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AT A GLANCE

Current Position: Assistant Professor, Vanderbilt University

Areas of Research: LGBTQ+ Health and Aging, Sociology of Health, Health Policy, Global Health Policy

Countries of Expertise: US, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Uganda

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed: 44
h-index: 22
i10-index: 31
Citations: 2200+
Book Chapters: 4
Commentaries: 8
Policy Briefs: 9

FUNDING

Active: 12
Completed: 17
PI/Co-PI: 15
Federal: 12
Foundation: 6
Training: 8

TEACHING

Instructor: 20
New Preps: 8

RECENT AWARDS

Dean's Distinguished Teaching Fellow
Intersectional Advocate of the Year
COVID-19 Innovative Teaching Award

MEDIA

I was interviewed on the PBS series
Aging Matters: Aging with Pride in
June 2022.

MENTORING/TRAINING

Research Active Trainees since 2013: 81
Trainee meets at least one DEIA criteria: 58
Trainee Co-authors: 32
Postdocs: 7
MDs, Residents, and Fellows: 3
Graduate: 29
Undergraduate: 45
Health Professions: 63

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EDUCATION

- 2013 **PhD in Sociology**, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 2008 **M.A. in Sociology**, University of California, Los Angeles.
Area Concentrations: Social Stratification, Social Demography
- 2005 **B.A. in Psychology**, with Honors, Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA.

POSITIONS

- 2023-present **Associate Director**
Center for Research on Inequality and Health, Vanderbilt University
- 2020-present **Associate Director**
LGBTQ+ Policy Lab, Vanderbilt University
- 2015-present **Assistant Professor**
Department of Medicine, Health, and Society, Vanderbilt University
- Secondary Appointment**
Department of Health Policy, Vanderbilt University Medical Center
- Affiliated Faculty**
Alzheimer's Dementia Research Center, Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Center for Child Health Policy, Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies, Vanderbilt University
Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University
Program for LGBTQ Health, Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Tennessee Center for AIDS Research, Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Vanderbilt Institute for Global Health, Vanderbilt University Medical Center
- 2013-2015 **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy Research**
University of California, Berkeley/University of California, San Francisco
- 2006-2012 **Study Coordinator**
Community Based Research, AIDS Project Los Angeles
- 2005-2006 **Data Analyst**
Undergraduate Research Center, Occidental College

LEAVES

- 2023f **Research Leave**
- 2019f-2020s **Parental Leave**
- 2018f-2019s **Research Leave**

OTHER SIGNIFICANT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2017-present **Expert Witness**
Provided case review, expert testimony, and written Country Conditions reports in 19 asylum and immigration cases for LGBTQ Africans originating from Ghana (1), Kenya (3), Malawi (1), Mozambique (2), Nigeria (7), Senegal (3), and Uganda (1)

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HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2023 **Dean's Distinguished Teaching Fellow**, College of Arts & Science, Vanderbilt University
- 2023 **Intersectional Advocate of the Year**, Office of LGBTQI Life, Vanderbilt University
- 2023 **Best Poster Award**. Population Association of America.
- 2022 **Best Poster Award**. Population Association of America.
- 2021 **COVID-19 Innovative Teaching Award**, College of Arts & Science, Vanderbilt University
- 2017 **Allyship of the Year**, Office of LGBTQI Life, Vanderbilt University
- 2012 **Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship**
- 2012 **UCLA Dissertation Completion Fellowship**
- 2012 **Elizabeth Blackwell Graduate Paper Award**, Center for the Study of Women, UCLA
- 2011 **Martin Levine Dissertation Award**, Honorable Mention, Sexualities Section, ASA
- 2010 **Excellence in Teaching Award**, Department of Sociology, UCLA
- 2009, 2006 **Graduate Fellowship**, Sociology, UCLA
- 2008 **Rosenstein Student Scholarship Award**, HIV/AIDS Section, APHA
- 2008 **Excellent Poster Presentation Award**, Student Section, APHA
- 2004, 2003 **Howard Hughes Medical Institute Fellow**, Occidental College

