

## Sessions and events specific to Trans, Nonbinary, and Intersex Issues

# 113th ASA Annual Meeting

## Feeling Race: An Invitation to Explore Racialized Emotions

August 11-14  
2018 Philadelphia

### WORKSHOPS

- 1) Navigating Academia as a Trans/Nonbinary Scholar  
Mon, August 13, 8:30 to 10:10am, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Street Level, 113B  
Organizer: Shantel Gabriel Buggs, Florida State University  
Presider: Simone Alexandra Kolysh, The CUNY Graduate Center

Panelists: Anima Adjepong, Simmons College; Alex Hanna, University of Toronto; Tey Meadow, Columbia University; and, Michelle Esther O'Brien, New York University

In this workshop, trans and nonbinary scholars will discuss ways to navigate being trans and nonbinary as a professor, on the job market, and as a graduate student.

### MEETINGS

- 1) Sociologists for Trans Justice (S4TJ)  
Sun, August 12, 8:30 to 10:30pm, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Street Level, 107AB  
Co-chairs: Laurel Westbrook, Grand Valley State University; and, Eric Anthony Grollman, University of Richmond

At this third annual forum, we will reconvene to review progress we have made on our goals from the previous year, and to brainstorm next steps for the initiative. We welcome new members to hear more about our work and to sign up to volunteer on one of our committees for the 2018-2019 year. Trans and intersex sociologists of color are especially encouraged to attend and make their voices heard. Website: <http://www.transjusticesyllabus.com/>.

- 2) Sociologists' Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Caucus  
Sun, August 12, 7:30 to 8:30pm, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Street Level, 107AB  
Chair: Simone Alexandra Kolysh, The CUNY Graduate Center

During this business meetings, we report on the year's progress, hold elections, and create committees for future initiatives. We also share information between Caucus membership and representatives from the Committee on the Status of LGBTQ Persons in Sociology and Sociologists for Trans Justice. Website: <https://lgbtqcaucus.wordpress.com/>

- 3) Committee on the Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) People in Sociology  
Sun, August 12, 2:30 to 4:10pm, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 3, 303  
Chair: Bernadette Barton, Morehead State University

The purpose of the Committee on the Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) People in Sociology is to address topics pertinent to lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and queer-identified members of the American Sociological Association. Website: <http://www.asanet.org/about-as-a/committees-and-task-forces/committee-status-lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender-and-queer-lgbtq-people-sociology>

## RECEPTIONS

1. Joint Reception: Section on Body and Embodiment and Section on Sociology of Sexualities; Sat, August 11, 6:30 to 8:10pm, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 5, Salon A
2. Joint Reception: Section on Sociology of Sex and Gender and Section on Race, Gender Class; Mon, August 13, 6:30 to 8:10pm, Offsite, Philadelphia Courtyard Marriott Downtown, Juniper Room, 21 N. Juniper Street

## INVITED SESSIONS

- 1) Disrupted Identities  
Sat, August 11, 2:30 to 4:10pm, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 4, Franklin Hall 11  
Organizer and Presider: Tey Meadow, Columbia University  
Panelists: Kristen Schilt, University of Chicago; Ann J. Morning, New York University; and, Jane Ward, University of California – Riverside

Panelists will discuss their work on race, gender and sexuality, with an eye toward capturing the distinctive contribution of sociology to our understandings of contemporary difference.

## AUTHOR MEETS CRITIC (AMC) SESSIONS

- 1) *Trans: Gender and Race in an Age of Unsettled Identities* (Princeton University Press, 2016) by Rogers Brubaker

Sun, August 12, 12:30 to 2:10pm, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 4, Franklin Hall 6

Organizer: Sebastien Chauvin, University of Lausanne

Presider: Ann J. Morning, New York University

Author: Rogers Brubaker, University of California – Los Angeles

Critics: Chinyere Osuji, Rutgers University; Ann Travers, Simon Fraser University; and, Angela Jones, Farmingdale State College and State University of New York

## PAPER SESSIONS

- 1) Transgender Studies: New Theoretical and Methodological Approaches  
Mon, August 13, 2:30 to 4:10pm, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 4, 401

Organizer and Discussant: stef m. shuster, Appalachian State University

Presider: Carla A. Pfeffer, University of South Carolina

This session offers new theoretical and/or methodological approaches to trans-related subjects of inquiry. In extending, revising, or critiquing basic premises upon which sociologists tend to interpret and study "transgender," these papers lend fresh insights into lasting problems in not only trans studies, but more broadly, the sociological study of gender.

