Intersectionality does not simply signal identity or overlapping identities/concerns. Intersectionality does not mean working together. Intersectionality does not mean supporting one another from various positions, merely advocating for one another. Intersectionality does not mean a lot of things. Intersectionality has become a buzzword that has obscured its actual meaning and intellectual history. Intersectionality is a theoretical framework. Intersectionality is about critiquing and dismantling power. Intersectionality is a way to see the world. Intersectionality is a specifically Black feminist creation and centers Black women. Intersectionality has grown to include more than just the intersections of race, gender, and class but its origins must be named and honored...

Here are some readings to (re)acquaint you with intersectionality's origins and history, all written by Black women themselves because they are the blueprint:


Hull, Akasha, Patricia Bell-Scott and Barbara Smith, eds. But Some of Us are Brave: All the Women are White, All the Blacks are Men: Black Women’s Studies. New York: Feminist Press at CUNY, 1982.


