

**Tara McKay**  
**Sociologist**

**AT A GLANCE**

**Current Position: Assistant Professor, Vanderbilt University**

**Areas of Research: Health, Health Policy, Global Health Policy, LGBTQ Health**

**Countries of Expertise: US, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Uganda**

**PUBLICATIONS**

**h-index: 20**  
**Citations: 1660**  
**Peer Reviewed: 34**  
**Book Chapters: 5**  
**Commentaries: 5**  
**Policy Briefs: 6**

**FUNDING**

**Active Awards: 5**  
**Completed: 14**  
**PI/Co-PI: 9**

**TEACHING**

**Instructor: 17**  
**New Preps: 8**  
**Average Eval Score:**

**RECENT AWARD**

**COVID-19 Innovative Teaching Award,  
Vanderbilt University**

**MEDIA**

**I was featured on the PBS series  
Aging Matters: Aging with Pride in  
June 2022.**

**MENTORING/TRAINING**

**Research Active Trainees: 72**  
**Trainee meets at least one DEIA criteria: 47**  
**Trainee Co-authors: 19**  
**Postdocs: 7**  
**MDs: 2**  
**Graduate: 23**  
**Undergraduate: 47**

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## EDUCATION

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- 2013      **PhD in Sociology**, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 2008      **M.A. in Sociology**, University of California, Los Angeles.  
Area Concentrations: Social Stratification, Social Demography
- 2005      **B.A. in Psychology**, with Honors, Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA.

## POSITIONS

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- 2020-present      **Associate Director**  
LGBT Policy Lab, Vanderbilt University
- 2015-present      **Assistant Professor**  
Department of Medicine, Health, and Society, Vanderbilt University
- Secondary Appointment**  
Department of Health Policy, Vanderbilt University Medical Center
- Affiliated Faculty**  
Alzheimer's Dementia Research Center, Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
Center for Child Health Policy, Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies, Vanderbilt University  
Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University  
Program for LGBTQ Health, Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
Tennessee Center for AIDS Research, Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
Vanderbilt Institute for Global Health, Vanderbilt University Medical Center
- 2019-2020      **Parental Leave**
- 2018-2019      **Research Leave**
- 2013-2015      **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy Research**  
University of California, Berkeley/University of California, San Francisco
- 2006-2012      **Study Coordinator**  
Community Based Research, AIDS Project Los Angeles
- 2005-2006      **Data Analyst**  
Undergraduate Research Center, Occidental College

## ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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- 2017-present      **Expert Witness**  
Provided case review, expert testimony, and written Country Conditions reports in 13 immigration and asylum cases for LGBT and other African nationals from Ghana (1), Malawi (1), Mozambique (2), Nigeria (5), Senegal (3), and Uganda (1)
- 2020      Completed UC Hastings Center for Gender & Refugee Studies Training on The Role of Expert Witnesses in Asylum Cases

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## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- 2022      **PAA Poster Award**, Population Association of America.
- 2021      **COVID-19 Innovative Teaching Award**, College of Arts & Science, Vanderbilt University
- 2017      **Allyship of the Year**, Office of LGBTQI Life, Vanderbilt University
- 2012      **Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship**
- 2012      **UCLA Dissertation Completion Fellowship**
- 2012      **Elizabeth Blackwell Graduate Paper Award**, Center for the Study of Women, UCLA
- 2011      **Martin Levine Dissertation Award**, Honorable Mention, Sexualities Section, ASA
- 2010      **Excellence in Teaching Award**, Department of Sociology, UCLA
- 2009, 2006      **Graduate Fellowship**, Sociology, UCLA
- 2008      **Rosenstein Student Scholarship Award**, HIV/AIDS Section, APHA
- 2008      **Excellent Poster Presentation Award**, Student Section, APHA
- 2004, 2003      **Howard Hughes Medical Institute Fellow**, Occidental College

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (29)

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(\* denotes student/trainee co-author; ≡ denotes alphabetical authorship)

- 2022      \*Facciani, Matthew, and **Tara McKay**. "Network Loss Following the 2016 Presidential Election among LGBTQ+ Adults." *Applied Network Science*.
- 2021      \*Barbee, Harry, and **Tara McKay**. "Variation in Subjective Aging among Middle-Age and Older LGBTQ+ People: An Exploratory Study." *Innovation in Aging*, 5(suppl 1): 549.

≡ Carpenter, Christopher, \*Sam Eppink, Gilbert Gonzales, and **Tara McKay** [alpha order]. "Effects of Access to Legal Same-Sex Marriage on Marriage and Health: Evidence from BRFSS." *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*.

Based on NBER Working Paper No. 24651. <http://www.nber.org/papers/w24651>

≡ Carpenter, Christopher S., Gilbert Gonzales, **Tara McKay**, and Dario Sansone [alpha order]. "Effects of the Affordable Care Act Dependent Coverage Mandate on Health Insurance Coverage for Individuals in Same-Sex Couples." *Demography*.

Based on NBER Working Paper No. 26978. <https://www.nber.org/papers/w26978>

**McKay, Tara**, Jeff Henne, Gilbert Gonzales, \*Kyle A. Gavulic, Rebecca Quarles, and Sergio Garcia Gallegos. "Sexual Behavior Change among Gay and Bisexual Men During the First COVID-19 Pandemic Wave in the United States." *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*.

Based on SSRN Working Paper No. 3614113

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[https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3614113](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3614113)

\*\*This SSRN working paper has regularly ranked in the daily and weekly Top 10% for multiple sociology, public health, and COVID-19 lists or e-journals within SSRN from May 2020 to present. It has been viewed online over 3,100 times and downloaded more than 430 times.

