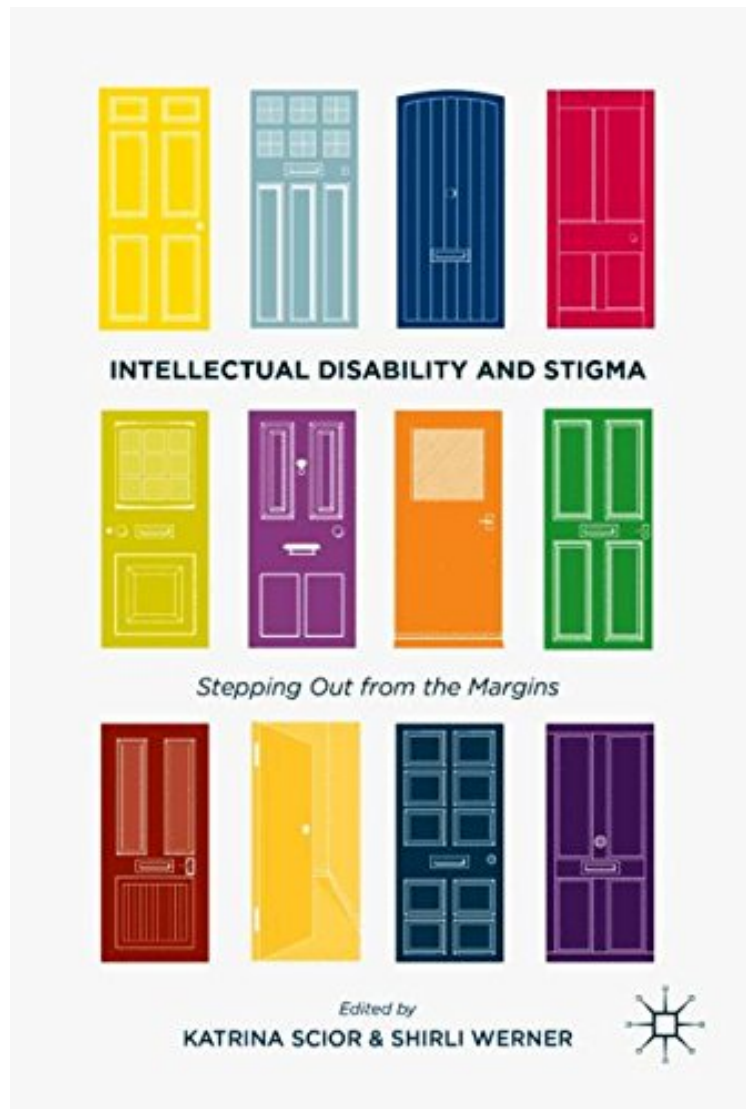


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This book examines how intellectual disability is affected by stigma and how this stigma has developed. Around two per cent of the world's population have an intellectual disability but their low visibility in many places bears witness to

their continuing exclusion from society. This prejudice has an impact on the family of those with an intellectual disability as well as the individual themselves and affects the well-being and life chances of all those involved. This book provides a framework for tackling intellectual disability stigma in institutional processes, media representations and other, less overt, settings. It also highlights the anti-stigma interventions which are already in place and the central role that self-advocacy must play.

That stigma is an important issue is not in doubt but how do we understand its origins and manifestations and the impact it has on people with intellectual disabilities and their families? This book explores these and other aspects and addresses the question of what we should do in response to it and how we as individuals and societies might prevent it. (Tony Holland, Department of Psychiatry, University of Cambridge, UK) Edited by leading experts in their field, this text will become indispensable to all who want to understand and address the impact of discrimination and stigma on the wellbeing of people with intellectual disabilities. It deserves to be on the reading lists of all training courses that prepare people to work with children or adults with intellectual disability. (Eric Emerson, Professor of Disability Population Health, Centre for Disability Research and Policy, University of Sydney, Australia)