Paper 1: Laurel Westbrook, Grand Valley State University – “When, Where, for Whom, and Why Gender Changed: Determining Gender in the United States, 1990-2015”

This article explores these changes using an original dataset of all the mainstream news stories produced about murders of transgender people in the United States between 1990 and 2015.

Paper 2: Danya Raquel Lagos, University of Chicago – “Health, Identity Processes, and Transgender Voices: A Quasi-Experimental Study of Gender Misclassification in Phone-Based Surveys”

This study tests associations between self-rated health and two aspects of gender identity: an individual’s self-identified gender, and whether strangers associate this individual with that same gender identity.

Paper 3: Long Doan, University of Maryland; Brian Powell, Indiana University; and, Natasha Quadlin, The Ohio State University – “Factors Underlying Perceptions of Sex of Transgender People”

Drawing on a nationally representative survey experiment (N = 3,878), we examine the factors that underlie Americans' perceptions of the sex of transgender people.

Paper 4: Harry Barbee and Doug Schrock, Florida State University – “I don't fit': Nonbinary Living in a Gendered World”

We interviewed 17 non-binary people, finding that they employed discursive and embodiment strategies to ungender their presentations.

2) Trans and Non-Binary Sexualities

Sat, August 11, 10:30am to 12:10pm, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 4, Franklin Hall 4

Organizer: Lain A. B. Mathers, University of Illinois at Chicago

Presider: B. B. Buchanan, University of California – Davis

Discussant: J. E. Sumerau, University of Tampa

This panel will focus on the unique juncture between trans and non-binary forms of gender and sexuality; asking how expanding our understanding of trans and non-binary gender impacts the various ways we explore and interrogate sexuality, and the ways that various non-binary sexualities impact our understanding of trans and non-binary experience, expression, and embodiment.

Paper 1: Bailey Troia, University of Virginia – “But am I a woman?': Dimensions of sexual and gender fluidity among LGBTQ+ millennials”

This article seeks to understand how LGBTQ+ young millennials form their sexual and gender identities as they come of age in a cultural moment marked by recent political achievements and social integration.

Paper 2: Shantel Gabrieal Buggs, Florida State University – “(Dis)Owning Exotic: Navigating Race, Intimacy, and Trans Identity”

This article explores the racialized dating experiences of an immigrant transwoman of color who uses online dating platforms to facilitate her dating life in Texas.

Paper 3: Helana Darwin, Stony Brook University – “Redoing Sexuality”

Recent efforts to theorize the sex/gender/sexuality nexus have focused predominantly upon the experiences of binary transgender (transmen and transwomen) social actors; this study illuminates a new angle, by analyzing how 47 individuals with non-binary genders negotiate their sexual orientation labels to more accurately reflect their gendered sexuality.

Paper 4: Ashley Green, University of South Florida – “They're Not the Same Thing': Analyzing Methods of Meaning Making for Pansexual Individuals”

This working paper explores the themes that emerge in the stories that individuals tell about their pansexual identities and examines how pansexual individuals construct the identity when crafting their narratives. The data consists of interviews with ten individuals who use pansexual as their sexual identity label.

## OTHER PAPER SESSION PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Adriana Brodlyn, University of British Columbia – “Sticky Normativity: Challenging Persistent Heteronormativity in Research on LGBT Families,” in *LGBT Families*, Sat, August 11, 2:30 to 4:10pm, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 4, Franklin Hall 3

The scholarship on LGBT families published in the *Journal of Marriage and Family* from 2005 to 2017 is analyzed. LGBT focused articles account for only 3.6% of articles published in *JMF* during a thirteen-year span.