- Metzl, Jonathan, **Tara McKay**, and \*Jennifer Piemonte. "Structural Competency and Firearm Research." *Social Science and Medicine*.
- Metzl, Jonathan, \*Jennifer Piemonte, and **Tara McKay**. "Mental Illness, Mass Shootings, and The Future of Psychiatric Research into American Gun Violence." *Harvard Review of Psychiatry*.
- 2020 Gonzales, Gilbert, \*Emilio Loret de Mola, \*Kyle A. Gavulic, **Tara McKay**, and Christopher Purcell. "Mental Health Needs Among Sexual and Gender Minority Students During the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Journal of Adolescent Health*.
- 2019 ≡ Angotti, Nicole, **Tara McKay**, and Rachel Sullivan Robinson [alpha order]. "Lgbt Visibility and Anti-Gay Backlash: Unintended Consequences of Responses to HIV/AIDS in Malawi and Senegal." *Sociology of Development* 5(1):71-90.
- Gonzales, Gilbert, **Tara McKay**, and Christopher Carpenter. "Disparities in Health Insurance Coverage and Access to Care for Children by Mother's Sexual Orientation." *Maternal and Child Health* 24:630-639. DOI 10.1007/s10995-019-02857-7.
- 2017 ≡ Currier, Ashley, and **Tara McKay** [alpha order]. "Pursuing Social Justice through Public Health: Gender and Sexual Diversity Activism in Malawi." *Critical African Studies* 9(1):71-90. DOI: 10.1080/21681392.2017.1283637.
- Gonzales, Gilbert, and **Tara McKay**. "What an Emerging Trump Administration Means for LGBT Health." *Health Equity* 1(1):83-86. DOI: 10.1089/heq.2017.0002.
- McKay, Tara**, and Stefan Timmermans. "Beyond Health Effects? Examining the Social Consequences of Community Levels of Uninsurance Pre-ACA." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 58(1):4-22. DOI: 10.1177/0022146516684537.
- 2016 **McKay, Tara**. "From Marginal to Marginalised: The Inclusion of Men Who Have Sex with Men in Global and National AIDS Programmes and Policy." *Global Public Health* 11(7-8): 902-922.
- McKay, Tara**, and Nicole Angotti. "Ready Rhetorics: Political Homophobia and Activist Discourses in Malawi, Nigeria, and Uganda." *Qualitative Sociology* 39(4): 397-420.
- 2013 McKay, Thomas G., Jeremy Chatwin, **Tara McKay**, and Carter Milhous. "Motivating Interest in Electrical Engineering through Altruism at the Middle School Level." *2013 IEEE Global Humanitarian Technology Conference (GHTC)*: 108-111. doi: 10.1109/GHTC.2013.6713664.
- Mutchler, Matt G., **Tara McKay**, Bryce McDavitt, and \*Kristie K. Gordon. "Using Peer Ethnography to Address Health Disparities in Hard-to-Reach Populations of Young Men." *American Journal of Public Health* 103(5): 849-852.

## Tara McKay

- 2012 Bogart, Laura M., Glenn J. Wagner, Matt G. Mutchler, Brian Risley, Bryce McDavitt, **Tara McKay**, and David J. Klein. "Community HIV Treatment Advocacy Programs May Support HIV Treatment Adherence." *AIDS Education and Prevention* 24(1): 1-14.
- McKay, Tara**, Bryce McDavitt, Sheba George, and Matt G. Mutchler. "'Their Type of Drugs': Substance Use, Sex, and Social Boundaries among Young African American and Latino Gay and Bisexual Men." *Culture, Health, and Sexuality* 14(10): 1183-1196.
- 2011 Craney, Chris, **Tara McKay**, April Mazzeo, Janet Morris, Cheryl Prigodich, and Robert deGroot. "Cross Discipline Perceptions of the Undergraduate Research Experience." *Journal of Higher Education* 82(1): 92-113.
- McKay, Tara**, and Matt G. Mutchler. "The Effect of Partner Sex: Nondisclosure of HIV Status to Male and Female Partners among Men who Have Sex with Men and Women (MSMW)." *AIDS & Behavior* 15(6): 1140-1152.
- Mutchler, Matt G., **Tara McKay**, Honghu Liu, Norman Candelario, Bill Stackhouse, Trista Bingham, and George Ayala. "Sex Drugs, Peer Connections, and HIV: Use and Risk among African American, Latino, and Multiracial Young Men who have Sex with Men (YMSM) in Los Angeles and New York." *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Social Services* 23(2): 271-295.
- Mutchler, Matt G., Glenn Wagner, Burt Cowgill, **Tara McKay**, Brian Risley, and Laura Bogart. "Improving HIV/AIDS Care through Treatment Advocacy: Going beyond Client Education to Empowerment by Facilitating Client-Provider Relationships." *AIDS Care* 23(1): 79-90.
- 2010 Hatfield, Laura A., Margherita E. Ghiselli, Scott M. Jacoby, Anne Cain-Nielson, Gunna Killian, **Tara McKay**, and B.R. Simon Rosser. "Methods for Recruiting Men of Color Who Have Sex with Men in Prevention-for-Positives Interventions." *Prevention Science* 11(1): 56-66.
- 2009 Timmermans, Stefan and **Tara McKay**. "Clinical Trials as Treatment Option: Bioethics and Health Inequities in Substance Dependency." *Social Science and Medicine* 69(12):1784-1790.
- 2008 Mutchler, Matt G., Laura M. Bogart, Marc N. Elliot, **Tara McKay**, Marika J. Suttorp, and Mark A. Schuster. "Psychosocial Correlates of Unprotected Sex without Disclosure of HIV-positivity among African-American, Latino, and White Men who Have Sex with Men and Women." *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, 37(5):736-748.
- 2006 Gorman, Andrea H., David Schwartz, Jonathan Nakamoto, and **Tara McKay**. "Popularity, Social Acceptance, and Aggression in Adolescent Peer Groups: Links with Academic Performance and School Attendance." *Developmental Psychology* 42(6):1116-1127.

### **OTHER PEER REVIEWED STUDY TEAM PUBLICATIONS (5)**

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\*The Positive Connections Study was a multisite randomized controlled trial to reduce serodiscordant unsafe sex among HIV positive men who have sex with men. I contributed to this study and research related to the data collected by this study, especially related to recruitment methods and retention, as a named member of the Positive Connections while serving as study site coordinator for AIDS Project Los Angeles.

