**Encounters with the White Coat: Becoming a Sex and Disability Researcher in a Wheelchair**

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In this paper, I will deconstruct my own being and becoming of a female researcher with a spinal cord injury (SCI)--acknowledging the mirroring power of my participants with disabilities and yet still struggling not to join any club--in the first half of my doctoral research on the sexual well-being of women with SCI, more specifically during and in the aftermath of the one-month internship at the rehabilitation wing of a hospital where I observed people and processes, assisted the healthcare team, and had informal conversations with the people who were in rehab. Following Barad’s plead for diffractive methodologies (2007; 2008), I aim to track interference patterns of the range of relationalities--imagined or mobilised by myself or by others--that I embraced or shied away from during my fieldwork based on excerpts from my field notes in order to discover from them the constant process of my own becoming-in-the-world with a “broken body” (Shildrick & Price, 1996), a process in which “identity and any sense of a contained or static sense of embodiment is constantly confronted and displaced” (Fritsch, 2010: 7).

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