the ever-changing social and cultural issues facing our world, the conversation addressing these problems will always continue to shift. The Interdisciplinary Center for Innovative Theory and Empirics (INCITE) at Columbia University advances socially and culturally important projects by bringing together multi-disciplinary knowledge and practice. They generate and communicate information using novel research and education methods at the intersection of disciplines. Through their collective conversations, INCITE integrates the strengths of social sciences, humanities, and life and behavioral sciences to effectively promote social change in the U.S. and abroad.

The issues INCITE pursues are widespread and change over time in order to adapt to relevant issues. Implementing their extensive expertise in oral history and sociology, their collaborations are with partners whose movements and moments will have a widespread impact. Currently, their research initiatives focus on status, difference, innovation, creativity, and temporality.

Within each unique project, INCITE identifies the dynamics surrounding individual narratives with the current social structure. Their completed projects include the September 11, 2001 Oral History Project, which involved hundreds of diverse interviews across New York City that captured individual memories of the attacks before they could be influenced by larger media narratives. INCITE also conducted an 150-hour project—called the Institute for Research on Women, Gender and Sexuality Oral History Project—that archived the history of this program and Columbia University's leadership in the development of academics in feminism. This innovative project resulted...

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AFFILIATION



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AWARDS

- Presidential Teaching Award, Columbia University, 2015
- Elected, Member of the National Academy of Sciences, 2014
- Best Article, ISS Paper Competition, 2010-12
- Eliot Freidson Outstanding Publication Award, 2011
- Medical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, 2010-11
- and 3 more...

RESEARCH AREAS

Humanities, Sociology

FUNDING REQUEST

Your contribution will help fund INCITE's continued work in advancing public knowledge and promoting social change. Your donation will help fund the \$1.5K needed for data acquisition, \$2.5K for a Mellon fellow or an Oral History MA student, \$27.5K/year for a graduate student, \$30K for a micro oral history project, \$75K for post-doc, and \$650K for an oral history project with 300 hours of archive-ready transcript. Support these important initiatives that will have a widespread impact: fund INCITE.

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