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Employment

- 2021- [Assistant Professor](#), Department of Sociology, Princeton University
- Faculty Associate, [Program in Gender and Sexuality Studies](#)
 - Faculty Associate, [Office of Population Research](#)

Education

- 2021 PHD in Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
- Dissertation: [Caught in a Web: How Rival Transnational Networks \(Un\)Do LGBT+ Rights](#)
 - [2020 Kenneth Sherrill Prize](#), Best Dissertation Proposal in LGBT Politics, American Political Science Association
 - Committee: Pamela Paxton (Chair), Javier Auyero, Debra Umberson, David John Frank (University of California, Irvine), Phillip Ayoub (University College London)
- 2017 MA in Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
- 2011 BA in Sociology and Political Science with Honors, University of Kansas

Research Interests

Political Sociology
Gender & Sexuality

Global & Transnational Sociology
Culture

Organizations
Research Design

Books

- On-Going **Velasco, Kristopher**. *Caught in a Web: How Opposing Transnational LGBT+ Networks are Shaping the Future of Equality*.

Journal Articles

*INDICATES GRADUATE STUDENT CO-AUTHOR

- Forthcoming **Velasco, Kristopher**, Siddhartha Baral*, and Yun (Nancy) Tang*. "LGBT+ Rights and the Limits of Democracy." *Journal of Democracy*.
- Forthcoming **Velasco, Kristopher** and Jeffrey Swindle. "Assembling God's 'Last Best Hope': The Expanding Reach of the World Congress of Families." *Mobilization: An International Quarterly*. [Data](#). [Preprint](#).

- Forthcoming Hoffmann, Nathan I.,* and **Kristopher Velasco**. “Sexuality, Migration, and LGB Policy: A Portrait of Immigrants in Same-Sex Couples in the United States.” *International Migration Review*. Replication Package. Preprint.
- 2024 Hoffmann, Nathan I.,* and **Kristopher Velasco**. “Political Dimensions of Rising Mixed-Citizenship, Same-Sex Couples: A Difference-in-Differences-in-Differences Analysis.” *Social Forces* 102(3): 1134-1156. Replication Package. Preprint.
- 2023 **Velasco, Kristopher**. “Transnational Backlash and the Deinstitutionalization of Liberal Norms: LGBT+ Rights in a Contested World.” *American Journal of Sociology* 128(5): 1381-1429. Preprint.
- 2021 Steven C. Poe Graduate Student Paper Award, Human Rights Section, International Studies Association
 - 2020 Best Graduate Student Paper, Honorable Mention, Human Rights Section, American Sociological Association
- 2023 Cole, Wade, Evan Schofer, and **Kristopher Velasco**. “Individual Empowerment, Institutional Confidence, and Vaccination Rates in Cross-National Perspective, 1995 to 2018.” *American Sociological Review* 88(3): 379-417.
- 2023 **Velasco, Kristopher**. “Opposition Avoidance or Mutual Engagement?: The Interdependent Relationship in Where Opposing Transnational LGBT+ Networks Locate.” *Social Forces* 101(4): 2087-2116. Preprint.
- 2022 Lerch, Julia C., Evan Schofer, David John Frank, Wesley Longhofer, Francisco O. Ramirez, Christine Wotipka, and **Kristopher Velasco**. “Women’s Participation in the Post-Liberal Era: A Global Perspective.” *International Sociology* 37(3): 305-329.
- 2022 Gonsalves, Tara* and **Kristopher Velasco**. “Seeking Friends in Troubled Times: The Structure and Dynamics of Transnational LGBT Networks in Europe.” *Mobilization: An International Quarterly* 27(1): 91-114.
- 2018 Best Graduate Student Paper Honorable Mention, Global and Transnational Sociology Section, American Sociological Association
- 2022 **Velasco, Kristopher** and Pamela Paxton. “Deconstructed and Constructive Logics: Explaining Inclusive Language Change in Queer Nonprofits, 1998-2016.” *American Journal of Sociology* 127(4): 1267-1310.
- 2021 Messamore, Andrew*, Pamela Paxton, and **Kristopher Velasco**. “Can Government Intervention Increase Volunteers and Donations? Analyzing the Influence of VISTA with a Matched Design.” *Administration & Society* 53(10): 1547-1579.
- 2021 Ressler, Robert W., Pamela Paxton, **Kristopher Velasco**, Lilla Pivnick*, Inbar Weiss*, and Johanness Eichstaedt. “Nonprofits: A Public Policy Tool for the Promotion of Community Subjective Well-Being” *Journal of Public Administration Research & Theory* 31(4): 822-838. Replication Package.
- 2021 Ressler, Robert W., Pamela Paxton, and **Kristopher Velasco**. “Donations in Social Context.” *Nonprofit Management & Leadership* 31(4): 693-715.
- 2021 Paxton, Pamela, **Kristopher Velasco**, and Robert W. Ressler. “Does Use of Emotion Increase Donations and Volunteers for Nonprofits?” *American Sociological Review* 85(6):

