Gaming at the Edge
Gender, Race, and Sexuality in Video Games

A Lecture in Critical Media and Digital Studies

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Adrienne Shaw's book *Gaming at the Edge* represents an intersection of three major fields in media studies: the politics of representation of marginalized groups; ethnographic and qualitative media audience research; and cultural studies approaches to video games. It provides an in-depth look not just at how groups are represented in games, as some previous authors have done, but also at how audiences interact with these representations in ways that are unique to this particular medium. It addresses digital games as part of broader media consumption practices and identity work, looking at the ways games and concerns about representation in them are embedded within the everyday lives of players.

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