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (39)

(* denotes student/trainee co-author at time of writing; ≡ denotes alphabetical authorship)

39. *Bhatt, Priya, Michael Shepherd, **Tara McKay**, and Jonathan Metzl. 2024. "Racializing COVID-19: The Influence of Racist Language on Facebook on COVID-19 Prevention." *Political Communication*. [IF=7.50]
38. *Mann, Samuel, **Tara McKay**, and Gilbert Gonzales. 2024. "[Climate Change-Related Disasters & the Health of LGBTQ+ Populations](#)." *Journal of Climate Change and Health*.
37. **McKay, Tara**, Rachel Sullivan Robinson, *Serena Musungu, *Nana Addo Padi-Adjirackor, and Nicole Angotti. 2024. "The Missing Millions: Uncovering the Burden of COVID-19 Cases and Deaths in the African Region." *Population and Development Review*. [IF=10.52]
36. Barbee, Harry, and **Tara McKay**. 2023. "[Sanctuaries for Gender Affirming Health Care -- A Policy Intervention for a Public Health Crisis](#)." *JAMA Health Forum*. [IF=11.5]
35. Clark, Kirsty, *Katherine Schafer, *Nathaniel M. Tran, *Lana Trautman, and **Tara McKay**. 2023. "[The Role of Sleep Duration in Suicide Risk among Sexual and Gender Minority Adolescents](#)." *Preventive Medicine*. [IF=4.64]

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34. *Facciani, Matthew, Aleksandra Lazić, *Grace Viggiano, and **Tara McKay**. 2023. "[Social Media and Ego Network Composition Predict Vaccination Attitudes.](#)" *Social Science and Medicine*. [IF=5.38]
33. *Barbee, Harry and **Tara McKay**. 2023. "[Do Supportive Work Environments Matter for Inequalities in Aging? Work Stress and Cognitive Health Among Older LGBTQ+ Adults.](#)" *Acta Psychologica*. [IF=2.0]
32. Gonzales, Gilbert, *Emilio Loret de Mola, *Lee Robertson, *Kyle A. Gavulic, and **Tara McKay**. 2023. "[LGBTQ College Student Health and Wellbeing at the Onset of the Pandemic: Additional Evidence and Lessons Learned From COVID-19.](#)" *BMC Public Health*. [IF=4.14]
31. **McKay, Tara**, Kelsey Gastineau, Jesse O. Wren, Jin Han, and Alan B. Storrow. 2023. "[Trends in Pediatric Firearm-Related Encounters during the COVID-19 Pandemic by Age Group, Race/Ethnicity, and Schooling Mode in Tennessee.](#)" *Injury Prevention*. [IF=3.78]
30. *Lampe, Nik M., *Harry Barbee, *Nathaniel Tran, *Skyler Bastow, and **Tara McKay**. 2023. "[Health Disparities Among Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Older Adults: A Structural Competency Approach.](#)" *International Journal of Aging and Human Development*. [IF=2.22]
29. **McKay, Tara**, *Nathaniel M. Tran, *Harry Barbee, *Judy K. Min. 2023. "[Association of Affirming Care with Chronic Disease and Preventative Care Outcomes among Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Older Adults.](#)" *American Journal of Preventative Medicine*. 64(3):304-314. [IF=6.60]
28. Clark, Kirsty A., *Joseph Sexton, and **Tara McKay**. 2022. "[Association of sexual orientation with suicide bereavement and related emotional distress among US adults.](#)" *Archives of Suicide Research*. [IF=3.03]
27. **McKay, Tara**, *Ellesse-Roselee Akre, Jeff Henne, *Nitya Kari, *Adam Conway, and *Isabel Gothelf. 2022. "[LGBTQ+ Affirming Care May Increase Knowledge and Support for Undetectable=Untransmittable among Older Gay and Bisexual Men in the US South.](#)" *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. [IF=3.39]
26. *Facciani, Matthew, and **Tara McKay**. 2022. "[Network Loss Following the 2016 Presidential Election among LGBTQ+ Adults.](#)" *Applied Network Science*. [IF=2.65]
25. ≡ Carpenter, Christopher, *Sam Eppink, Gilbert Gonzales, and **Tara McKay**. 2021. "[Effects of Access to Legal Same-Sex Marriage on Marriage and Health: Evidence from BRFSS.](#)" *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*. [IF 4.16]
24. ≡ Carpenter, Christopher S., Gilbert Gonzales, **Tara McKay**, and Dario Sansone. 2021. "[Effects of the Affordable Care Act Dependent Coverage Mandate on Health Insurance Coverage for Individuals in Same-Sex Couples.](#)" *Demography*. [IF=3.98]
23. **McKay, Tara**, Jeff Henne, Gilbert Gonzales, *Kyle A. Gavulic, Rebecca Quarles, and Sergio Garcia Gallegos. 2021. "[Sexual Behavior Change among Gay and Bisexual Men During the First COVID-19 Pandemic Wave in the United States.](#)" *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*. [IF=3.40]

