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"Intent to Persist for LGBTQ College Students: A Study of the Role of Mental Health and Harassment"

In 2010, our groundbreaking study titled "2010 State of Higher Education for LGBT People" was released which captured the experiences of 5,000 individuals on college campuses across the country. In the current project funded by the LGBT Research Initiative Award, we investigated select relationships from this report as a means to strengthen the development of the new 2013 survey instrument. As such, we examined the association between self identification as having a **psychological condition**, **experiences with harassment**, and **intent to persist** among **queer spectrum and trans-spectrum** college students, which is totally lacking in the literature. According to our findings, harassment and mental health (depression, anxiety) are strong predictors of an LGBTQ student's intent to persist in college.