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- 2010 Brennan, David J., Seth L. Welles, Michael H. Miner, Michael W. Ross, B.R. Simon Rosser, and **The Positive Connections Team**. 2010. "HIV Treatment Optimism and Unsafe Anal Intercourse among HIV-positive Men Who Have Sex with Men: Findings from The Positive Connections Study." *AIDS Education & Prevention*, 22(2):126-137. doi:10.1521/aeap.2010.22.2.126
- Rosser, B.R. Simon, Laura Hatfield, Michael H. Miner, Margherita E. Ghiselli, Brian R. Lee, Seth L. Welles, and **The Positive Connections Team**. 2010. "Effects of a Behavioral Intervention to Reduce Serodiscordant Unsafe Sex among HIV Positive Men Who Have Sex with Men: The Positive Connections Randomized Controlled Trial Study." *Journal of Behavioral Medicine*; 33(2):147-58. doi: 10.1007/s10865-009-9244-1.
- 2009 Brennan, David J., Seth L. Welles, Michael H. Miner, Michael W. Ross, Kenneth H. Mayer, B.R. Simon Rosser, and **The Positive Connections Team**. 2009. "Development of a Treatment Optimism Scale for HIV-positive Gay and Bisexual Men." *AIDS Care*, 21(9):1090-1097.
- 2008 Ross, Michael W., B.R. Simon Rosser, Eric R. Neumaier, and **The Positive Connections Team**. 2008. "The Relationship of Internalized Homonegativity to Unsafe Sexual Behavior in HIV-seropositive Men Who Have Sex with Men." *AIDS Education & Prevention*. 20(6):547-557.
- Rosser, B.R. Simon, K.J. Horvath, L.A. Hatfield, J.L. Peterson, S. Jacoby, A. Stately, and **The Positive Connections Team**. 2008. "Predictors of HIV disclosure to secondary partners and sexual risk behavior among a high-risk sample of HIV-positive MSM: results from six epicenters in the US." *AIDS Care*, 20(8): 925-930.

### BOOK CHAPTERS (4)

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(\* denotes student/trainee co-author)

- 2022 Metz, Jonathan, \*Philip Pettis, **Tara McKay**, and \*Jennifer Piemonte. "Structural Competency and Firearm Research." In Hallwell, Martin and Sophie A. Jones (Eds). 2022. *Companion to the Politics of American Health*. Edinburgh University Press.
- 2021 Clark, Kirsty, \*Serena Musungu, and **Tara McKay**. "LGBTQ+ Population: Diverse Community at Greater Risk of Experiencing Gun Violence." In *The Gun Violence Briefing Book*. The Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (ABCT). Pp 100-120. [https://www.abct.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Gun\\_Violence\\_BB\\_2021\\_Complete.pdf](https://www.abct.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Gun_Violence_BB_2021_Complete.pdf)
- McKay, Tara**. "Struggles for Inclusion: Incorporating Same-Sex Practicing Men into National HIV Prevention and Surveillance in African Countries." In Sandfort, T. (ed). *Male Same-sex Sexuality and HIV in Sub-Saharan Africa*. Springer.
- 2018 **McKay, Tara**. "From Marginal to Marginalised: The Inclusion of Men Who Have Sex with Men in Global and National AIDS Programmes and Policy." In Perez-Brumer, Amaya, Richard Parker, and Peter Aggleton (eds.) *Rethinking MSM, Trans\* and other Categories in HIV Prevention*. Routledge.

### COMMENTARIES/BOOK REVIEWS (5)

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- 2019 **McKay, Tara.** "Achieving Access: Professional Movements and the Politics of Health Universalism. By Joseph Harris. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2017. Pp vii-268." *American Journal of Sociology*.
- 2017 **McKay, Tara.** "The Social Costs of Repealing the ACA." *Health Affairs Blog*.  
<http://healthaffairs.org/blog/2017/03/07/the-social-costs-of-repealing-the-aca-2/>
- McKay, Tara.** "Communities plagued by uninsurance also suffer from breakdowns in trust, social connection." *The Conversation*. \*Republished through Creative Commons License by AP, NY Magazine, SF Gate, and several other online publications.  
<https://theconversation.com/communities-plagued-by-uninsurance-also-suffer-from-breakdowns-in-trust-social-connection-71602>
- McKay, Tara,** and Gilbert Gonzales. "Two Things Health Researchers and Allies Can Do Right Now to Advance LGBT Research." *Health Affairs Blog*.
- 2009 **McKay, Tara,** and Stefan Timmermans. "The Bioethical Misconception: A Reply to Lidz." *Social Science and Medicine* 69(12):1793-1796.

### **POLICY BRIEFS & WHITE PAPERS (6)**

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(\* denotes student/trainee co-author; ≡ denotes alphabetical authorship; \*\*impact notes)

- 2020 **McKay, Tara,** Jeff Henne, Gilbert Gonzales, Rebecca Quarles, Sergio Garcia Gallegos. "The Impact of COVID-19 on LGBTQ Americans." Research Brief. Prepared for the Nashville/Davidson County Mayor's Office.
- \*\*This brief continues to be hosted by the Mayor's Office on the A Safe Nashville COVID-19 Response Page. [https://www.asafenashville.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Brief\\_COVID\\_LGBTQ\\_Americans.pdf](https://www.asafenashville.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Brief_COVID_LGBTQ_Americans.pdf)
- McKay, Tara,** Jeff Henne, Gilbert Gonzales, Rebecca Quarles, and Sergio Garcia Gallegos. "Sex, Relationships, and COVID-19: Sexual Behavior Change among Gay and Bisexual Men in the US." Research Brief. Prepared for the Nashville/Davidson County Mayor's Office.
- McKay, Tara,** and \*Bailey Via. "Older LGBTQ Tennesseans and COVID-19." Research Brief. Prepared for the Nashville/Davidson County Mayor's Office.
- 2017 **McKay, Tara,** and Stefan Timmermans. "Policy Brief: Beyond Health Effects? Examining the Social Consequences of Community Levels of Uninsurance Pre-ACA." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*. 1. DOI: [10.1177/0022146516688225](https://doi.org/10.1177/0022146516688225).
- ≡ Angotti, Nicole, **Tara McKay,** and Rachel Sullivan Robinson [alpha order]. "Political Homophobia, Health, and Rights in Sub-Saharan Africa." Research Brief. Prepared for Center for Excellence on Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance, USAID, Washington, D.C.
- 2011 **McKay, Tara,** and Miguel Muñoz-Laboy. "Latino Men who have Sex with Men and Women & HIV Prevention." (Broadsheet) Acción Mutua/Shared Action, AIDS Project Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA. [http://www.sharedaction.org/pdf/BISEX\\_FINAL\\_021711.pdf](http://www.sharedaction.org/pdf/BISEX_FINAL_021711.pdf)

### **COMMUNITY RESEARCH SUMMARIES (1)**

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2021 **McKay, Tara.** VUSNAPS Wave 1 Community Research Summary. Available at [www.vusnaps.com](http://www.vusnaps.com).