- 2) Emma Ryan Bosley-Smith and Corinne Reczek, The Ohio State University – “LGBTQ Emerging Adults and their Parents: The Significance of Financial Precarity,” in *LGBT Families*, Sat, August 11, 2:30 to 4:10pm, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 4, Franklin Hall 3

Using 2015-2017 data from LGBTQ individuals in Ohio, this study explores how being LGBTQ matters for the material and financial relationship between parents and emerging adult children.

- 3) Abigail C. Saguy and Juliet Williams, University of California – Los Angeles – “Gender Neutrality in the Courts,” in *Legal Resistance*, Tue, August 14, 8:30 to 10:10am, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 4, Franklin Hall 7

We conduct quantitative and qualitative analyses of all Supreme Court (N=27) and Appellate Court cases (N=488) in which the term “gender neutral/neutrality,” “sex neutral/neutrality” or “sexually neutral/sexual neutrality” appear at least once.

- 4) Kimberly G. Tauches, Centenary University – “Situational Gender and Femininity: Sexuality, Gender Performance, and Gender Anxiety,” in *Femininities*, Tue, August 14, 12:30 to 2:10pm, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 4, Franklin Hall 4

While most would argue that gender is based on sex, using interviews from 35 participants, I study the role that sexuality plays in helping to shape and determine gender presentation and performance.

- 5) Anne Marie Champagne, Yale University – “Beauty and The Breast: Mastectomy, Materiality & The Iconicity of Gender Identity,” in *Culture and Identity*, Tue, August 14, 12:30 to 2:10pm, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Street Level, 113B

In this paper I illustrate three pathways by which changes to the body and embodied gender identity take place and become materially iconicized: the visual, the sensual, and the discursive.

- 6) Brandon Andrew Robinson, University of California – Riverside – “The New Lavender Scare: Urban Policing, Mass Incarceration, and LGBTQ Youth Homelessness,” in *Exploring the Carceral Continuum*, Sun, August 12, 2:30 to 4:10pm, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 4, Franklin Hall 1

In this chapter, I draw on 18-months of ethnographic fieldwork on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) youth homelessness in central Texas to show how gender and sexuality, along with race and class, shape processes of criminalization and urban policing in this era of mass incarceration.

- 7) Elizabeth P. Rahilly, Trinity University – “Normalizing Trans (?): Privacy, Biomedicine, & Body Logics,” in *Disability and The Body*, Sun, August 12, 2:30 to 4:10pm, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Street Level, 104B

I explore the intersection of these themes—privacy, body logics, disability analogies—to cautiously and critically consider the ways parents, advocates, professionals, and scholars alike newly attempt to conceptualize and normalize transgender in the 21st century, particularly in the context of early childhood development and middle-class modes of childrearing.

- 8) J. Michael Ryan, Universidade de Lisboa – “A Trans by Any Other Name,” in *Global Structures and LGBT Lives*, Mon, August 13, 8:30 to 10:10am, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 4, 408

Understanding the selection and significance of trans identity-based terminology”  
This paper will analyze a sample of 28 interviews conducted with trans individuals to better understand the importance of terminology in the understanding and communication of gender identity for individuals falling outside the hegemonic gender binary of natal male/female.

- 9) Amanda A. Stewart, University of Illinois at Chicago, -- ““Oh, by the way, I’m...”: Strategies for Negotiating Rural Queer and Trans Living,” in *Analyses of Urban and Rural Spaces, and Racialized Sexual and Gender Identities*, Sun, August 12, 8:30 to 10:10am, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 4, Franklin Hall 3

In this paper, I analyze the strategies of rural queer and trans women. I do this by looking at the different ways that those I interview discuss their everyday lives and interactions with individuals, groups, and institutions in their rural communities.

- 10) Arlene J. Stein, Rutgers University – “Transgender Men and the Individualization of Gender,” in *Constructing Gender*, Mon, August 13, 8:30 to 10:10am, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 4, 404

Over the course of two years, I conducted participant observation and interviews with four individuals undergoing chest masculinization surgery, their significant others, and with surgeons and therapists who serve them, interviewing 50 individuals in all. What I found is that many younger transgender people move beyond dominant conceptions of trans migration to embrace gender complexity.