1051-1083.

- 2021 Best Article, Public & Nonprofit Division, Academy of Management

2020 **Velasco, Kristopher.** “A Growing Queer Divide: The Divergence between Transnational Advocacy Networks and Foreign Aid in Diffusing LGBT Policies.” *International Studies Quarterly* 64(1): 120-132. Preprint.

- 2021 Best Graduate Student Paper, LGBT Section, American Society for Public Administration

2019 **Velasco, Kristopher,** Pamela Paxton, Robert W. Ressler*, Inbar Weiss*, and Lilla Pivnick*. “Do National Service Programs Improve Subjective Well-Being in Communities?” *American Review of Public Administration* 49(3): 275-291.

2019 Weiss, Inbar*, Pamela Paxton, **Kristopher Velasco,** and Robert W. Ressler*. “Revisiting Declines in Social Capital: Evidence from a New Measure” *Social Indicators Research* 142(3): 1015-1029.

2018 **Velasco, Kristopher.** “Human Rights INGOs, LGBT INGOs, and LGBT Policy Diffusion, 1991-2015.” *Social Forces* 97(1): 377-404.

- 2017 Best Graduate Student Paper, Human Rights Section, American Sociological Association
- Best Graduate Student Paper Honorable Mention, Global and Transnational Sociology Section, American Sociological Association

Manuscripts

REVISE & RESUBMIT

Glass, Jennifer, Samantha Simon, and **Kristopher Velasco.** “Work-Family Amenities and Women’s Job Choices.” *Industrial and Labor Relations Review.*

UNDER REVIEW

Baral, Siddhartha,* Yun (Nancy) Tang,* and **Kristopher Velasco.** “Queering Repression: How the Global Crackdown on Civil Society Affects LGBT+ NGO Foundings.” Preprint.

Messamore, Andrew*, Pamela Paxton, and **Kristopher Velasco.** “The Heart vs. the Head: The Power of Cognitive and Emotional Messaging in Nonprofits.”

Velasco, Kristopher. “The Logics of Queer Justice: Disaggregating Global Pathways for Recognizing Homosexual Behaviors, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity.”

ON-GOING PROJECTS

Velasco, Kristopher and Sebastián Rojas Cabal*. “Progress for Whom?: How LGBT+ Legal Victories at Home Change U.S. ‘Pro-Family’ Organizations’ International Expenditures.”

Seigler, Carolina P.*, **Kristopher Velasco,** and Pamela Paxton. “It’s Really Choppy Waters’: Navigating Political Generational Change in the LGBTQ+ Movement.”

Hoffmann, Nathan I.* and **Kristopher Velasco**. “Sexuality, Cultural Similarity, and Immigrant Deservingness: Evidence from a Conjoint Survey Experiment.”

Swindle, Jeffrey and **Kristopher Velasco**. “From Christian to Nationalist: The Case of the World Congress of Families.”

Velasco, Kristopher and Tara Gonsalves. “The Evolution in Gender Marker Regulations.”