## PREPRINTS AND UNPUBLISHED WORKING PAPERS (3)

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(\* denotes student/trainee co-author)

2022 **McKay, Tara,** \*Ellesse-Roselee Akre, Jeff Henne, \*Adam Conway, \*Isabel Gothelf, and \*Nitya Kari. Accepted. "LGBTQ+ Affirming Care May Increase Knowledge and Support for Undetectable=Untransmittable among Older Gay and Bisexual Men in the US South." medRxiv 2022.06.20.22276658; doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2022.06.20.22276658>

**McKay, Tara,** \*Nathaniel M. Tran, \*Harry Barbee, \*Judy K. Min. Accepted. "Effects of LGBTQ+ Affirming Care on Uptake of Preventative Care, Management of Chronic Disease, and Aging Outcomes." medrxiv 2022.05.26.22275633; doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2022.05.26.22275633>

2020 **McKay, Tara,** Jonathan Metzl, and \*Jennifer Piemonte. "Effects of Statewide Coronavirus Public Health Measures and State Gun Laws on American Gun Violence." SSRN Working Paper No. 3680050. [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3680050](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3680050)

\*\*This working paper has been viewed over 1,000 times and downloaded more than 120 times.

## GRANTS AND SUPPORT

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### In Preparation (3)

#### PI

UCNets Renewal  
National Institute on Aging  
Planned submission: Nov 2022

#### Co-PI

"Biological stress and aging among sexual and gender minority older adults: DNA methylation in VUSNAPS" (R21)  
National Institute on Aging  
PI: Lauren Gaydosh, University of Texas, Austin  
Submitted: Jul 2022

#### Co-I

VUSNAPS BioAge R01  
PI: Lauren Gaydosh, University of Texas, Austin  
Planned submission: Oct 2022

### Pending (3)

#### PI

Diversity Mentoring Supplement  
National Institute on Aging  
Submitted: Apr 2022  
Trainees: Nik Lampe, Nathaniel Tran, Serena Musungu



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## **Preceptor/Mentor**

Vanderbilt Accelerated Training Program for Pediatric Physician-Scientists (Vanderbilt ATP3): Energizing Multidisciplinary Research to Improve Health for Vulnerable Pediatric Populations (T32)

NICHHD

PI: Derek Williams, Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Submitted: May 2022

## **Co-I**

Race and Racialization in the United States: Covid Narratives, and the Politics of Health Mellon Foundation

PI: Jonathan Metzl, Vanderbilt University

## **Declined (1)**

### **PI**

Diversity Supplement

National Institute on Aging

Trainee: Carey Candrian, PhD

\*\*Trainee was awarded a K. Supplement funding was declined.

## **Active (5):**

**Role: PI (1), Co-PI (1), Co-I (3)**

**Source: Federal (2), Foundation (2), Internal (1)**

2020-2025

### **Co-I**

"Vanderbilt LGBT Policy Lab"

Vanderbilt Re-Investment Award (VRA)

PI: Christopher S. Carpenter, Vanderbilt University

2019-2024

### **PI**

"Effects of Social Networks and Policy Context on Health among Older Sexual and Gender Minorities in the US South." (R01)

National Institute on Aging

2021-2023

### **Co-PI**

"Addressing 'Para-Policy' Beliefs About Race, Health, Community, and Ideology that Surround Healthcare Reform in the US South."

Commonwealth Foundation

PI: Jonathan Metzl, Vanderbilt University

2021-2022

### **Co-I**

"Biological Aging Among Older Sexual and Gender Minority Adults in the US South"

University of Texas, Austin, Center on Aging and Population Studies NIH Pilot Award

PI: Lauren Gaydosh, Sociology, University of Texas, Austin

2019-2022

### **Co-I**

"Expanding Research Examining the Health and Equity Impacts of Population-Focused Public Policies and How They Relate to the LGBT Community."

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

PI: Christopher Carpenter, Economics, Vanderbilt University

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## Completed (14)

**Role: PI (6), Co-PI (1), Co-I (3), Other (1)**  
**Source: Federal (1), Foundation (3), Internal (6)**

- 2021-2022     **PI**  
“Social Networks, Misinformation, and Vaccine Hesitancy in the US”  
Rapid Advancement Micro-grant Program (RAMP) Award  
Vanderbilt University  
Co-I: Matthew Facciani, Post-Doctoral Trainee, Vanderbilt University
- 2020-2022     **PI**  
“Diversity Supplement: Effects of Social Networks and Policy Context on Health among Older Sexual and Gender Minorities in the US South.” (R01)  
National Institute on Aging  
Post-Doctoral Trainee: Harry Barbee, Vanderbilt University
- 2020-2022     **PI**  
“Vanderbilt Social Networks, Aging, and Policy Study (VUSNAPS) Buccal DNA Collection”  
Discovery Grant, Vanderbilt University  
Co-PI: Lauren Gaydosh, Medicine, Health, and Society, Vanderbilt University
- 2020-2021     **Co-I**  
“Violence, Discrimination, and Political Engagement among Older LGBT Adults in the US South”  
LGBT Policy Lab Small Grants, Vanderbilt University  
PI: Kristin Michelitch, Political Science, Vanderbilt University
- 2020           **PI**  
“National Study of Effects of COVID-19 on LGBTQ Americans”  
MHS Small Research Grant  
Vanderbilt University
- 2018-2019     **PI**  
“LGBT Rights, Organizing, and Health in Criminalized Contexts”  
Research Scholar Grant  
Vanderbilt University
- 2017-2018     **PI**  
“LGBT Rights and Health in Mozambique”  
Research Scholar Grant  
Vanderbilt University
- 2016-2018     **Co-I**  
“Examining the Health Impact of Policies Related to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community to Address Gaps in Health-Equity Research.”  
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation  
P.I.: Christopher Carpenter, Economics, Vanderbilt University

2015-2018     **Co-I**

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Administrative Supplement: "Social Networks and Health among Older Lesbian and Gay Men"

Primary Award: "Understanding How Personal Networks Change" (R01)