- 11) Miriam J. Abelson, Portland State University – “‘Strong When I Need to Be, Soft When I Need to Be’: Emotion and Masculinities,” in *Masculinities*, Mon, August 13, 4:30 to 6:10pm, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 4, 410

Based on 66 in-depth interviews with transgender men, men who were assigned female at birth and transition to live as men, living in the U.S. West, South, and Midwest, this paper analyzes trans men’s narratives of calm, crying, anger and aggression to show that the key to normative contemporary masculine emotion is for men to demonstrate control and rationality through expressing emotions that are appropriate in a given space.

- 12) Alyssa A. Lynne, Northwestern University – “‘Being You is Not Sick’: (De)medicalization of Thai Kathoey Identity,” in *Gender, Health, and Medicine*, Mon, August 13, 8:30 to 10:10am, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Street Level, 111B

In this paper, I examine how Thai kathoey – who are variously labeled “second-kind-of-woman,” “third gender,” or “male-to-female transgender” – embrace and resist medicalization of their identities.

- 13) Piper Sledge, Bryn Mawr College – “From Decision to Incision: Ideologies of Gender in Surgical Cancer Care,” in *Gender, Health, and Medicine*, Mon, August 13, 8:30 to 10:10am, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Street Level, 111B

In this paper, I draw on the narratives of 57 individuals whose gender identities and decisions about their bodies trouble the medical protocols for breast and gynecological cancer care.

- 14) stef m. shuster, Appalachian State University – “Performing Informed Consent in Clinical Encounters,” in *Decision-making among Providers and Patients*, Sat, August 11, 4:30 to 6:10pm, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 4, 406

Using in-depth interviews with 23 physical and mental healthcare providers and observations at transgender healthcare conferences, I examine how medical providers enact informed consent processes in clinical encounters.

- 15) Emily Allen Paine, University of Texas at Austin – “Embodied Disruption: 'Sorting out' Gender and Nonconformity in the Doctor's Office,” in *Inequalities*, Sat, August 11, 8:30 to 10:10am, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 4, 406

This study takes a qualitative approach to examine the healthcare experiences of 34 adult LGBTQ cisgender women and transgender men in a metropolitan area of the United States who do not conform to dominant biomedical schemas of sex and gender.

## **ROUNDTABLES**

- 1) Section on Sociology of Sex and Gender Refereed Roundtable Session  
Tue, August 14, 10:30am to 12:10pm, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 5, Salon H

Table 19: Transgender Identities

Table Presider: Simone Alexandra Kolysh, The CUNY Graduate Center

Paper 1: Jessica Caryn Goldstein-Kral, University of Texas at Austin – “Transgender Theory, Queer Measurements, Cisgender Subjects: Discordant Perceptions of Gender and Marital Quality”

Amongst survey studies, researchers typically cannot capture differences in gender perceptions due to a reliance on binary gender identification categories and one-item measures of gender. Thus, in order to investigate discrepancies in gender perceptions between spouses, I use dyadic data from 409 cisgender spouses in same-sex and different-sex marriages, in which respondents place themselves and their spouse on a gender conformity scale.

Paper 2: Helana Darwin, Stony Brook University – “Negotiating Transgender”

It is the purpose of this article to explore the range of relationships that non-binary people have with the “transgender” label. Interviews with 47 non-binary individuals reveal that not all consider themselves transgender or even under the “transgender umbrella.”

Paper 3: Eli Mender, University of Florida – “Trans (Mis)Treatment”

This research examined transgender people’s experiences of discrimination in health care settings by using logistic regression to test the significance of five different markers of transgender status as predictors of health care discrimination. This study also includes an exploration of four gender categories as predictors for health care discrimination.

## **OTHER ROUNDTABLE PRESENTATIONS**



- 1) Kate Hawks, Emory University – “The Body as a Resource for Doing Gender,” Table 6 (Gendered Scripts, Cultural Narratives), Section on Sociology of Sex and Gender Refereed Roundtable Session, Tue, August 14, 10:30am to 12:10pm, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 5, Salon H

This paper aims to contribute to the growing literature regarding transgender experience and identity formation by examining the reciprocal relationship between gender identity and bodywork among transgender individuals.

