

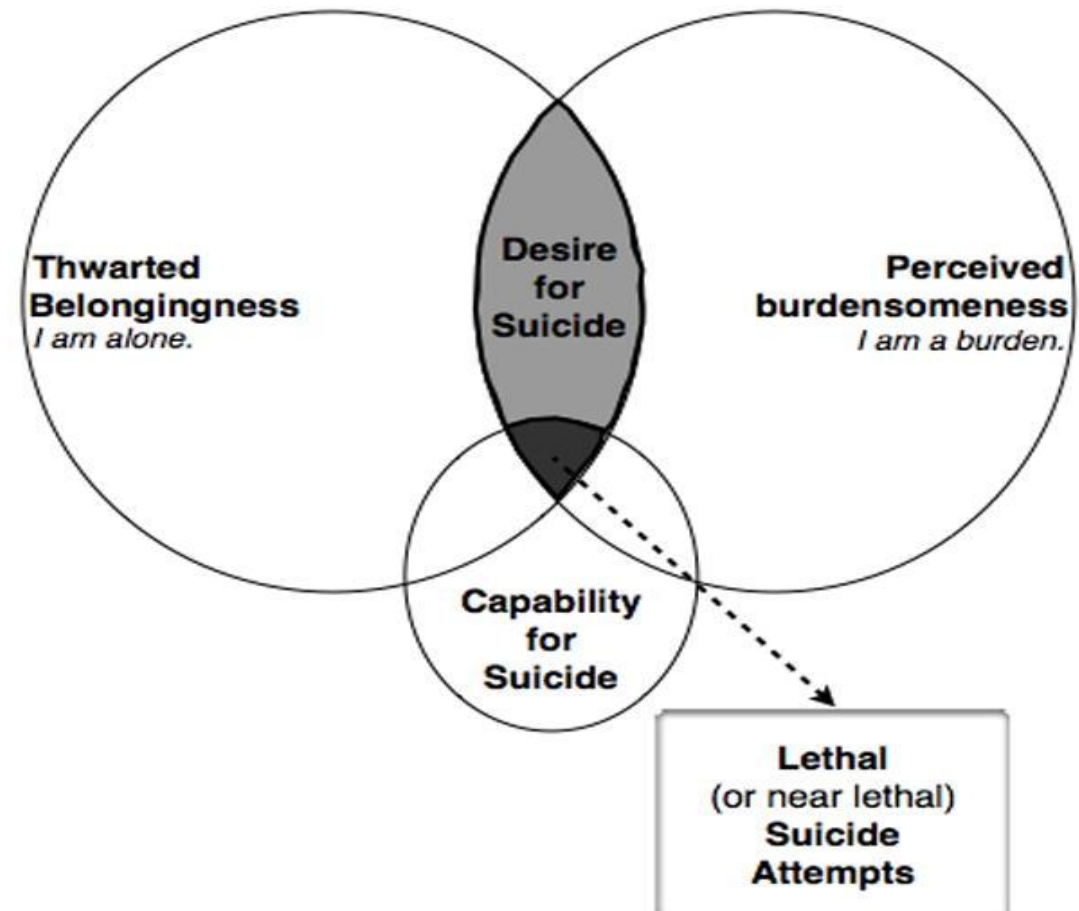


The Patchwork Cloak: Intersections of Identity and Suicide

Kimberly Tran, PhD, HSP-P
Associate Professor, Psychology
Fayetteville State University
Licensed Psychologist
Private Practice