National Institute on Aging

P.I.: Claude Fischer, Sociology, UC Berkeley

- 2017 **PI**  
"Effects of Uninsurance on American Communities"  
Politics of Health in the US South Trans-Institutional Program Faculty Research Grant  
Vanderbilt University
- 2017 **PI**  
"Politicized Homophobia and LGBT Organizing in Nigeria"  
African Studies Trans-Institutional Program Faculty Research Grant  
Vanderbilt University
- 2016 **PI**  
"Recruitment Supplement: LGBT Aging, Social Networks, and Health in the San Francisco Bay Area"  
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Research Scholars Alumni Fund  
Co-I: Claude Fischer, Sociology, UC Berkeley
- 2012-2013 **Co-PI**  
"Dissertation Research: The Local Implementation of Global AIDS Prevention Policies"  
National Science Foundation  
P.I./Mentor: Stefan Timmermans, Sociology, UCLA
- 2009 **Graduate Investigator**  
"Seed Grant: Clinical Trials as Treatment Options for People Living with HIV and AIDS"  
California Center for Population Research, UCLA  
Faculty Sponsor: Stefan Timmermans, Sociology, UCLA
- Other Support**
- 2012-2013 **Graduate Research Assistant**  
Keeping Gay and Bisexual Men Safe: A Critical History of HIV Prevention  
Canadian Institute of Health Research  
PI: Adam Isaiah Green, Sociology, University of Toronto
- 2011-2013 **Graduate Student Researcher**  
Spillover Effects of Communities without Health Insurance  
National Science Foundation  
P.I.: Stefan Timmermans, Sociology, UCLA
- 2012 **Graduate Research Assistant**  
External Evaluation of the Southern African Regional Social and Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC) Programme, as Implemented in Malawi  
UK Department for International Development (DfID)  
P.I.: Paul Hutchinson, Public Health & Tropical Medicine, Tulane University
- 2007, 2010 **Fieldwork and Data Collection Graduate Research Assistant**  
Malawi Longitudinal Study of Families and Health (MLSFH)

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National Institute of Child Health and Development  
P.I.: Hans Peter Kohler, Sociology, University of Pennsylvania

- 2007-2008     **Research Training Fellow**  
“Disclosure of HIV Status among Latino Men Who Have Sex with Men and Women”  
California HIV Research Program  
Faculty Sponsor: Stefan Timmermans, Sociology, UCLA  
Community-Based Organization Sponsor: Matt G. Mutchler, Community Based  
Research, AIDS Project Los Angeles
- 2007           **Graduate Summer Research Fellow**  
“Perceptions of Voluntary Counseling and Testing for HIV in Rural Malawi”  
Graduate Division, UCLA  
Faculty Sponsor: Susan Cotts Watkins, California Center for Population Research, UCLA
- 2005-2012     **Study Coordinator/Site Coordinator (AIDS Project Los Angeles)**  
“Sex Drugs and HIV: Perceptions of Young Gay Men of Color” (R03)  
National Institute on Drug Abuse  
PI: Matt Mutchler, Community Based Research, AIDS Project Los Angeles
- “Evaluation of Treatment Advocacy in Improving HIV Care Management” (R01)  
National Institute on Nursing Research  
PI: Laura Bogart, Behavioral Sciences, RAND Corporation
- “Treatment Advocacy Intervention for HIV-Positive African Americans” (R01)  
National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities  
PI: Laura Bogart, Behavioral Sciences, RAND Corporation
- “Medical Mistrust, Social Networks, and Disparities in HIV Care among Blacks” (R01)  
National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities  
PI: Laura Bogart, Psychology, Children’s Hospital Corporation
- “Pilot Intervention for Discrimination and Medical Mistrust among HIV Positive Black  
Men” (R34)  
National Institute on Mental Health  
PI: Laura Bogart, Psychology, Children’s Hospital Corporation
- “Positive Connections: RCT HIV Prevention Program for Persons with HIV” (R01)  
National Institute on Mental Health  
PI: B.R. Simon Rosser, Epidemiology and Community Health, University of Minnesota
- 2004-2005     **Project Coordinator**  
Social Development Lab  
PI: Andrea Hopmeyer, Psychology, Occidental College

## TEACHING

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**Total courses taught (17)**

**Courses taught at Vanderbilt (15)**

**Total new preps (8)**

**New preps at Vanderbilt (7)**

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2015-

## **Instructor**

Center for Medicine, Health & Society, Vanderbilt University

- *MHS 1920: Politics of Health*
  - Spring 2016
  - Fall 2016
- *MHS 2610/MHS 3890: Responding to Global Health Crises*
  - Fall 2015
  - Spring 2016
  - Spring 2017
  - Fall 2017
  - Spring 2018
  - Fall 2021
- *MHS 2610/MHS 3890: Responding to Global Health Crises (new online prep)*
  - Fall 2020
  - Spring 2021
- *MHS 6500: Quantitative Data Analysis and Data Visualization (Graduate)*
  - Fall 2016
- *MHS 6400: Quantitative Data Analysis and Data Visualization (Graduate) (new online prep)*
  - Fall 2020
- *MHS 6400: Quantitative Data Analysis and Data Visualization (Graduate) (re-prep, new statistical software)*
  - Fall 2021
- *University Course (UNIV 3225/UNIV 5225): The Nation's Health: From Policy to Practice*
  - Spring 2017
  - Spring 2018

2011-2012

## **Instructor**

Department of Sociology, UCLA

- *Sociology 20: Research Methods.*
  - Summer, 2011
  - Summer 2012

2007-2009

## **Teaching Assistant**

Department of Sociology, UCLA

- *Sociology 1: Introduction to Sociology.*
  - Spring 2008
- *Sociology 20: Research Methods.*
  - Winter 2008
  - Spring 2009
- *Sociology 138: Death, Suicide, and Trauma.*
  - Winter 2009
- *Sociology 157: Social Stratification.*
  - Fall 2008
- *Sociology 170: Medical Sociology.*
  - Fall 2007

## **Continuing Education for Teaching**

2020. Online Course Design Institute, two-week course, Vanderbilt Center for Teaching.

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2016. Course Design Institute, one-week course, Vanderbilt Center for Teaching.