- 2) Rebecca Farber, Boston University – “The Transitioning Nation-State and Transgender Rights in Thailand,” Table 2 (Sexuality and Space), Section on Sociology of Sexualities Roundtable Session, Sat, August 11, 2:30 to 3:30pm, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 5, Salon C

Based on one year of ethnographic fieldwork and over 50 in-depth interviews with Thai transgender women, state officials, doctors, hospital executives, medical tourism facilitators, and civil society members, this research analyzes how medical tourism impacts economic growth, nation-building, and Thai transgender women.

- 3) Ann Travers, Nadine Boulay, Jennifer Marchbank, and Sharalyn Jordan, Simon Fraser University – “Self-Silencing and Settling for Less in Cross Disciplinary Collaboration on Behalf of Transgender Youth,” Table 6 (Sexual Knowledge), Section on Sociology of Sexualities Roundtable Session, Sat, August 11, 2:30 to 3:30pm, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 5, Salon C

This paper is a collaborative autoethnographic account of the experiences of two members of a research team in working with a team of digital media students to build a prototype of a videogame depicting the life experiences of transgender children and youth in our local communities.

- 4) Rebecca Farber, Boston University – “‘Transing’ Fitness and Remapping Transgender Male Masculinity in Online Message Boards,” Table 2 (Sex and the Presentation of Bodies), Section on Body and Embodiment Refereed Roundtable Session, Sun, August 12, 10:30 to 11:30am, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Street Level, 106AB

Based on interviews with transgender men and a content analysis of a Reddit message board about transgender men’s fitness, this paper argues that fitness can be a “trans practice,” or means through which people may modify their bodies, personal identifications and genders.

- 5) Andrew Young, Temple University – “Defining Transgender Literature: Discussion in Popular Media from 1997-2017,” Table 5 (Culture, Gender, and Sexuality), Section on Sociology of Culture Refereed Roundtable Session, Mon, August 13, 8:30 to 10:10am, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 5, Salon H

This paper explores the changing definitions of transgender literature in popular discourse over the last two decades. Drawing on a data set of 51 articles, interviews, book reviews, and blog posts published from 1997-2017, I present a framework for defining and categorizing transgender literature.

- 6) Nik Lampe, Shannon K. Carter, and Lindsay Taliaferro, University of Central Florida; G. Nicole Rider and Marla Eisenberg, University of Minnesota – “Correlates of Health Care Utilization Among Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth\*,” Table 17 (Inequalities in Health Care Access and Patient Satisfaction), Open Refereed Roundtable Session, Sat, August 11, 2:30 to 4:10pm, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 5, Salon G

This article uses data from the 2016 Minnesota Student Survey (N=81,885) to determine whether there are differences in utilization of primary, dental and mental health care services between TGNC and cisgender youth, and to identify factors that moderate health care utilization.

- 7) Rachel M. Schmitz, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; Brandon Andrew Robinson, University of California – Riverside; Jennifer Tabler, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; Brett Welch, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; and, Sidra Rafaqut, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley – “LGBTQ+ Latino/a Young People’s Interpretations of Stigma and Mental Health: An Intersectional Minority Stress Perspective,” Table 7 (Mental Health and Coping), Section on Race, Gender, and Class Refereed Roundtable Session, Sun, August 12, 8:30 to 9:30am, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 5, Salon G

Utilizing an intersectional minority stress framework, we examine how 41 LGBTQ+ Latino/a young adults conceptualize structural stigma and their multiple social locations (e.g., race/ethnicity, gender, religion, sexuality) and how they interpret stigma’s impact on their sense of mental health.

- 8) Kari J. Dockendorff and Claudia Geist, University of Utah – “Gender trouble beyond the LGB and T: Gender Image and Experiences of Marginalization on Campus,” Table 7 (Gender and Sexualities in Education), Section on Sociology of Education Refereed Roundtable Session, Sun, August 12, 2:30 to 3:30pm, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Level 5, Salon H

In a survey distributed to undergraduate college students, we look at experiences of gender microaggressions across the campus including experiences with pronouns, bathrooms, and interactions with staff and faculty.