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Employment

Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, 2020-Present

Affiliations: Berkeley Population Center, Institute for Research on Labor and Employment (IRLE)

Tenure Clock Pauses: 2020-2021 (COVID); 2021-2022 (ASMD); 2024-2025 (ASMD)

NICHD Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Texas at Austin Population Research Center, 2019-2020

Education

Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Chicago, 2014-2019

M.A. in Sociology, University of Chicago, 2014-2016

B.A. in Philosophy, University of Chicago, 2008-2012

Awards

ASA Section on Race, Gender, and Class Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Article Award (Honorable Mention), 2024

ASA Section on Sociology of Population Award for Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship in Population (Honorable Mention), 2024

ASA Section on Body and Embodiment Graduate Student Paper Award, 2020

ASA Section on Sociology of Population Student Paper Award (Honorable Mention), 2019

Editorial Boards

Editorial Board, *Demography*, 2024-Present

Editorial Board, *Gender & Society*, 2024-2026

Editorial Board, *Socius*, 2023-2025

Associate Editor, *Demographic Research*, 2022-2028

Publications

Journal Articles

Lagos, Danya, Rebecca Wolfe, and Daniel Schneider. 2026. "Do Transgender and Non-Binary Workers in the U.S. Retail and Service Sectors have Lower Quality Jobs Than Their Cisgender Counterparts?" Forthcoming in *Social Problems*
https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spag010

Pao, Christina, Christopher A. Julian, D'Lane R. Compton, Danya Lagos, and Lawrence Stacey. 2025. "Demographic Differences in Responses to a Two-Step Gender Identity Measure." *Sociological Science* 12, 277-293
https://doi.org/10.15195/v12.a13

Lagos, Danya. 2022. "Has There Been a Transgender Tipping Point? Gender Identification Differences in U.S. Cohorts Born Between 1935 and 2001." *American Journal of Sociology* 128(1), 94-143.
https://doi.org/10.1086/719714
⋆ *2024 American Sociological Association (ASA) Section on Sociology of Population Award for Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship in Population (Honorable Mention)*
⋆ *2024 ASA Section on Race, Gender, and Class Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Article Award (Honorable Mention)*
⋆ Research profiled by *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, The Society Pages*

Lagos, Danya and D'Lane Compton. 2021. "Evaluating the Implementation of the Two-Step Gender Identity Question in the 2018 General Social Survey." *Demography* 58(2), 763-771
https://doi.org/10.1215/00703370-8976151
⋆ Research profiled by *Stanford Clayman Institute for Gender Research*

Lagos, Danya. 2019. "Hearing Gender: Voice-Based Gender Classification Processes and Transgender Health Inequality." *American Sociological Review* 84(5), 801-827
https://doi.org/10.1177/0003122419872504
⋆ *2020 ASA Section on Body and Embodiment Graduate Student Paper Award*

Lagos, Danya. 2018. "Looking at Population Health Beyond 'Male' and 'Female': Implications of Transgender Identity and Gender Nonconformity for Population Health." *Demography* 55(6), 2097-2117
https://doi.org/10.1007/s13524-018-0714-3
⋆ *2019 ASA Section on Sociology of Population Student Paper Award (Honorable Mention)*

Schilt, Kristen and Danya Lagos. 2017. "The Development of Transgender Studies in Sociology." *Annual Review of Sociology* 43, 425-443
https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-soc-060116-053348

Book Reviews

Lagos, Danya. 2022. Review of *Trans Medicine: The Emergence and Practice of Treating Gender* by stef shuster. *American Journal of Sociology* 127(6), 1939-1941
https://doi.org/10.1086/719355

Lagos, Danya. 2021. Review of *Gender Theory in Troubled Times* by Kathleen Lennon and Rachel Alsop. *Contemporary Sociology* 50(5), 426-428
https://doi.org/10.1177/00943061211036051s

Lagos, Danya. 2020. Review of *Trans Kids: Being Gendered in the Twenty First Century* by Tey Meadow. *Social Forces* 98(4), e32
https://muse.jhu.edu/article/762389