## SERVICE

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### PROFESSION

#### *National Institutes of Health*

Referee, Standing Member, NIH Social Sciences Population Studies Section B (2022-2026)

Referee (invited, declined due to COVID/childcare disruptions), Ad Hoc Member, NIH Population and Public Health Approaches to HIV/AIDS (PPAH) Study Section (2022)

Referee, Ad Hoc Member, NIH Social Sciences Population Studies Section B (2021)

Referee, Ad Hoc Member, NIH Mental Health Services Research Committee (SERV), National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH; 2020)

Invited Panelist, NIH Scientific Workshop on Social Network Diffusion of Individual Behavior Change Interventions (2022)

Invited Participant, 4-part NIH Scientific Workshop on Violence & Related Health Outcomes in Sexual & Gender Minority Communities (2021)

#### *Other*

Co-Founder, Interdisciplinary Research Network on LGBT Elders

#### **Journal Editorial Board**

*Sexuality Research and Social Policy* (2021-2026)

*Annals of LGBTQ Public and Population Health* (2019-2022)

*Journal of Health and Social Behavior* (2018-2021)

#### **Journal Referee**

*Aging and Health Research*

*AIDS & Behavior*

*African Studies Review*

*American Journal of Preventative Medicine*

*American Journal of Sociology*

*American Sociological Review*

*Annals of LGBTQ Public and Population Health*

*British Medical Journal*

*BMJ Open*

*Crime, Law, & Social Change*

*Culture, Health & Sexuality*

*Gender & Society*

*Global Health Action*

*Global Public Health*

*Health Affairs*

*Health Equity*

*International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*

*International Journal of Epidemiology*

*Journal of Affective Disorders*

*Journal of Alzheimer's Disease*

*Journal of Health and Social Behavior*

*Journal of Homosexuality*

*Journal of Lesbian Studies*

*Journal of Men's Health*

*Lancet, The*

*Lancet Regional Health – Americas, The*

*LGBT Health*

*PLOS One*

*Public Health Reports*

*SAGE Open*

*SAGE Publications (Books)*

*Social Problems*

*Social Science & Medicine*

*Society & Mental Health*

*Sociological Forum*

*Socius*

*Substance Use & Misuse*

*World Development*

### VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Member, Diversity, Equity, and Engagement Committee, College of Arts and Science (2021)

Member, Executive Committee, Vanderbilt LGBT Policy Lab (2020-present)

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Member, Vanderbilt LGBT Policy Lab (2017-2020)  
Faculty Advisor, Partners in Health: Engage Student Organization (2015-present)  
Referee, Application Review Committee, Undergraduate Summer Research Program (2020-present)  
Contributor, International Lens Film Series (2017-2020)  
Contributor, Africa at a Crossroads: Challenges and Prospects TIPS (2016-2018)  
Contributor, Politics of Health in the US South TIPS (2015-2017)

## VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

Referee, Ad Hoc Member, Doctoral Program Admissions Committee, Department of Health Policy (2020)

## DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE, HEALTH, AND SOCIETY

Publicity Committee (Chair) and Editor, MHS Annual Report (2015-2020, excluding 2018-2019)  
Graduate Curriculum Committee (2016-2017; 2017-2018)  
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2015-2016; 2020-2021)  
MHS Colloquium Committee (2015-2016)  
MHS Faculty Search Committee (Co-Chair: 2020, 2020; Member: 2017, 2018, 2021)

## COMMUNITY

Member, Nashville Pride Older Adults Task Force (2022-present)  
Expert Witness, Asylum and Immigration Cases (2017-present)  
Member, Data Action Committee, Ending the HIV Epidemic Nashville, Nashville-Davidson County  
Mayor's Office, Metro Government of Nashville-Davidson County (2018)

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS, LAST 7 YEARS

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- 2022 (September) Tennessee Center for AIDS Research.
- (June) "Applying for NIH Diversity Supplements." Office of the Vice Provost for Research, Vanderbilt University.
- (April) "Connecting with Metro Nashville Local Government on LGBTQ Health during the COVID-19 Pandemic." Division of Government and Community Relations, Vanderbilt University.
- (April) "Trends in National Firearm Injuries and Deaths and VCH Pediatric Gunshot Wound Encounters, 2018-2021." Pediatrics Research Conference, Vanderbilt Children's Hospital/Vanderbilt University Medical Center.  
\*\*available for CME credit.
- (April). "Social Networks, Aging, and Health in the VUSNAPS Cohort." Colloquium Series, Department of Medicine, Health, and Society, Vanderbilt University.
- (March) "Trans Health and Policy in the Household Pulse Survey." Association for Public Policy and Management (APPAM).
- 2021 (December) "Towards A New Narrative for Mass Shootings and Mental Health." SAFE (Scrubs Addressing the Firearm Epidemic) + VUMC Wellness Brownbag Event for Medical Students, Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

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- (November) "Building Coalitions with Policy Makers and Practitioners." Queer Populations, Perspectives, and Policies Conference sponsored by the Social Policy Association, the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom.
- (September) "Advancing Social Justice for LGBTQ Populations in the Global South through HIV Research and Policy." Grand Rounds. The HIV Center for Clinical and Behavioral Studies, Columbia University.
- (August) "LGBTQ Health and COVID-19 in the US South." Southern LGBTQ Health Symposium. Vanderbilt University Medical Center.  
\*\*available for CME credit.
- (August) "Struggles for Inclusion: Incorporating Same-Sex Practising Men into National HIV Prevention and Surveillance in African Countries, 2000-2020." Book Launch Webinar, Springer Books.
- (April) "LGBT Americans, COVID-19: Getting Research to Policy Makers." PrideNet Café. Stanford University.
- (January) "Effects of Statewide Coronavirus Public Health Measures and State Gun Laws on Nonsuicide Firearm Injuries and Deaths." Department of Health Policy, Vanderbilt University Medical Center.
- 2020 (November) "What's going on with COVID-19 Cases in African Countries?" Vanderbilt University.
- (November) with \*Christopher Carpenter, Gilbert Gonzales, and Dario Sansone. "Effects of the Affordable Care Act Dependent Coverage Mandate on Health Insurance Coverage for Individuals in Same-Sex Couples." American Economic Association Virtual Seminar Series on LGBTQ+ Individuals.  
\*\*This paper was also presented by one or more co-authors in 2020 by invitation at the US Census Bureau, Bentley University, and Vanderbilt University.
- (October) "LGBTQ Health and COVID-19: State of the Research as of October 2020." Health Equity Seminar Series, Department of Epidemiology, Vanderbilt University Medical Center.
- (September) "The COVID-19 Pandemic and Sexual Behavior among Gay and Bisexual Men in the United States." Gender and Sexuality Seminar Series. Vanderbilt University.
- (August) "VUSNAPS Sample and Data." UC Berkeley Social Networks Conference. Berkeley, CA.
- (June) "Taking Pride in Health." Webinar hosted by FiftyForward, with Metro Nashville City Council Member Nancy VanReece and community partners.
- (April) with Gilbert Gonzales. "LGBTQ Health in the Age of COVID." Webinar hosted by Nashville Davidson County Mayor's Office, the Metro Nashville LGBTQ Caucus, and the Metro Nashville City Council with Metro Nashville City Council Member Nancy VanReece and community partners.



