

Skylar Wang

- Education* **University of California, Berkeley**
2023 (expected) Ph.D., Sociology
Committee: Marion Fourcade (Chair), Ann Swidler, Danya Lagos, Cal Morrill
- 2018 M.A., Sociology
Exam Fields: Economic Sociology, Culture, and Social Theory
- University of British Columbia**
2016 B.A., Sociology (Honors), Minor in Visual Arts
Honors Advisor: Wendy Roth
- Research Interests* Technology, Sharing Economy, Economic Sociology, Online Dating, Culture, Gender
- Refereed Articles* 2022 "Migrant Allies & Sexual Remittances: How International Students Change the Sexual Attitudes of Those Who Remain Behind." *Sociological Perspectives* 65(2) 328–349.
2017 with Ryan J. Watson & Shannon D. Snapp* "What We Know and Where We Go from here: A Review of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Youth Hookup Literature." *Sex Roles* 77(11-12):801-811. (*equal authorship)
- Other Academic Publications* 2016 "Igniting a 'Pink Dot': Legal Pragmatism and Cultural Resonance in Singapore's First LGBT Movement." *Sojourners* 8:4-14.
Francesco Duina Best Article Award
2016 "A Critique from Within: The Core of Ai Weiwei's 'Sunflower Seeds.'" *Undergraduate Journal of Art History & Visual Culture* 7:10-17.
- Work in Progress* "How Money Matters: Financial Assurances & Sexual Safety in Airbnb & Couchsurfing." (R&R at *Socio-Economic Review*)
"Couch with Strings Attached: Reciprocal Orientations in Relational Work." (under review at *American Sociological Review*)
"Medicalizing Risk: How Experts and Consumers Manage Uncertainty in Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Health Testing." (under review at *PLOS One*)
"How LGBTQ+ Young Adults Navigate Personal Risk in App-Based Hookups: The Safety Spectrum Theory" (under review at *Archives of Sexual Behavior*)
"Quantifying the Sacred: Finding Love Using Spreadsheets." (in preparation)
- Policy Reports* 2016 with Maggie MacAulay. "#ResistStigma: How Do We Get There?" Vancouver, BC: Community-Based Research Center for Gay Men's Health. Français
- Public Sociology* 2020 "Covid-19 is adding an unexpected urgency to how we date." *Quartz*. Published May 8.
2017 "The Pink Dot Redrawn." *The Middle Ground*. Published Jun 10.
2016 "The Missing Puzzle: Environmentalism in An Era of Identity Politics." *Climate Refuge*. Published Apr 15.

2015 "A Sea of Change: UBC as a Hotbed for Evolving Views on Homosexuality." *The Ubysey*.
Published Sep 16.

Fellowships

2021-22 Herbert Blumer Fellowship for Excellence in Teaching, UC Berkeley (\$32,000)
2021 Graduate Remote Instruction Innovation Fellowship, UC Berkeley (\$2,000)
2020 Leo Lowenthal Fellowship, UC Berkeley (\$24,000)
2020 Summer Fellow, Diverse Intelligence Summer Institute (\$1,500)
2019 Doctoral Fellow, UC Berkeley Institute of International Studies (\$5,000)
2019 Summer Fellow, Diverse Intelligence Summer Institute—Scotland (\$3,500)
2017-21 Doctoral Fellowship, Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada
(\$80,000)
2017-20 Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship (\$105,000, declined)
2016-18 Regents' Fellowship for Graduate Study, UC Berkeley (\$48,000)

Honors & Awards

2021 Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, UC Berkeley
2021 Teaching Effectiveness Award for Graduate Student Instructors, UC Berkeley
2020 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley
2016 Outstanding Graduating Student Award, Canadian Sociological Association
2016 Francesco Duina Best Article Award, UBC
2016 Kaspar Naegele Memorial Prize in Sociology (top graduating student), UBC
2016 Bhagwan Kaur wife of Gokal Singh of Halwara Award in Arts, UBC
2016 Teaching Assistant Award, UBC Sociology Students' Association
2016 Dean's Award for Outstanding Leadership in Academic Contribution, UBC
2016 "Canada Lecture: Campus" Participant, Canadian Race Relations Foundation
2015 Honors Program Participant, American Sociological Association
2015 IODE Fine Arts Foundation Scholarship
2013 Stafford D. Plant Scholarship, UBC
2012, 13 Dean's Honor List, UBC
2012 Trek Excellence Scholarship, UBC

