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Serving Trans Parent Families: Research and Theory Towards Service

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Three publishable papers build upon each other in the following portfolio style dissertation. First, Biohacking Queer and Trans Fertility: Using Social Media to Form Communities of Knowledge uses biohacking as a framework to understand the ways trans people form community to meet their knowledge and social needs throughout their conception journey. Second, An Axiological Exploration of Queer Methodologies: Centering Values to Queer One’s Orientation to Research explores reflexivity, relationships, and activism as values commonly found throughout queer methodological works, and proposes further centering those values to queer research orientations towards service. Finally, Serving Trans Gestators: Midwife Knowledge Networks seeks to document and celebrate the networks midwives utilize to deepen their understanding of trans gestators and their needs as patients. Through these three papers, research complexities inherent to serving trans populations are explored, and a case is made for research that centers lived experiences, joy, and resilience.