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- 2018 (April) "MSM, HIV, and Rights in Global Health." Department of Sociology, American University, Washington, D.C.
- (March) "LGBT Rights and Health in sub-Saharan Africa." Africa TIPS Lecture Series, Vanderbilt University.
- (March) "Social Networks, Health, and Policy: Considerations for Older LGBT Adults." Southern LGBTQ Health Symposium, Nashville, TN.
- 2017 (December) "International LGBT Issues." Gender Matters Seminar Series, Women's and Gender Studies, Vanderbilt University.
- (November). "Author Meets Critic: AIDS and Masculinity in the African City." African Studies Association, Chicago, IL.
- (September) "The History of Health Reform in the US." Vanderbilt University.
- (September) "Pursuing Social Justice through Global Health Research and Science." Keynote, Global Engagement Lecture Series, Middle Tennessee State University.
- (August) "The Social Costs of Uninsurance: What Happens When Communities are Systematically Denied Coverage?" New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Center for Community Health Action, New York, NY.
- (May) with Gilbert Gonzales. "Health Policy and Advocacy." Senior Day Faculty Seminar, Vanderbilt University.
- (April) "HIV and Mortality Data." Department of Economics, Vanderbilt University
- (January) with Nicole Angotti and Rachel Sullivan Robinson. "LGBT Backlash in African Countries." Center for Excellence on Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance, USAID, Washington, D.C.
- 2016 (October) with Nicole Angotti and \*Rachel Sullivan Robinson. "HIV Interventions and Homophobic Backlashes in Sub-Saharan Africa." Bill and Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.
- (August) "Prioritizing Gay Men and Other Men Who Have Sex with Men in Global and National AIDS Policy." Mathematica Policy Research, Oakland, CA.
- (April) "HIV & African Politics." Guest Lecture, Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University.
- (March) "Global Health Policy & Gay Men" Guest Lecture, Department of Sociology, American University, Washington, D.C.
- 2015 (December) Panelist, World AIDS Day Panel, Vanderbilt University.
- (November) "Explaining Differences in Same-Sex Criminalization Laws in Three African Countries." Public Policy Studies, Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University.

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### SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, LAST 7 YEARS

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- 2022 (November) with \*Kirsty Clark and Jonathan Sexton. "Association of sexual orientation with suicide bereavement and suicide-related emotional distress among US adults." Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (ABCT) Annual Convention, New York City, NY.
- (August) "Effects of State Coronavirus Public Health Measures and Gun Laws on Nonsuicide Firearm Injuries and Deaths." American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, California.
- (August) with Nathaniel Tran, Harry Barbee, and Judy Min. "Promoting Healthy Aging through LGBTQ+ Affirming Care: Evidence from VUSNAPS." American Sociological Association annual meeting, Los Angeles, California.
- (August) with \*Harry Barbee. "Subjective Aging and Mental Health Among Sexual and Gender Minorities: Examining Variation by Gender and Race." American Sociological Association annual meeting, Los Angeles, California.
- (August) with \*Randi Saunders. "Social Networks of Older LGBT Adults and Access to LGBT-Affirming Healthcare in the American South." American Sociological Association annual meeting, Los Angeles, California.
- (July) with Jeff Henne, Catherine Shinnors, Scott Schwartz, A Dyson, Tanisha Evans, M.C. Penner, C Kinker, and Rebecca Quarles. "U=U awareness promotes engagement in HIV care among HIV Negative men who have sex with men in Mississippi and Alabama." International AIDS Conference, Montreal, Canada.
- (July) with Ellesse-Roselee Akre, Jeff Henne, Adam Conway, Isabel Gothelf, and Nitya Kari. "LGBTQ+ Affirming Care May Increase Knowledge and Support for Undetectable=Untransmittable among Older Gay and Bisexual Men in the US South." International AIDS Conference, Montreal, Canada.
- (June) with \*Nathaniel Tran, Harry Barbee, and Judy Min. "Promoting Healthy Aging through LGBTQ+ Affirming Care." Academy Health annual meeting, Washington, D.C.
- (June) with \*Randi Saunders. "Social Networks of Older LGBT Adults and Access to LGBT-Affirming Healthcare in the American South." International Conference on Social Stress Research, Savannah, Georgia.
- (April) with \*Lauren Chojnaki, Cassy Dorff, and Kristin Michelitch. "Victimization, Social Support, and Political Engagement: Lifetime Effects Among LGBT+ Individuals." European Consortium for Political Research, Gothenburg, Sweden.  
\*\*held virtually (COVID)
- (April) with \*Harry Barbee. "Variation in Subjective Aging among Middle-Age and Older LGBTQ+ People: An Exploratory Study." Southern Sociological Society, Birmingham, Alabama.

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- (April) with Nicole Angotti, Rachel Sullivan Robinson, Serena Musungu. "The Missing Millions: Six Explanations for the Lower-than-Expected COVID-19 Cases in African Countries." Population Association of America, Atlanta, Georgia.  
\*\*Poster Award Winner
- 2021 (November) with \*Harry Barbee. "Variation in Subjective Aging among Middle-Age and Older LGBTQ+ People: An Exploratory Study." The Gerontological Society of America annual meeting, Phoenix, AZ.  
\*\*held virtually (COVID)
- (August) with \*Harry Barbee and Laura Carpenter. "Identifying Risky Partners: Queer Sex in a Pandemic." American Sociological Association annual meeting.  
\*\*held virtually (COVID)
- (August) with \*Matthew Facciani and Harry Barbee. "Alter Loss Following a Major Health Event among Older LGBT Adults in the UCNets LGBT Oversample." American Sociological Association annual meeting.  
\*\*held virtually (COVID)
- (July) with \*Matthew Facciani. "Alter Loss Following 2016 Presidential Election among Older LGBT Adults." International Network for Social Network Analysis, SunBelt Conference.  
\*\*held virtually (COVID)
- (February) with \*Matthew Facciani and Harry Barbee. "Alter Loss Following a Major Health Event among Older LGBT Adults in the UCNets LGBT Oversample." North American Social Networks conference.  
\*\*held virtually (COVID)
- 2020 (October) "Comparison of a random and nonrandom sample of older sexual and gender minority adults in the San Francisco Bay Area." American Public Health Association, San Francisco, CA.  
\*\*retracted (COVID)
- (August) "Alter Loss Following a Major Health Event among Older LGBT Adults in the UCNets LGBT Oversample." UC Berkeley Social Networks Conference. Berkeley, CA.  
\*\*held virtually (COVID)
- (August) "Aging, Mental Health and Support from Nonkin among Older LGBT Adults." American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.  
\*\*retracted (COVID)
- with José Cossa and Naveen Krishnan. "Advancing LGBT Rights and Health in Mozambique: 'Quiet Activism' and the Challenges of Health Rights Discourse." American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.  
\*\*session canceled (COVID)
- (June) "Alter Loss Following a Major Health Event among Older LGBT Adults in the UCNets LGBT Oversample." International Network for Social Networks Analysis. Paris, France.  
\*\*conference canceled (COVID)

