High School Religious Context and Reports of Same-Sex Attraction and Sexual Identity in Young Adulthood

Discussion questions:

1. How do sexual scripts influence our sexual desires, behaviors, and identities?

2. How do the religious beliefs and behaviors of high school students shape school culture and the available sexual scripts?

3. What other aspects of high school culture might shape young people’s developing sexual desires and identities?

4. Did religion have a strong presence in your high school? What sexual scripts were dominant? Was same-sex sexuality stigmatized in your high school?

5. Do you think sexual scripts shape our actual desires, or just whether or not we acknowledge or report those desires? Why or why not?