Book Chapters and Other Publications

2018 Paxton, Pamela and **Kristopher Velasco**. “[Gender and Democratization](#).” In *Democratization 2nd Edition* edited by Christian Haerpfer, Patrick Bernhagen, Ronald F. Inglehart, and Christian Welzel. Oxford University Press.

2016 Paxton, Pamela, Inbar Weiss*, Lilla Pivnick*, Robert W. Ressler*, and **Kristopher Velasco**. Final Report: A New County-level Measure of Social Capital. Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Research and Evaluation. Washington, D.C.

Datasets

Velasco, Kristopher. “[LGBTI Policy Index, 1991-2019](#)”

Velasco, Kristopher. E-Filed Form 990 & Form 990-EZ XMLs. [Extraction Code](#). [Data](#).

Velasco, Kristopher. Paper-Filed Form 990: 2008-2019. [Data](#).

Velasco, Kristopher and Jeffrey Swindle. [The World Congress of Families Dataset v1.0](#).

Velasco, Kristopher and Tara Gonsalves. “The Global LGBTQ+ NGO Database.” *In Progress*.

Research Grants

2023-2025 “[Organizations in a Post-Liberal World: A Cross-National Investigation into the Changing Scales, Strategies, and Missions of LGBT+ NGOs](#).” National Science Foundation, Science of Organizations. \$292,287.

2023 “[Making the Forms 990 Open Access: Unleashing Nonprofit Tax Data to Invigorate Social Science Research](#).” Princeton University, Data-Driven Social Science Initiative. \$33,400.

2023 “Mission Impossible: How LGBT+ Organizations Navigate between Global Demands and Local Need in Mission Statements.” Princeton University, Dean of Faculty. \$11,100.

2022 “[Progress for Whom?: Analyzing How LGBTQ Legal Victories Influence U.S. Anti-LGBTQ Organizations’ Foreign Expenditures](#).” Princeton University, Data-Driven Social Science Initiative. \$3,599.

2018 “Fall Research Grant.” University of Texas at Austin, Department of Sociology. \$1,000.

Fellowships and Awards

2021	Best Poster Award, Population Association of America
2021	Postdoctoral Scholar, LGBT Policy Lab, Vanderbilt University (<i>Declined</i>)
2020	Dissertation Fellowship, Ford Foundation (\$28,000)
2020	University Graduate Continuing Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin (\$44,000)
2020	Dean Prestigious Fellowship Supplement, University of Texas at Austin (\$4,000)
2019	Department Excellence Award, University of Texas at Austin, Sociology (\$5,000)
2018	Department Excellence Award, University of Texas at Austin, Sociology (\$5,000)
2017	Pre-Doctoral Research Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, Sociology (\$5,000)
2016	Pre-Doctoral Research Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, Sociology (\$5,000)
2015	McNair Diversity Recruitment Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, (\$24,000)

Presentations and Panels

INVITED

2024	“Theorizing Gender, Sexuality, States, Empire, and Capitalism.” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Northwestern University, Gender, Theory, Power Workshop, May
2024	“Queering Repression: How the Global Crackdown on Civil Society Affects LGBT+ NGO Foundings.” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• University of California, Santa Barbara, Department of Global Studies, May
2024	“Transnational Backlash and the Deinstitutionalization of Liberal Norms: LGBT+ Rights in a Contested World.” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harvard University, Department of Sociology, April
2024	“Sexuality, Migration, and LGB Policy: A Portrait of Immigrants in Same-Sex Couples in the United States.” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harvard University, Social Demography Seminar, February
2023	“Queering Repression: How the Global Crackdown on Civil Society Affects LGBT+ NGO Foundings.” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harvard University, Politics & Social Change Workshop, November• University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Sociology, October
2023	“Transnational Backlash and the Deinstitutionalization of Liberal Norms: LGBT+ Rights in a Contested World.” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology, November• University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Sociology, November• Columbia University, Department of Sociology, November
2023	“Progress for Whom?: How LGBT+ Legal Victories at Home Change U.S. ‘Pro-Family’ Organizations’ International Expenditures.” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Columbia University, Science, Knowledge, and Technology Workshop, May• University of California, Irvine, International Comparative Sociology Workshop, May
2023	“Is the Global LGBTQ+ Rights Movement Stalling? A Discussion with Professor Kristopher Velasco.”