Grants

2021 Summer Research Grant, UC Berkeley (\$3,500)
2021 Course Improvement Grant, UC Berkeley (\$240)
2019-20 Social Science Matrix Research Team Grant, UC Berkeley (\$3,000)
Co-Investigator, "Interpreting Risk in the Age of Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Health Testing."
2018-19 Social Science Matrix Research Team Grant, UC Berkeley (\$1,500)
Co-Investigator, "The DNA of Media Accounts on Genetic Ancestry Testing."
2018, 19 Graduate Division Conference Travel Grant, UC Berkeley (\$900)
2015 First-Year Student Development Grant, UBC (\$4,465)
Lead-Investigator, "Integration of International Students at UBC."
2015 Honors Program Grant, American Sociological Association
2015, 16 Peer Support Grant, UBC Sociology Students' Association

Conference Presentations

2022 "How Money Matters: Financial Assurances & Sexual Safety in Airbnb & Couchsurfing."
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA
2021 "Between Promise and Reality: How Experts and Consumers Mitigate Uncertainty in Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Health Testing."
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Virtual
2020 "Bodily Sharing and Reference-Thinking in the Sharing Economy."
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
2017-19 "Sharing Bodies in the Sharing Economy."

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY
- International Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON
- Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Portland, OR
- 2018 with Watson, Ryan J. & Snapp, Shannon D. "Hookups Among Sexual Minority Populations: A Review and New Research Agenda." Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, Minneapolis, MN
- 2016 "Igniting a 'Pink Dot': Legal Pragmatism and Cultural Resonance in Singapore's First LGBT Movement." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA
- 2015 "A Sea Change—International Movement and Sexual Remittances." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Ottawa, ON
- 2015 "Remittance Behaviour & The Transnational Politics of Queer Sexuality." UBC Graduate Students Research Conference, Vancouver, BC

Invited Talks

- 2019 "Designing a Dating Algorithm that is Good for Society." UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, Berkeley, CA
- 2019 "A Numbers Game: Finding Love in Algorithmic Society." UC Berkeley Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Berkeley, CA
- 2018 "International Movement and Sexual Remittances." UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, Berkeley, CA
- 2018 "Sharing Bodies in the Sharing Economy." UC Berkeley Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Berkeley, CA
- 2016 "Love & Modernity—Romance in the Age of Technological Ascendancy." UBC Department of Psychology, Vancouver, BC
- 2016 "The Demise of Traditional Dating?" UBC Department of Psychology, Vancouver, BC
- 2016 "Beyond the Nation-State: The Emergence of Transnational Sexualities." UBC Department of Sociology, Vancouver, BC
- 2015 with Maggie MacAulay. "#ResistStigma: How Do We Get There?" 11th Gay Men's Health Summit, Vancouver BC

Interviews

- 2020 "The Wild World Of Pandemic Dating." *Wisconsin Public Radio*, Published Oct 8.
- 2020 "Will virtual dating outlast the pandemic?" *Quartz*, Published May 14.
- 2019 "In Partisan 2019, Listing 'Moderate' Can Hurt You On Dating Apps." *HuffPost*, Published Nov 8.
- 2019 "Signaling Your Politics on Tinder Is a Messy Business." *GQ*, Published Jun 24.
- 2019 "The Affluent Homeless: A Sleeping Pod, A Hired Desk and A Handful Of Clothes." *National Public Radio (All Things Considered)*, Published Apr 23.
- 2019 "What you need to know about online dating." *University of California Official FB Page*, Published Feb 14.
- 2019 "Love Data Week: Online dating expert talks data (and 5 tips for online dating)." *UC Berkeley Library*, Published Feb 12.
- 2019 "The rise of the Tinder-themed wedding." *Mashable*, Published Feb 10.
- 2019 "'Dating Sunday': The busiest day of the year for online dating is Jan. 6." *USA Today*, Published Jan 5.
- 2018 "Are Dating Apps Affecting Our Mental Health?" *Wisconsin Public Radio*, Published Nov 1.
- 2018 "Millennials don't want to own things. Startups are eager to help." *San Francisco Chronicle*, Published Sep 10.
- 2018 "Finding Love in a Hopeless Place." *New Hampshire Public Radio*, Published Aug 17.
- 2018 "Be My (Rural) Valentine: Finding Love Outside of Town." *Jefferson Public Radio*, Published Feb 14.