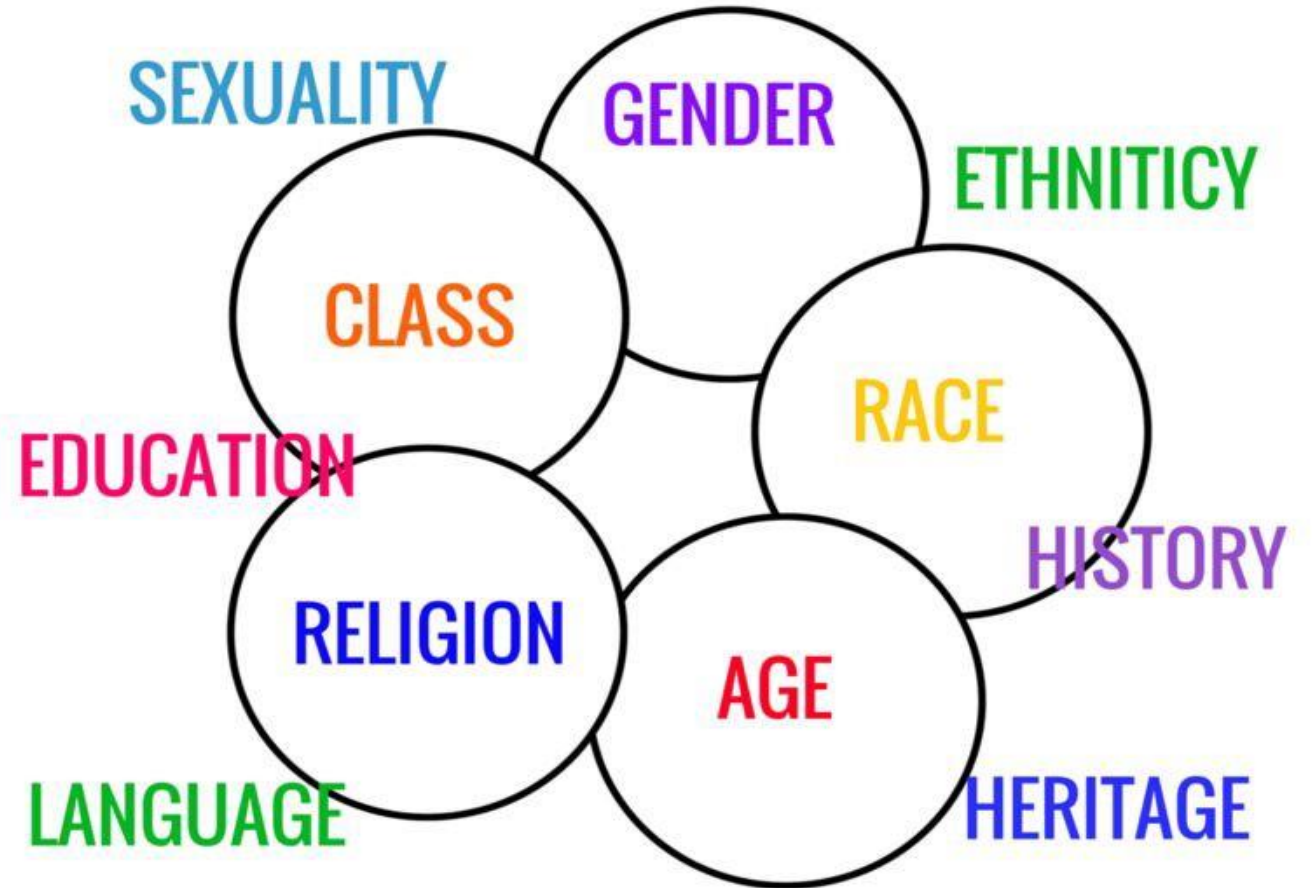


Interpersonal Theory of Suicide (Joiner, 2010)





INTERSECTIONALITY



"overlapping or intersecting social identities and related systems of oppression, domination, or discrimination."



Protective and Risk Factors

Protective factor: a **characteristic** at the biological, psychological, family, or community (including peers and culture) level that is associated with a lower likelihood of problem outcomes or that reduces the negative impact of a risk factor on problem outcomes

Risk factor: a **characteristic** at the biological, psychological, family, community, or cultural level that precedes and is associated with a higher likelihood of problem outcomes



Suicide and Intersectionality





A Patchwork Cloak

- 34 year old Biracial man (Black/African American father and White/European American mother)
- Only child
- Childhood trauma
- Marine Veteran, combat trauma
- Low childhood socioeconomic status
- Long term partnership
- Chronic pain
- High socioeconomic status career in education working with veterans
- College educated, working on graduate degree
- Medical marijuana recipient
- Charismatic and outgoing with large social group



Think, Feel and Do

- Think: All the research knowledge and clinical experience we have
- Feel: Our intuition and discomfort at the ambiguity
- Do: Stopping our fears and hesitations from blocking the “art”
Attend to the “tend”



Questions?
Contact Information

Kimberly Tran
ktran@uncfsu.edu