Sociologists for Trans Justice Committees, 2016-17

Sociologists for Trans Justice Co-Founders and Co-Chairs
1. Eric Anthony Grollman
2. Laurel Westbrook

Professional Development for Trans Scholars and Trans Studies Scholars (i.e., mentoring, networking, self-promotion)
- Aid trans sociologists and trans studies scholars in promoting their work (e.g., use of networks, social media).
- Share resources with trans scholars to effectively work with the media and advance their work.
- Create mentoring program for trans studies and trans scholars OR partner with other relevant sections.
- Push for recognition of gender identity and expression in other sections’ mentoring programs.
- Develop writing and grant resources for trans scholars.
- Offer professional development workshops for trans scholars at ASA.

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- Emily McKendry-Smith

Members:
- Alex Hanna
- J. Edward Sumerau
- Carla Pfeffer
- Xan Nowakowski

Advancing Public Understanding of Trans Issues
- Create list of trans studies experts in sociology for media and encourage trans scholars and trans studies scholars to add selves to ASA media expert database.
- Develop system to have trans studies regularly comment on current events.
- Push for ASA-media attention to murders of trans women of color and bathroom debates.
- Push for ASA amicus brief on trans bathroom lawsuits.
- Push ASA to connect media with trans studies scholars.

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- Sean Arayasirikul

Members:
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- Cary Gabriel Costello,
- Jay Irwin
- Dawne Moon
• Moushumi Choudhury
• Gary Wood
• Austin Johnson

Advancing Trans Studies in Sociology
• Create list of trans studies experts in sociology for journal editors.
• Develop trans studies curricula resource.
• Develop teaching opportunities for trans studies.
• Create a trans studies regular ASA session.
• Push other sections to make regular space for trans studies.

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• Ghassan Moussawi
• Chris Barcelos

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• Jessica MacNamara
• Emmanuel David
• Kristen Schilt
• Vicky Demos
• Jackie Tabor

Addressing Transphobia and Cissexism in Sociology
• Survey of trans and non-binary people in the discipline to capture experiences in sociology. Could submit for FAD grant from ASA.
  o Investigate how often trans work is rejected from sociology journals.
  o Do current ASA gender categories reflect full gender diversity?
  o What sections are trans scholars in?
• Develop guide for best practices for classrooms, departments, universities.
• Create a safe space for trans scholars at ASA meetings and other conferences.
• Push for use of pronouns in sociology spaces, perhaps on ASA name tags.
• Partner with other ASA entities to advance trans studies and trans scholars.

Chair:
• Lindsey Wilkinson

Members:
• Lydia Dana
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• Lain Mathers
• Jordan Forrest Miller
• J. Koehle
Advancing Trans Scholars in Sociology

- Work with ASA to improve gender categories used for membership demographics.
- Encourage trans scholars to indicate gender on ASA membership profile.
- Encourage involvement in LGBTQ Caucus, Status Committee, especially senior scholars and people of color.
- Document and learn from history of trans activism in the discipline.

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- Jenny Pearson,
- Natalie Ingraham
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