- 2018 “What Makes Us Click: How Online Dating Shapes Our Relationships.” *National Public Radio (Morning Edition)*, Published Jan 2.
- 2017 “Academic Contribution to the Faculty of Arts Award Interview.” *UBC Arts*, Published Apr 11.
- 2016 “The Unlit Flame: My Tinder Misadventures.” *The Ubyssy*, Published Feb 10.

Research Experience

- 2019 “Venture Capitalism & Bay Area Technology.” Graduate Student Research for Armando Lara-Millan (UC Berkeley Department of Sociology)
- 2016-17 “Global Masculinities.” Graduate Student Researcher for Raka Ray (UC Berkeley Department of Sociology)
- 2016 “Immigration Strategies and Success Project.” Research Assistant for Lara Akin & Irene Bloemraad (Canadian Institute for Advanced Research)
- 2015-16 “#ResistStigma—A Scoping Review.” Knowledge Translator (Community-Based Research Center for Gay Men’s Health)
- 2015-16 “Identity, Attitudes and Genetic Ancestry Testing Study.” Research Assistant for Wendy Roth (UBC Department of Sociology)
- 2015 “Investigating Hookups—A Queer Youth Perspective.” Research Assistant for Ryan Watson (Stigma and Resilience Among Vulnerable Youth Center)
- 2014 “Sexualized Violence & Rape Culture in Canadian Universities.” Research Assistant for Rachel Sullivan (UBC Department of Sociology)

Teaching & Mentorship

University of California, Berkeley

- 2022 Instructor of Record, “The Sociology of the Sharing Economy” (SOCN100)
- 2021,22 Workshop Leader, UC Berkeley Teaching Conference
- 2021 Co-Instructor of Record, “Sociology Pedagogy Seminar” (SOC375) with Mara Loveman
- 2021 Instructor of Record, ““What Makes Us Click”: Dating in the Age of Modern Romance” (SOC190-Spring; SOCN100-Summer)
- 2020 Reader, “Sociology of the Family” (SOC111AC) with Joanna Reed
- 2020 Reader, “Virtual Communities/Social Media” (SOC1167) with Edwin Lin
- 2020 Graduate Student Instructor, “Economy and Society” (SOC120) with Neil Fligstein
- 2019 Graduate Student Instructor, “Sex, Death, and Data” (SOC/DEMOGC126) with Jenna Johnson-Hanks
- 2019 Head Graduate Student Instructor, “Introduction to Sociology” (SOC1) with Robert Braun
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- 2018 Reader, “Sociology of Health and Medicine” (SOC1-C115) with Armando Lara-Millan
- 2017 Graduate Student Instructor, “Exploring the Liberal Arts” (L&SW1)

University of British Columbia

- 2016 Instructor, “What Makes You Click: The Sociology of Online Dating” (SOC1433)
- 2014-15 Teaching Assistant, “Introduction to Sociology” (SOC1100), “Relationship Development” (FMST314), “Sociology of the Family” (SOC1200)

Service

University of California, Berkeley

- 2022 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships Review Committee
- 2020-22 NavCal Research Advisor
- 2018-19 Gender & Sexuality Workshop Coordinator
- 2017-18 Student Health Advisory Committee

University of British Columbia

- 2016 Advisory Committee Member, Student Directed Seminar
- 2015-16 Associate Editor, Sojourners

Languages English & Mandarin (bilingual proficiency)

*Professional
Affiliations* American Sociological Association
Canadian Sociological Association
International Sociological Association