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22. Metz, Jonathan, **Tara McKay**, and *Jennifer Piemonte. 2021. "[Structural Competency and Firearm Research](#)." *Social Science and Medicine*. [IF=5.38]
21. Metz, Jonathan, *Jennifer Piemonte, and **Tara McKay**. 2021. "[Mental Illness, Mass Shootings, and The Future of Psychiatric Research into American Gun Violence](#)." *Harvard Review of Psychiatry*. [IF=3.87]
20. Gonzales, Gilbert, *Emilio Loret de Mola, *Kyle A. Gavulic, **Tara McKay**, and Christopher Purcell. 2020. "[Mental Health Needs Among Sexual and Gender Minority Students During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)." *Journal of Adolescent Health*. [IF=7.83]
19. ≡ Angotti, Nicole, **Tara McKay**, and Rachel Sullivan Robinson. 2019. "[Lgbt Visibility and Anti-Gay Backlash: Unintended Consequences of Responses to HIV/AIDS in Malawi and Senegal](#)." *Sociology of Development* 5(1):71-90. [IF=1.02]
18. Gonzales, Gilbert, **Tara McKay**, and Christopher Carpenter. 2019. "[Disparities in Health Insurance Coverage and Access to Care for Children by Mother's Sexual Orientation](#)." *Maternal and Child Health Journal* 24:630-639. [IF=2.94]
17. ≡ Currier, Ashley, and **Tara McKay**. 2017. "[Pursuing Social Justice through Public Health: Gender and Sexual Diversity Activism in Malawi](#)." *Critical African Studies* 9(1):71-90. [IF=1.26]
16. Gonzales, Gilbert, and **Tara McKay**. 2017. "[What an Emerging Trump Administration Means for LGBT Health](#)." *Health Equity* 1(1):83-86. [IF=2.96]
15. **McKay, Tara**, and Stefan Timmermans. 2017. "[Beyond Health Effects? Examining the Social Consequences of Community Levels of Uninsurance Pre-ACA](#)." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 58(1):4-22. [IF=6.33]
14. **McKay, Tara**. 2016. "[From Marginal to Marginalised: The Inclusion of Men Who Have Sex with Men in Global and National AIDS Programmes and Policy](#)." *Global Public Health* 11(7-8): 902-922. [IF=4.8]
13. **McKay, Tara**, and Nicole Angotti. 2016. "[Ready Rhetorics: Political Homophobia and Activist Discourses in Malawi, Nigeria, and Uganda](#)." *Qualitative Sociology* 39(4): 397-420. [IF=2.5]
12. McKay, Thomas G., Jeremy Chatwin, **Tara McKay**, and Carter Milhous. 2013. "[Motivating Interest in Electrical Engineering through Altruism at the Middle School Level](#)." *Proceedings of the 2013 IEEE Global Humanitarian Technology Conference (GHTC)*: 108-111.
11. Mutchler, Matt G., **Tara McKay**, Bryce McDavitt, and *Kristie K. Gordon. 2013. "[Using Peer Ethnography to Address Health Disparities in Hard-to-Reach Populations of Young Men](#)." *American Journal of Public Health* 103(5): 849-852. [IF=12.7]
10. Bogart, Laura M., Glenn J. Wagner, Matt G. Mutchler, Brian Risley, Bryce McDavitt, **Tara McKay**, and David J. Klein. 2012. "[Community HIV Treatment Advocacy Programs May Support HIV Treatment Adherence](#)." *AIDS Education and Prevention* 24(1): 1-14. [IF=2.3]

