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Bio

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Alison Dahl Crossley is the Executive Director of the Clayman Institute for Gender Research, where she has been for the last ten years. She leads the Institute's strategic focus, operations, and engages partners at Stanford and beyond through academic and community relations. She manages the Institute's programming and fellowship programs: faculty research fellows, postdoctoral research fellows, graduate dissertation fellows, and undergraduate internships. Crossley leads the Institute team and works with the Faculty Director to set the thematic focus of the Institute.

Crossley's books "Finding Feminism: Millennial Activists and the Unfinished Gender Revolution," (NYU Press, 2017) and more recently "Feminism in the United States: A Concise Introduction" (Routledge, 2024) analyze the contemporary feminist movement through an intersectional lens. She has published articles and chapters about social movements, online feminism, gender, and the continuity of the feminist movement. Her research has been covered by the New York Times, USA Today, and NPR.

Previously, Crossley was a postdoctoral fellow at the Clayman Institute for Gender Research. She earned her MA and PhD in Sociology with an emphasis in Feminist Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara. She received an MA in Media and Communications from the University of London, Goldsmiths College, and a BA in Women's Studies from Smith College (Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude, with Highest Honors).

CURRENT ROLE AT STANFORD

Executive Director, Clayman Institute for Gender Research

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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