

COMPARING ELSA & ACL TO UNDERSTAND SIMILARITIES & DIFFERENCES IN INTERSECTIONAL INEQUALITY

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Where it started & where we are

- FIOCRUZ visit sparked joint interest in social determinants of inequality & health
- First paper: who reports discrimination in US & Brazil, for what reasons & are disparities intersectional (e.g., race/color-by-gender-by-SES)
- Analyses in parallel well underway
- Challenges of comparison - Substantive differences in experiences of unfair treatment due to cultural & historical differences; measurement/language/meaning
- Challenges of collaboration – ensuring measurement & modeling are similar despite different data collection strategies; figuring out best publication strategies

Current priorities

- Achieve measurement of discrimination that is meaningful in each setting but comparable across
- Understand intersectional disparities in experiencing discrimination & convey to Brazilian & other audiences
- Move toward analyses of health consequences of discriminatory treatment, mediation of health disparities?
- Awaiting new wave of data to make ELSA a panel – thinking about measurement for next wave of key concepts?
- Thinking about funding options to continue collaboration on scientific publications

Lessons

- Coding & meaning across societal boundaries: all the reasons reported for unfair treatment – how to come up with a comparable coding scheme, navigate issues of translation? Is comparison stronger than single country assessment?
- What scientific & other products are most useful for team & for future partnership activity?
- Data access & analytic labor: making sure there are senior collaborators + junior folks to conduct analyses & benefit professionally in the longer term
- Identifying skills & resources each team can share