- Princeton University, Princeton Pride Alliance, April
- 2023 “LGBT+ Rights and the Future of Equality: A Global Story in Three Acts.”
- American Sociological Association, Global Queer Activism, August
 - Eastern Sociological Society, Presidential Panel: Coordinated Global Assaults and Advancements for LGBT+ Communities, February
- 2023 “LGBTQ+ Research in Sociology: Institutionalization, Intellectual Contributions, and Impediments.”
- University of Oxford, Nuffield College, LGBTQI+ History Month Panel, February
- 2022 “LGBT+ Rights and the Future of Equality: A Global Story in Three Acts.”
- Princeton University, Global Existential Challenges Seminar Series, December
- 2022 “The Rise of Transnational, Anti-Gender/LGBT+ Networks.”
- Harvard University, Gender & Development Seminar, November
- 2022 “Transnational Backlash and the Deinstitutionalization of Liberal Norms: LGBT+ Rights in a Contested World.”
- Stanford University, SCANCOR, November
 - University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Department of Sociology, September
 - Occidental College, March
- 2022 “The Logics of Queer Justice: Disaggregating Pathways for Advancing Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity-Based Rights.”
- Princeton University, Law@Princeton Retreat, May
- 2022 “LGBTQ Scholars and Experiences in Sociology.”
- Princeton University, Department of Sociology, April
- 2022 “Deconstructed and Constructive Logics: Explaining Inclusive Language Change in Queer Nonprofits, 1998-2016.”
- Princeton University, Social Science Seminar, Department of Psychology, February
- 2021 “LGBTQ Scholars and Scholarship in the Academy.”
- Princeton University, Queer Politics Webinar, April
- 2020 “Queering the World Society: Global Norms, Rival Transnational Networks, and the Case of LGBT Rights.”
- Princeton University, Queer Politics Webinar, July
- 2019 “Caught in a Web: The Role of Transnational Networks in (Un)Doing LGBTI Rights.”
- University of Notre Dame, Younger Scholars in the Sociology of Religion, April
- 2018 “Norm Translation and Political Backlash: How Countering Transnational Networks Shape Queer Visibility.” with Tara Gonsalves.
- University of Pittsburgh, Transnational Networks and Social Change Workshop, September

CONFERENCE

- 2024 International Studies Association; American Political Science Association; American Sociological Association
- 2023 Eastern Sociological Society; International Studies Association; Mobilization Conference; American Political Science Association; American Sociological Association
- 2022 American Sociological Association; Western Political Science Association; “Weaving the Transnational Anti-Gender Network Conference” (*Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence, Italy*)
- 2021 American Sociological Association; International Studies Association; Population Association of America (*Awarded Best Poster Award with Nathan I. Hoffmann*)
- 2020 American Sociological Association; International Studies Association
- 2019 American Sociological Association; Association for Research on Nonprofit and Voluntary Action; Corporation for National and Community Service Research Summit; “Development in Dialogue Conference” (*University of Notre Dame*); “Future of the World Society Mini-Conference” (*Columbia University*)
- 2018 American Sociological Association; Association for Research on Nonprofit and Voluntary Action; Corporation for National and Community Service Research Summit; Society for the Study of Social Problems; International Sociological Association
- 2017 American Sociological Association
- 2016 Association for Research on Nonprofit and Voluntary Action; Corporation for National and Community Service Research Summit; World Society Mini-Conference (*University of Washington*)