Research Brief

Lagos, Danya. 2019. "Do Transgender Women and Men Have Worse Health Outcomes if Their Voices Are Perceived as Inconsistent With Their Gender Identity?" *PRC Research Brief* 4(9) https://doi.org/10.26153/tsw/3858

Encyclopedia Article

Lagos, Danya. 2020. "Health Determinants." Pp. 369-372 in *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Trans Studies*, eds. Abbie E. Goldberg and Genny Beemyn. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE

Work in Progress

Book

Gender, Distributed: The Population Dynamics of the Transgender Tipping Point (Under Contract, University of Chicago Press)

Research Papers

Stacey, Lawrence, Danya Lagos, and Kirsty Clark. "Transgender Suicide Risk: The Role of Healthcare Barriers and Negative Healthcare Experiences" (Revise and Resubmit at *Social Science and Medicine - Mental Health*)

Braun, Robert and Danya Lagos. "The Sociology of Monsters" (In Preparation for *Annual Review of Sociology*)

Lagos, Danya, Sun Moon*, and Dori-Taylor Carter.* "Links Between Transgender and Multiracial Identification in the United States Across Multiple Cohorts: A Research Note" (In Preparation)

Data Collection

Aksoy, Billur, Christopher Carpenter, Danya Lagos, and Dario Sansone. "Estimating LGBTQ+ Attitudes in the US and UK" (AEA Pre-Registered Survey Experiment)

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Grants and Fellowships

Society of Hellman Fellows Award for "The Berkeley Supplement to the Chicago Face Database" ($29,000), 2025

Chancellor's Public Scholars Faculty Fellowship, UC Berkeley American Cultures Engaged Scholarship (ACES) Program ($2,000), 2021

IRLE Faculty Research Award for "Employment Trajectories of Transgender Workers" ($20,000), 2021

Time's Up, Measure Up Research Grant for "On the Basis of Gender: Inequality in Precarious Working Conditions between Cisgender, Transgender, and Nonbinary Workers during COVID-19" (Co-PI with Daniel Schneider), Time's Up Foundation. ($50,000), 2021

Pilot Grant for Population Research, Berkeley Population Center ($20,000), 2020

Summer Institute in Computational Social Science Research Grant, NYU SICSS ($2,500), 2018

Fuerstenberg Fellowship, University of Chicago ($6,250), 2016-2017

Fuerstenberg Fellowship, University of Chicago ($12,500), 2015-2016

National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program (Honorable Mention), 2015; 2016

CSGS/SSD Pre-Dissertation Research Grant for Gender/Sexuality Studies, University of Chicago, 2015

Five Year Social Sciences Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2014-2019

Segal Americorps Education Award ($11,100), 2014

Presentations

Invited Talks

"The Transgender Tipping Point and the Contested Expansion of Choice"

Speaker Series, Rice University Department of Sociology - Houston, 2026

Colloquium, University of Colorado Boulder Department of Sociology - Boulder, 2025

"The Primacy Paradox and the Social Distribution of Gender" *Speaker Series, Vanderbilt University Center for Research on Inequality and Health* - Nashville, 2025

"Using Regression to Select Qualitative Cases: A Multi-Method Approach to Tracing Population Processes," *Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences Seminar, University of Washington* - Seattle, 2025

"The Transgender Tipping Point in a Racialized U.S. Context,"

Colloquium, University of California Davis Department of Sociology - Davis, 2024

Notestein Seminar, Office of Population Research, Princeton University - Princeton, 2024

"The Utility of Categorizing Gender," Presidential Plenary Panel with Kristen Schilt, D'Lane Compton, and Michelle Johns, *Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting* - New Orleans, 2024

"Queer Demography, 'Narrated from the Inside,'" *Queer Demography Summit, Office of Population Research, Princeton University* - Princeton, 2024

"Gender Discipline at Work: Job Quality Gaps Between Cisgender and Transgender / Non-Binary Workers in the Retail and Service Sectors," *Weekly Seminar, Institute for Population Research, The Ohio State University* - Columbus, 2023