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“In the Family? Kin Presence and Health among Older Sexual and Gender Minorities.”  
International Network for Social Networks Analysis. Paris, France.  
\*\*conference canceled (COVID)

(April) Session Chair. “Fertility and Reproductive Health of Sexual and Gender Minorities.”  
Population Association of America. Washington, D.C.  
\*\*session canceled (COVID)

2019 (October) “Gays Engage: Mobilizing for Rights and Health across the African Continent.”  
Sociology of Development Conference, South Bend, IN.

(August) with Nicole Angotti and \*Rachel Sullivan Robinson. “Lgbt Organizing Strategies in  
Repressive Contexts: Nigeria after the Same Sex Marriage Prohibition Act.” American  
Sociological Association, New York, NY.

2018 (August) with Nicole Angotti and \*Rachel Sullivan Robinson. “Creativity and Resilience in LGBT  
Organizing in Nigeria after the Same-Sex Marriage Prohibition Act.” Sexualities  
Preconference, American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA.

(April) with Christopher Carpenter, Sam Eppink, and Gilbert Gonzales. “Effects of Access to  
Legal Same-Sex Marriage on Marriage and Health: Evidence from BRFSS.” Population  
Association of America, Denver, CO.

\*\*This paper was also presented by one or more co-authors in 2018 and 2019 at the  
following conferences and seminars: 2019 German Health Economics Association  
conference, 2019 American Economic Association conference, 2018 Association for Public  
Policy Analysis and Management conference, 2018 American Society of Health  
Economics conference, 2018 Workshop on Institutions, Individual Behavior, and  
Economic Outcomes, 2018 Boston University Public Health Sciences Workshop, US  
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), American University, Hunter  
College, Johns Hopkins University, RAND, Inc., Marquette University, Texas A&M  
University, University of California, San Diego, University of Illinois, Urbana-  
Champaign, University of Louisville, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, University  
of South Carolina, Vanderbilt University, West Virginia University.

2017 (November) with Nicole Angotti and Rachel Sullivan Robinson. “Creativity and Resilience in  
LGBT Organizing in Nigeria after the Same-Sex Marriage Prohibition Act.” African  
Studies Association, Chicago, IL.

(November) Session Chair. “Challenging Institutions through Policy Innovation, Party Strategies,  
and Activism: Views from Political Science, Sociology, and Education.” African Studies  
Association, Chicago, IL.

(August) with \*Nicole Angotti and Rachel Sullivan Robinson. “HIV Interventions, LGBT  
Visibility, and Anti-Gay Backlash in Malawi and Senegal.” American Sociological  
Association, Montreal, Canada.

(April) “Social Networks and Health among Older LGBT Adults in the San Francisco Bay Area.”  
Population Association of America, Chicago, IL.

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- 2016 (December) with Nicole Angotti and \*Rachel Sullivan Robinson. "Health Interventions, Anti-Western Sentiment, and Homophobia in Sub-Saharan Africa." African Studies Association, Washington, D.C.
- (August) "The Effects of Aid on Attitudes toward Homosexuality in Malawi." American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA.
- (August) with Ashley Currier. "Pursuing Social Justice through Public Health: Gender and Sexual Diversity Activism in Malawi." American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA.
- (August) with \*Rachel Sullivan Robinson and Nicole Angotti. "Health Interventions, Anti-Western Sentiment, and Homophobia in Sub-Saharan Africa." American Sociological Association Comparative Historical Section Pre-Conference, Seattle, WA.
- (July) "Including Men Who Have Sex with Men in National AIDS Programs, 2001-2014." Poster presented at the International AIDS Conference, Durban, South Africa.
- (April) "Social Networks and Health among Older LGBT Adults in the San Francisco Bay Area." International Network for Social Network Analysis, Newport Beach, CA.
- (March) "Pursing Social Justice through Public Health in Malawi and the US South." Conference on the Politics of Health in the US South, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.
- 2015 (August) with Nicole Angotti. "Ready Rhetorics: International LGBT Activism, Local Contexts, and Political Homophobia in Malawi, Nigeria, and Uganda." American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.
- (June) "Beyond Health Effects? The Social Consequences of Community Levels of Uninsurance pre-ACA." Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Research Scholars Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- (April) with \*Nicole Angotti. "Love Crimes: The Expansion of Criminalization of Same-sex Sex in Three African Countries." Population Association of America, San Diego, CA.

### **MEDIA ENGAGEMENT, LAST 5 YEARS**

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- 2020 4 June 2020. "Data Suggests That COVID-19 Is Especially Affecting LGBTQ Nashvillians." *Nashville Scene*.
- 4 June 2020. "Faculty Research Uncovers Community Insights to Help Fight COVID-19." *VU News*.
- 15 May 2020. "Fifty Percent of LGBTQ Nashvillians Live in COVID-19 'Hotspot.'" *Out & About Nashville*.
- 12 May 2020. "Mayor Cooper's Office, LGBTQ Caucus of Nashville Metro Council to host webinar Friday." *WZTV*.

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- 11 July 2018. "Legalizing Same-Sex Marriage Increased Health Care access for Gay Men: Vanderbilt Study." *Indian Loop Network*. Reprinted by multiple subsidiaries across the country.
- 11 July 2018. "Study: marriage equality has improved access to healthcare for men, not women." *Out & About Nashville*.
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