Teaching and Advising

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

- Spring 2023 “Identities: Race, Class, Gender, & Sexuality.” Princeton University
- Fall 2022 “Sexuality in Global Contexts.” Princeton University
- Spring 2022 “Identities: Race, Class, Gender, & Sexuality.” Princeton University
- Fall 2021 “Sexuality in Global Contexts.” Princeton University
- Su’ 2019 “Introduction to Statistics and Statistical Computing.” University of Texas at Austin

UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING

- Senior Thesis Isaac Bledsoe (’22-’23); Naomi Frim-Abrams (’22-’23); Simran Khanna (’21-’22); Isabelle Nimick (’21-’22); Jeremiah Tyler (’21-’22)
- Junior Paper McKenzie Blake (’24); Elizabeth Agatucci (’23); Kutorkor Kotey (’23); Eliana Gagnon (’22); Kai Obinata (’22)

GRADUATE TEACHING

- Spring 2023 “Techniques and Methods of Social Science.” Princeton University

GRADUATE ADVISING

- Current Sebastián Rojas Cabal (Princeton University, Sociology, Dissertation Committee Member)
Yun (Nancy) Tang (Princeton University, Politics, Dissertation Committee Member)

María José Urzúa Valverde (Princeton University, Politics, Dissertation Committee Member)
Margaret Palmer (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Sociology, Dissertation Committee Member)
Christina Pao (Princeton University, Sociology, Graduate Advisor)

2022 John Maldonado (Princeton University, Sociology, Dissertation External Reader)

Academic Service

ACADEMIC JOURNALS

On-Going Reviewer *African Affairs, American Journal of Sociology, American Journal of Political Science, American Sociological Review, European Journal of Politics and Gender, European Journal of Sociology, European Societies, Foreign Policy Analysis, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, Journal of Homosexuality, Journal of Refugee Studies, Law & Social Inquiry, Mobilization: An International Quarterly, Nonprofit & Voluntary Sector Quarterly, Nonprofit Management & Leadership, Nonprofit Policy Forum, Political Studies Review, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS), Religions, Review of International Studies, Sexuality & Culture, Sexuality Research & Social Policy, Social Forces, Social Movement Studies, Social Problems, Sociological Methods & Research, Sociology of Development, The Sociological Quarterly, Third World Quarterly*

2024- Editorial Board Member, *European Journal of Politics and Gender*

2024- Editorial Board Member, *The Sociological Quarterly*

2023- Editorial Board Member, *Social Forces*

2021- Editorial Board Member, *Sociology of Development*

GRANTING INSTITUTIONS

On-Going Reviewer National Science Foundation

ASSOCIATIONS

2019-24 American Sociological Association

- Organizer, Regular Session on Transnational Processes, Annual Meeting, 2024
- Best Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Sexualities Section, 2024
- Organizer, Special Session: Global Queer Activism, Annual Meeting, 2023
- Organizer, Regular Session on Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations, Annual Meeting, 2022
- Best Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Sexualities Section, 2022
- Richard A. Peterson Award for Best Student Paper Committee, Sociology of Culture Section, 2022
- Organizer, Roundtables, Global & Transnational Sociology Section, 2021
- Presider, Roundtables, Global & Transnational Sociology Section, 2019

2021-22 International Studies Association

- Mentor, LGBTQ Caucus Mentoring Program, 2021-2022
- Best Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Human Rights Section, 2021

- 2019-20 Association for Research on Nonprofit and Voluntary Associations
- Co-Coordinator, LGBTQIA Common Interest Group, 2019-2020
 - Member, Diversity Committee, 2020

UNIVERSITIES

- 2021- Princeton University
- Organizer, Queer Demography Summit, Office of Population Research, March
 - Undergraduate Admission and Financial Aid Committee, 2024-2026
 - Faculty Fellow, Scholars Institute Fellows Program, 2021-
 - Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, 2021-2022
- 2019-2020 University of Texas at Austin
- Chair, Graduate Student Council, Department of Sociology, 2019-2020

COMMUNITY

- 2023- CLAGS: The Center for LGBTQ Studies at Graduate Center, CUNY
- Member, Board of Directors