

# Methodologies: Research Framework

Feminist and queer phenomenological methodologies developed meaningful understandings of perinatal relationships between LGBTQ+ women and their health care providers. Informed by the work of existential, feminist, and queer philosophers, the complexities in how women experience birth were explored along four axes of human existence: body, time, space and relation.

The personal experiences of LGBTQ+ women told from their perspectives uniquely informed our phenomenological analysis. From this we identified themes of space, invisibility, and relationality as they relate to power, control and autonomy; embodied safety and supportive care; and the importance of trauma-informed care.