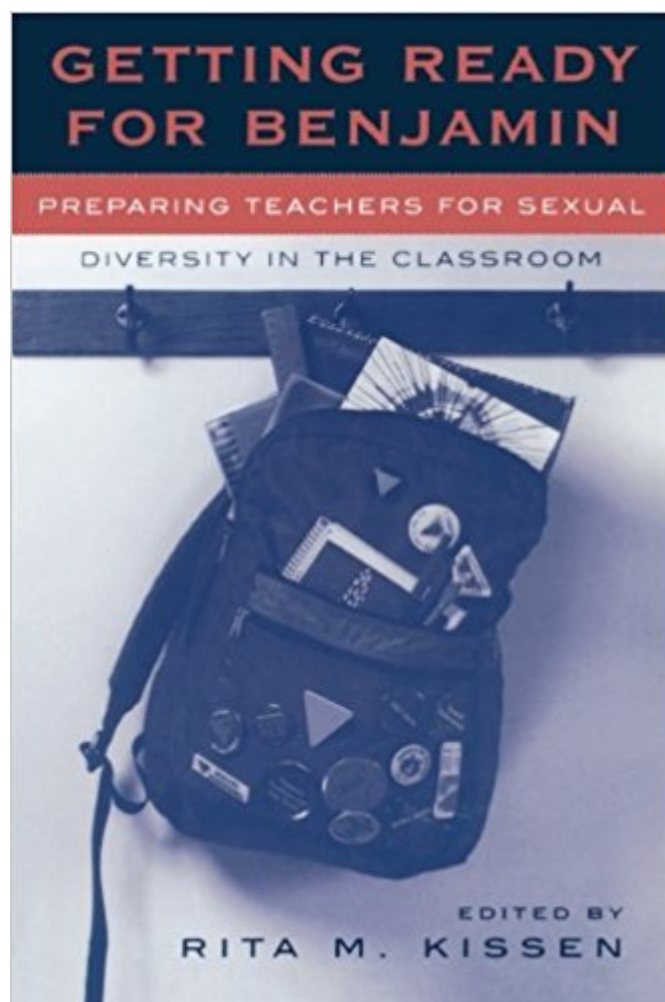




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Writing from a variety of perspectives, the contributors to this anthology share strategies for incorporating sexual diversity into multicultural teacher education. The 19 essays, written by teachers and teacher educators, include personal accounts, theoretical analyses, and hands-on approaches that will prepare future teachers to confront homophobia and help them welcome lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students, along with children of gay families, into their schools and classrooms.

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work is finely nuanced, clearly written, theoretically competent and should be a must for every teacher. I am grateful for the author for producing a book I can use in my education classes. (Didi Khayatt, PhD, associate professor, faculty of Education, York University) This book is an important addition to the growing literature on LGBT issues in education. Rita Kissen has crafted a timely, comprehensive, and practical anthology that should be required reading for all K-12 educators and Teacher Educators. (Pat Griffin, University of Massachusetts) First-person narratives along with more scholarly essays create an inclusive and highly readable book for use in teacher education courses at both the undergraduate and graduate level. (Journal Of Gay & Lesbian Issues In Education) This volume pulls together persuasive research about the heterosexist knowledges that pervade the school and teacher education curriculums. It is a valuable resource for teachers who need to get ready for . . . children and adolescents of 'queer' families who will no doubt give their teachers a run for their money. (Teaching Education) This book represents a moment for which many of us in teacher education have been waiting. Here is an anthology that addresses the needs of teacher educators, pre-service teachers, teachers, administrators, counselors and school staff as we attempt to do more than discuss, debate, and/or defend and sympathize with victims of sex and gender prejudice. These scholars, some of the most informed in the field, have presented us with revealing analyses of school cultures and given us insightful prescriptions for teacher education as we work to further fair treatment of individual differences in ways that can create safe and democratic school learning environments. This is a very important contribution to our understanding of both what is and of what is possible. (Glorianne M. Leck, Ph.D., professor emeritus at Youngstown State University and a past president of the American Educational Studies Association)

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