"Gender, Distributed: Unpacking the Population Dynamics of the Transgender Tipping Point"

Colloquium, McGill University Department of Sociology - Montreal, 2022

Colloquium, Duke University Department of Sociology - Durham, 2022

Colloquium, New York University Department of Sociology - New York, 2022

Colloquium, Brown University Department of Sociology - Providence, 2022

Colloquium, Boston University Department of Sociology - Boston, 2022

Colloquium, Northwestern University Department of Sociology - Evanston, 2022

"Gender and Time," *ASA Annual Meeting Thematic Session: The Intellectual and Material Lives of Sexual and Gender Classifications* - Los Angeles, 2022

"Including Nonbinary and Intersex People in Data Collection and Analysis," *LGBTQ+ Policy Initiative, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University* - Virtual, 2022

"Capitalism and Trans Identity," *ASA Annual Meeting Special Session: The Limits and Promise of Trans Politics* - Virtual, 2021

"Has There Been a Transgender Tipping Point? Gender Identification Differences in U.S. Cohorts Born Between 1935 and 2001"

Workshop on Population Health for Sexual and Gender Minorities, Broom Center for Demography, University of California, Santa Barbara - Santa Barbara, 2022

Gender and Work Symposium, Harvard Business School - Boston, 2022

Colloquium, Florida State University Sociology Department - Virtual, 2022

Colloquium, Louisiana State University Sociology Department - Virtual, 2021

Berkeley Demography Brown Bag Talks - Virtual, 2020

"Gender in the Twenty-First Century: Multiple Dimensions of Identity and Inequality"

Colloquium, Cornell University Department of Sociology - Ithaca, 2019

Colloquium, University of Wisconsin - Madison Department of Sociology - Madison, 2019

Colloquium, University of California, Berkeley, Department of Sociology - Berkeley, 2019

Colloquium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Department of Sociology - Ann Arbor, 2019

Conference and Workshop Paper Sessions

"The Primacy Paradox and the Racialization of Agentic Self-Expression"

ASA Annual Meeting - Chicago, 2025

Gender, Power, and Theory Workshop- Berkeley, 2025

"The Primacy Paradox and the Social Distribution of Gender" *International Network of Analytical Sociology (INAS) Annual Meeting* - New York City, 2025

"Is there a 'Lost Generation' of Transgender Men in the U.S.? Examining the Population Dynamics and Social Contexts of the 1945-1954 Cohort." *World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) Scientific Symposium* - Virtual, 2020

"Framing and Making the Case for Quantitative Studies of Transgender Populations." *ASA Annual Meeting* - New York City, 2019

"Voice-Based Gender Classification Processes and Transgender Health Inequality"

Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) Annual Meeting - Boston, 2019

University of Chicago Social Theory and Evidence Workshop - Chicago, 2019

"Health, Identity Processes, and Transgender Voices: A Quasi-Experimental Study of Gender Misclassification in Phone-Based Surveys." *ASA Annual Meeting* - Philadelphia, 2018

"The U.S. Transgender Health Landscape: A Multilevel Analysis of Self-Rated Health in 27 States."

PAA Annual Meeting - Chicago, 2017

University of Chicago Social Theory and Evidence Workshop - Chicago, 2017

"Nondiscrimination Policies and the U.S. Transgender Health Landscape." *University of Chicago Gender & Sexuality Studies Workshop* - Chicago, 2017

"Parents' and Friends' Roles in LGBT Trajectories: Multidimensional Networks of Influence." *ESS Annual Meeting* - Boston, 2016

"Measuring Transmission and Transformations of Religious Knowledge with Big Data." *Harvard Graduate Conference on Religion* - Cambridge, MA, 2015

Roundtable and Working Group Presentations

Invited Contributor, *PAA Annual Meeting Workshop: Understanding Health Disparities in the Older LGBT Population* - Columbus, 2024

"Capitalism and Trans Identity." *Network for a New Political Economy (N2PE) Summer Institute* - Berkeley, 2022

