

# Research as Resistance, Second Edition

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This second edition of *Research as Resistance* builds upon the resistance-based methods featured in the first edition and contributes to the recent resurgence of marginalized knowledges in social science research, drawing from Indigenous, feminist, and critical race scholarship. Bringing together the theory and practice of anti-oppressive research, this text emphasizes the importance of critical reflexivity and participatory methods. The contributors to this volume, including both emerging and established scholars, write from marginalized perspectives, explore a variety of methodologies, and address current theoretical issues in social justice research, discussing ontological and epistemological considerations within the field. This substantially revised and updated edition features new chapters that address narrative research, Foucauldian methods, community action research, queer theory, and insurgent Indigenous research. The text provides a solid foundation in specific methodologies while also highlighting their emancipatory potential. With a unique emphasis on both the theoretical foundations and practical applications of socially just research, this collection is an invaluable resource for senior undergraduate and graduate courses on anti-oppressive practice and research theory and methods in the social sciences.

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### Reviews

"Within this superb collection, Susan Strega and Leslie Brown bring voice to a community of researchers who provide a counter-discourse that troubles the mainstream and oppressive methods that regrettably too often dominate research on (rather than with) marginalized peoples. This important volume, which is highly accessible to all researchers regardless of their level of experience, challenges us to rethink conventional ideas about research ethics. Each chapter is characterized by a real commitment to engage openly with the fundamental social justice issues that characterize relationships between researchers and those who are researched. In effect, this book serves as a benchmark against which research in social work should be measured."— *Brenda LeFrançois, School of Social Work, Memorial University of Newfoundland*

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"This vitally important and comprehensive volume pushes ontological and epistemological boundaries by consistently highlighting the possibilities for research to transgress, contest, and resist dominant research paradigms. This new edition showcases the next wave of innovative methods and methodologies to uncover marginalized knowledges found in diverse spiritualities, philosophies, cultures, languages, and experiences. Authored by an impressive collection of feminist, critical race, and Indigenous scholars, the book interrogates the political and philosophical dimensions of knowledge production and is essential reading for anyone interested in undertaking critically reflexive, ethical, and anti-oppressive research to further a social justice agenda."— *Christine Morley, School of Social Sciences, University of the Sunshine Coast*

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