

feminist practices in design + data

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In honor of Women's History Month, the Sasaki Foundation hosted a panel on March 25, 2021, to discuss the role of feminism in design and data science. Experts on the panel explored what feminism in practice looks like; how to promote a feminist practice; how feminist practice impacts the design and evaluation of spaces, data science, and data ethics; and its impact on the industry as a whole.

PANELISTS:

- **Lori Brown**, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Professor, Syracuse University; President of ArchiteXX
- **Catherine D'Ignazio**, Director, Data + Feminism Lab, Assistant Professor of Urban Science & Planning, MIT
- **Katlyn Turner**, Research Scientist, MIT Media Lab
- **Danielle Wood**, Assistant Professor in the Program in Media Arts & Sciences and the Department of Aeronautics & Astronautics, MIT
- **Elaine Limmer**, Sasaki (Moderator)

The following resources were shared by event panelists and attendees:

The [nonprofit design studio ARCHITEXX](#), founded by Lori Brown

Kimberlé Crenshaw's [TED Talk "The Urgency of Intersectionality"](#)

The abstract and link to the full text for ["The Abuse and Misogynoir Playbook"](#)

The [Bloomsbury Global Encyclopedia of Women in Architecture](#) research highlighted by Lori Brown

The [paper that forced Timnit Gebru out of Google](#), now public as part of the FAccT 2021 proceedings

[Interesting research on the bias of large datasets](#)

Ida B. Wells's [1893 speech on lynching](#)

Pollicy Uganda's recent research, [Afrofeminist Data Futures](#), exploring data feminism and data justice

[Stamped from the Beginning: the Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America](#) by Ibram X. Kendi

[How to Be an Antiracist](#) by Ibram X. Kendi

[How We Get Free: Black Feminism and the Combahee River Collective](#) edited by Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor

[Sister Outsider](#) by Audre Lorde

Michal Ziso's [TEDx Talk "Equality Lessons From Mars"](#)

Danielle Wood's article ["Creating Our Sustainable Development Goals for Mars"](#)

["Chapter 5: The Numbers Don't Speak for Themselves,"](#) from *Data Feminism*

Erin Genia's [Boston AIR Podcast](#) with the City of Boston Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture

Danielle Wood's essay ["On Indigenous People's Day, Let's Commit to an Anticolonial Mindset on Earth and in Space"](#)

[White Feminism: from the Suffragettes to Influencers and Who They Leave Behind](#) by Koa Beck,
and her [talks at the Brooklyn Public Library on white feminism](#)

[A resource on defining "White Supremacy Culture" in organizations](#), from Challenging White Supremacy Workshop

["White Supremacy Culture in Organizations"](#) by Dismantling Racism Works and adapted by COCo

The Heart 2020 podcast miniseries ["Race Traitor"](#) on divesting from whiteness

Scene On Radio podcast [season 2 "Seeing White"](#) on the history of whiteness,
and [season 3 "MEN"](#) addressing sexism, patriarchy, and misogyny