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*Curriculum Vitae* (July 2021)  
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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. Candidate, University of California, Berkeley, Sociology (*Expected 2022*)

Dissertation: *Unruly Categories: The Transnational Circulation of "Transgender"*

*Areas of Specialization:* Social Theory; Feminist and Queer Theory; Postcolonial Theory; Global and Transnational Studies; Medical Sociology; Science, Knowledge, and Technology Studies; Quantitative Methods (including multilevel modeling and computational text analysis); Qualitative Methods (including interviewing and archival research)

MA, University of California, Berkeley, Sociology (2017)

Thesis: *"Transnational Diffusion and Regionalized Resistance: Domestic LGBT Association Foundings 1979-2009"*

MA, Harvard University, International Education Policy (2011)

BA, Brown University, Development Studies and Economics (2008)

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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**Gonsalves, Tara** and Kristopher Velasco. "Seeking Friends in Troubled Times: The Structure and Dynamics of Transnational LGBT Networks in Europe," Conditionally Accepted at *Mobilization*

- *ASA Global and Transnational Section, Graduate Student Paper Award, Honorable Mention*

**Gonsalves, Tara.** (2021) "Transnational Diffusion and Regionalized Resistance: Domestic LGBT Association Foundings, 1979-2009," *Social Forces*, 99(4).

**Gonsalves, Tara.** (2020) "Gender Identity, the Sexed Body, and the Medical Making of Transgender," *Gender & Society* 36(4).

- \* *ASA Sociology of the Body and Embodiment Section, Graduate Student Paper Award*
- \* *Leo Lowenthal Prize, UC Berkeley Department of Sociology*

## PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

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**Gonsalves, Tara.** "Embodied Boundaries: Medical Expertise and (Trans)Gender Classification"

## PAPERS IN PROGRESS

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Salzinger, Leslie, and **Tara Gonsalves**. "Seeing Like a Feminist: The Role of Feminist Theory in Sociology," Invited article for *The Annual Review of Sociology*, Volume 49.

**Gonsalves, Tara**. "Unruly Categories: The Transnational Circulation of "Transgender" in Expert Reports

**Gonsalves, Tara** and Kris Velasco. "How Embeddedness in Conflicting Transnational Networks Shapes the Politics of LGBT Visibility"

## SELECTED AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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ASA, Sociology of the Body and Embodiment Section, Graduate Student Paper Award (2021)

Association of American University Women Dissertation Fellowship, \$20,000 (2021-2022)

Dean's Completion Fellowship, \$11,000 (2021-2022)

Berkeley Connect Fellowship, \$22,000 (2021-2022), *declined*

UC Berkeley Graduate Division Dissertation Fellowship, \$8,000 (2021)

Leo Lowenthal Prize for Graduate Student Paper, \$500 (2020)

Troy Duster Fellowship, \$24,000 (2020-2021)

Institute for International Studies, Simpson Fellowship, \$7,500 (2019-2020)

Philip Brett LGBT Fellowship, \$4,000 (2019-2020)

Berkeley Social Justice Fellowship, \$3,000 (2019)

UC Berkeley Graduate Division Summer Grant, \$3,000 (2019)

Department of Gender and Women Studies, Outstanding GSI Award (2018-2019)

Leo Lowenthal Dissertation Fellowship, \$24,000 (2018-2019)

UC Berkeley, Graduate Division Summer Grant, \$3,000 (2018)

ASA, Global and Transnational Sociology Graduate Student Paper, Honorable Mention, (2017)

United States Department of Education, FLAS Scholarship, \$16,500 (2017-2018)

Institute for International Studies, Pre-Dissertation Grant, \$5,000 (2015)

United States Department of State, Fulbright Fellowship, Semarang, Indonesia (2008-2009)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Graduate Student Instructor

- Gender and Women's Studies 10, "Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies," UC Berkeley (taught by Leslie Salzinger)
  - \* *Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award*
- Sociology 135, "Sexual Cultures," UC Berkeley (taught by Jill Bakehorn)

### Mentorship

- Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program (URAP), UC Berkeley  
As part of URAP, I have mentored 1-3 research assistants each semester from Fall 2015 to the present.

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (\*denotes invited talk)

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American Sociological Association, Thematic Session on The Intellectual and Material Lives of Sexual and Gender Classifications, August 2022\*

- [talk in preparation]

American Sociological Association, Junior Theorists Symposium, August 2021

- “Unruly Categories: The Transnational Circulation of ‘Transgender’ in Expert Reports”

Berkeley Network for a New Political Economy, October 2020\*

- “Gender and the New Political Economy” (Moderator)

American Sociological Association, Regular Session on Sociology of the Body, August 2020

- “Medically Necessary or Cosmetic? Insurance Companies and the Construction of (Trans)Gender”

San Francisco State University, Department of Sociology, April 2020\*

- “Gender Identity, the Sexed Body, and the Medical Making of Transgender”

American Sociological Association, LGBT Studies Section, August 2019

- “Unmooring Gender: Changing Medical Conceptions of Gender”

St. Mary’s College, Department of Justice, Community and Leadership, April 2019\*

- “Thinking Gender and Sexuality with Gayle Rubin”

University of Pittsburgh, TSMO Workshop, September 2018

- “How Embeddedness in Conflicting Transnational Networks Shapes LGBT Visibility”

Society for the Study of Social Problems, Globalization and Sexuality, August 2018

- “Regionalized Diffusion of Domestic LGBT Associations, 1969-2003

American Sociological Association, Regular Session on Global and Transnational Sociology, Aug. 2018

- “Regionalized Diffusion of Domestic LGBT Associations, 1969-2003

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Center for Work Life Policy, Columbia University, NYC (2012 –2014), *Senior Research Associate*

Institute for Education and Social Policy, New York University, NYC (2011 –2012), *Research Associate*

Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, Massachusetts (2010 –2011), *Research Assistant*

Akshara Foundation, Bangalore, India (2009 –2010), *Research Analyst*

## ADVOCACY AND SERVICE

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DesiQDiaspora (National LGBT organization), Board Member (January 2019 – present)

Berkeley Graduate Student Union, Head Steward (Oct 2015 – Sept 2017)

SALGA NYC (South Asian LGBT org.), Political Co-Chair (Mar 2012 – July 2014)

Brown Undergraduate Council of Students, Executive Board (Sep 2006- May 2007)

## OTHER SKILLS

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Languages: Moderately conversational in Spanish, Beginner in Hindi and Bahasa Indonesian

Computer Skills: R, STATA, SPSS, MAXQDA, NVivo, Arc GIS