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Ethical Considerations in Mixed Methods Research

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Who Am I?

- Leia K. Cain, Ph.D.
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- Educational Measurement and Research
- Interests: Researcher identity and decision making, ethical considerations within research, and methodological considerations



Goals for this Webinar

- How do ethical concerns stretch beyond IRB consent?
- What are some of the ways that mixed methods researchers discuss ethics?
- How can we include our ethical decisions in a final written manuscript?

Defining Ethics

- A pragmatic view of what works... mixed methods researchers must engage in this definition in order to resolve conflicting axiologies between qualitative and quantitative traditions (Biddle & Schafft, 2015).
- What does this definition leave out?

What Ethical Principles Exist in Mixed Methods Research?

- Those similar to monomethod research:
 - Do no harm
 - Use honest reporting
 - Maintain data quality measures
- What other principles should we consider when conducting mixed methods research?

Ethical Considerations within Mixed Methods Research

- Poth (2020) argues that ethical considerations in mixed methods research can be intensified, as:
 - Designs may differ in the number of data collection and integration points
 - Designs may use more intensive data collection methods
 - Designs may be more intensive over a short period of time
 - Designs may differ in participant expectations.
- Mertens (2009) argues that justice must be a central concern.

How are MMR Researchers Discussing Ethics?

- Cain, MacDonald, Coker, Velasco, and West (2019) examined how MMR researchers discuss ethics...
 - Modified systematic review of MMR articles from 2013-2018.
 - N=332, or 15% of 2,098 articles.
 - Qualitative analysis of articles
 - 66 articles discussed ethics (20.5%)

Findings

Theme	<i>n</i>	%
Theme 1: Ethics as Defined by the IRB	—	—
Sub theme: Mentioned	31	9.63
Sub theme: Legal	34	10.56
Sub theme: Informed Consent	15	4.66
Sub theme: Privacy	9	2.80
Theme 2: Data Quality as a Measure of Ethics	24	7.45
Theme 3: Ethics as Defined by Theory	6	1.86
Theme 4: Social Justice-Minded Ethics	9	2.80

Why is it Important to Discuss Ethics?

- As a measure of validity and data quality (Hesse-Biber, 2010)
- In considering responsibilities of the researcher(s) to the participant(s) (Hesse-Biber & Leavy 2006)
- As MMR is a growing field, researchers are likely to continue to discover new ethical issues and considerations (Evans et al., 2011; Mcfarlane, 2010).
- Transparency in MMR is imperative to our continued growth and legitimation as a field (Collins et al., 2013).

How Can I Include Ethics?

- Intentionality!
- Finding a home in methods...

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