"Do Transgender and Non-Binary Workers in the Retail and Service Sectors Have Lower Quality Jobs than their Cisgender Counterparts?" (co-authored with Rebecca Wolfe and Daniel Schneider). *Shift Project Monthly Meeting, Harvard Kennedy School of Government* - Virtual, 2022

"Measuring Gender Classifications and Perceptions of Transgender Populations in the US and UK." *UC Berkeley Gender and Sexuality Working Group* - Virtual, 2020

"Repurposing Methodological Errors in Survey-Based Research." *NYU Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS)* - New York City, 2018

"The U.S. Transgender Health Landscape: A Multilevel Analysis of Self-Rated Health in 27 U.S. States." *ASA Annual Meeting* - Montréal, 2017

"Nondiscrimination Policies and the U.S. Transgender Health Landscape"

University of Chicago Quantitative Social Science Working Group - Chicago, 2016

University of Chicago Gender & Sexuality Studies Working Group - Chicago, 2016

"Adolescent Sexual Orientation: Can We Distinguish Between Peer Influence and Peer Selection?" *ASA Annual Meeting* - Seattle, 2016

"Telework as Intervention in Trans* Occupational Inequality." *Sociologists for Women and Society (SWS) Winter Meeting* - Washington, DC, 2015

Teaching Experience

University of California, Berkeley

Touchy Topics: How to Conduct Sociological Research on Controversial Issues (Undergraduate), Spring 2027

Methods of Sociological Research - Graduate Statistics II (Graduate), Spring 2023; Spring 2024; Spring 2026; Spring 2027

Methods of Sociological Research - Graduate Statistics I (Graduate), Fall 2022; Fall 2023; Fall 2025; Fall 2026

Advanced Study in Substantive Sociological Fields: Gender (Graduate), Fall 2020; Spring 2026

Evaluation of Evidence (Undergraduate), Spring 2022

LGBTQ Topics in Health and Medicine (Undergraduate), Fall 2020

Teaching Experience, Continued

New York University

Introduction to Sociology (Undergraduate, Teaching Assistant), Spring 2019

University of Chicago

Sociology of Human Sexuality (Undergraduate and Graduate, Teaching Assistant), Spring 2017

Social Science Inquiry (Undergraduate, Teaching Assistant), Fall 2016; Winter 2017; Spring 2017

Quantitative Data Analysis (Graduate, Teaching Assistant), Spring 2016

Spanish Language Assistant (Undergraduate, Department of Romance Languages), Fall 2015

Assorted Guest Lectures

"Developing Gender Questions for Surveys," for Empirical Methods II, Harvard Kennedy School (Graduate), Spring 2024; Spring 2025; Spring 2026

"The Social Distribution of Gender," for Sociology of Gender, UC Berkeley Department of Sociology (Undergraduate), Spring 2024

"Labor Unions and Gender Equity," for Equitable Design Lab, UC Berkeley Haas School of Business (Undergraduate), Fall 2021

Mentoring and Advising

Dissertations Chaired

Ashman, Hero. Committee: Christopher Muller (Co-Chair), Danya Lagos (Co-Chair), David Harding, and Leslie Salzinger (Women's Studies). UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, *Expected 2026*

- *Placement:* Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard University, 2026-Present

Dissertation Committees

Osmani, Dhurata. Committee: Mara Loveman (Co-Chair), Robert Braun (Co-Chair), Danya Lagos, and Djordje Popović (Slavic Studies). UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, *In Progress*

Schaad, Kylar. Committee: Christin Munsch (Chair), Mary Bernstein, Elizabeth Holzer, Nancy Naples, and Danya Lagos (Outside Member). University of Connecticut Department of Sociology, *In Progress*

Willis-Conger, Rae. Committee: Tianna Paschel (Chair), Danya Lagos, Jenna Johnson-Hanks, and Ricarda Hammer. UC Berkeley Departments of Sociology and Demography, *In Progress*

Qualifying Exam Committees

Pasquinelli, Natalie. Gender. Committee: Danya Lagos (Chair), Kim Voss, Eliza Brown, and Leslie Salzinger (Gender and Women's Studies). UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, 2024

Willis-Conger, Rae. Gender. Committee: Danya Lagos (Chair), Jennifer Johnson-Hanks, Ricarda Hammer, and Tianna Paschel. UC Berkeley, Department of Sociology and Department of Demography, 2024

Ashman, Hero. Gender. Committee: David Harding (Chair), Christopher Muller, Danya Lagos, and Leslie Salzinger (Gender and Women's Studies). UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, 2023

Osmani, Dhurata. Gender. Committee: Neil Fligstein (Chair), Cihan Tugal, Danya Lagos, and Bruce Hall (History). UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, 2021

Master's Thesis Committees

Cooper, Simon Lazzarra. *Poverty Among U.S. Same-Gender Couples.* Committee: Danya Lagos (Chair) and Jenna Nobles. UC Berkeley Department of Sociology and UC Berkeley Department of Demography, 2026

Amaya, Elena. *Policing Ethnosexual Boundaries: Rassenchande Denunciations in Nazi Berlin.* Committee: Robert Braun (Chair) and Danya Lagos. UC Berkeley, Department of Sociology, 2026

Dombrowski, Miriam. *Affiliation Without Ideological Agreement: Masculinity, Emotion, and Interaction in the Rogan–Trump Interview*. Committee: Danya Lagos (Chair) and Leslie Salzinger (Women's and Gender Studies). UC Berkeley Department of Sociology and UC Berkeley Department of Demography 2025

Ashman, Hero. *Parenthood and Economic Reliance in the 21st Century*. Committee: Chris Muller (Chair) and Danya Lagos. UC Berkeley, Department of Sociology, 2022

Smith, Miranda. *The Call: The Use of Volunteer Labor in the Anti-Intimate Partner Violence Movement*. Committee: Armando Lara-Millán (Chair) and Danya Lagos. UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, 2022

Willis-Conger, Rae. *"Feeling" into Categorization: Race/Gender Formations and Embodied Epistemologies.* Committee: Tianna Paschel (Chair) and Danya Lagos. UC Berkeley Department of Sociology and UC Berkeley Department of Demography, 2022

Swetlitz, Nate. *How Masculinities Impact Barriers and Facilitators to Depression Care Among Latino Men.* Committee: Maria E. Garcia (Chair), Jodi Halpern, and Danya Lagos. UC Berkeley-UCSF Joint Medical Program, 2021

Osmani, Dhurata. *From the Inside Out: The Social Power of Emotions in Post-War Kosovo.* Committee: Laura Enriquez (Chair) and Danya Lagos. UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, 2021

Personal Adviser

Henry, Hasan. UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, 2026-Present

Pasquinelli, Natalie. UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, 2020-Present

Departmental Service

University of California, Berkeley Sociology

Futures Committee, 2026-2027

Colloquium Organizer, 2022-2023; 2025-2026

Ad-Hoc Committee for Senior Hiring, 2024

Panelist, "Faculty Panel on Research and Mentoring," Admitted Students Reception, 2024

Personnel Committee, 2023-2024

Guest Speaker, “Audre Lorde," Sociology Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity (SEID) Reading Group, 2022

Guest Speaker, “Postdoctoral Fellowships," Department Job Market Workshop, 2022

Graduate Admissions Committee, 2020-2021; 2021-2022

Guest Speaker, “Campus Visits and Job Talks," Department Job Market Workshop, 2020

Panelist, “Faculty Trajectories," Berkeley Sociology Summer Research Program on Race, 2020

University of Chicago Sociology

Reviewer for Undergraduate Thesis Prize, Department of Sociology, 2015

Treasurer, Society for Social Research (SSR), 2014-2015

University Service

University of California, Berkeley

Discussant, "Author Meets Critics" for Sandra Eder’s *How the Clinic Made Gender: The Medical History of a Transformative Idea,* Social Science Matrix, UC Berkeley - Berkeley, 2022

Proposal Reviewer, France-Berkeley Fund, 2022

Faculty Steering Committee, Network for a New Political Economy (N2PE) Summer Institute, 2022

Discussant, Berkeley Latina Collective Assistant Professor Workshop, 2021

Guest Speaker, LGBTQ Cluster Fellowship Program Job Market Workshop, 2021

Guest Speaker, Spring Semester Welcome Reception, Chicanx Latinx Student Development Office, 2021

Social Sciences Division Scholarship Selection Committee, Advertising Research Foundation Workforce Initiative for Diversity and Excellence (ARF-WIDE), 2020-2021; 2021-2022

University of Chicago

Co-Coordinator, Gender & Sexuality Studies Workshop, 2016-2017

College Admissions Interviewer, University of Chicago Alumni Schools Committee, 2012-2013

LGBTQ Student Advisory Board, 2011-2012

Community Group Facilitator, Office of LGBTQ Student Life, 2010-2011

Professional Service

Section Council Member (Elected Position), ASA Section on the Sociology of Sex and Gender, 2026-2029

Section Council Member (Elected Position), ASA Section on Body & Embodiment, 2023-2026

- Chair, Graduate Student Research Paper Award Committee, 2024-2025; 2025-2026
- Nominations Committee, 2023-2024

Session Organizer, ASA Regular Session on Transgender Studies, 2023

Session Organizer, PAA Annual Meeting Session on Sexual and Gender Minorities, 2021

Graduate Student Paper Award Committee Member, ASA Section on Body and Embodiment, 2021

Discussant, "Thinking About Numbers, Thinking About the Box." ASA Annual Meeting Sexualities Paper Session, 2021

Panelist, "Knowing When and Where to Submit," Symposium on Advancing Trans, Nonbinary, and Intersex Scholarship, Sociologists for Trans Justice, 2020

Panelist, "COVID-19 and the Academic Job Market," University of Chicago Social Theory and Evidence Workshop, 2020

Guest Speaker, "Research and Publishing Strategies," University of Texas at Austin Sociology Department Job Market Workshop, 2020

Session Organizer, ASA Annual Meeting Workshop on Publishing and Presenting Transgender Studies, 2019

Presider, ASA Annual Meeting Invited Session on Intersex Studies, 2019

Professional Organization Liaison, Sociologists for Trans Justice, 2018-2019

Ad Hoc Reviewer for *Demography (×13), Gender & Society (×12), American Journal of Sociology (×10), American Sociological Review (×7), Social Problems (×7), Journal of Marriage and Family (×6), Social Science & Medicine (×5), Socius (×5), Journal of Health and Social Behavior (×4), American Journal of Preventive Medicine (×2), Journal of Adolescent Health (×2), New York University Press (×2), PNAS (×2), Social Currents (×2), Social Forces (×2), The Sociological Quarterly (×2), Sociological Science (×2), Body & Society, British Journal of Sociology, Contexts, Genus, International Journal of Transgender Health, International Journal of Transgenderism, JAMA Pediatrics, Journal of Homosexuality, Journal of Men's Studies, Law & Society Review, LGBT Health, Men and Masculinities, PLOS ONE, Polity Press, Population Review, Princeton University Press, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, Scientific Reports, Society and Mental Health, Sociological Perspectives, Sociological Theory, Sociology Compass, Springer Books, SSM - Qualitative Research in Health*, 2016-Present

Public Engagement

Interviewed by Riley Cooke for *KQED*, "Stanford Appears Set to Ban Trans Athletes from Women's Sports, Following NCAA," 2025

Interviewed by Erin Allday for *San Francisco Chronicle*, "More Americans are identifying as LGBTQ as national support for their civil rights drops, polls find," 2024

Interviewed by Eric Schmid for *St. Louis Public Radio*, "The 2020 Census Is Underway, But Nonbinary and Gender-Nonconforming Respondents Feel Counted Out," 2020

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Sections: *Sex & Gender; Population; Body & Embodiment; Race, Gender, and Class*

Population Association of America (PAA)

Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS)

Berkeley Faculty Association

UC Berkeley Latinx Faculty Association

Languages

Spanish (Fluent)

English (Fluent)

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