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9. **McKay, Tara**, Bryce McDavitt, Sheba George, and Matt G. Mutchler. 2012. "['Their Type of Drugs': Substance Use, Sex, and Social Boundaries among Young African American and Latino Gay and Bisexual Men.](#)" *Culture, Health, and Sexuality* 14(10): 1183-1196. [IF=2.5]
8. Craney, Chris, **Tara McKay**, April Mazzeo, Janet Morris, Cheryl Prigodich, and Robert deGroot. 2011. "[Cross Discipline Perceptions of the Undergraduate Research Experience.](#)" *Journal of Higher Education* 82(1): 92-113. [IF=3.9]
7. **McKay, Tara**, and Matt G. Mutchler. 2011. "[The Effect of Partner Sex: Nondisclosure of HIV Status to Male and Female Partners among Men who Have Sex with Men and Women \(MSMW\).](#)" *AIDS & Behavior* 15(6): 1140-1152. [IF=4.4]
6. Mutchler, Matt G., **Tara McKay**, Honghu Liu, Norman Candelario, Bill Stackhouse, Trista Bingham, and George Ayala. 2011. "[Sex Drugs, Peer Connections, and HIV: Use and Risk among African American, Latino, and Multiracial Young Men who have Sex with Men \(YMSM\) in Los Angeles and New York.](#)" *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Social Services* 23(2): 271-295. [IF=1.7]
5. Mutchler, Matt G., Glenn Wagner, Burt Cowgill, **Tara McKay**, Brian Risley, and Laura Bogart. 2011. "[Improving HIV/AIDS Care through Treatment Advocacy: Going beyond Client Education to Empowerment by Facilitating Client-Provider Relationships.](#)" *AIDS Care* 23(1): 79-90. [IF=2.1]
4. Hatfield, Laura A., Margherita E. Ghiselli, Scott M. Jacoby, Anne Cain-Nielson, Gunna Killian, **Tara McKay**, and B.R. Simon Rosser. 2010. "[Methods for Recruiting Men of Color Who Have Sex with Men in Prevention-for-Positives Interventions.](#)" *Prevention Science* 11(1): 56-66. [IF=4.2]
3. Timmermans, Stefan and **Tara McKay**. 2009. "[Clinical Trials as Treatment Option: Bioethics and Health Inequities in Substance Dependency.](#)" *Social Science and Medicine* 69(12):1784-1790. [IF=5.4]
2. Mutchler, Matt G., Laura M. Bogart, Marc N. Elliot, **Tara McKay**, Marika J. Suttorp, and Mark A. Schuster. 2008. "[Psychosocial Correlates of Unprotected Sex without Disclosure of HIV-positivity among African-American, Latino, and White Men who Have Sex with Men and Women.](#)" *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, 37(5):736-748. [IF=4.2]
1. Gorman, Andrea H., David Schwartz, Jonathan Nakamoto, and **Tara McKay**. 2006. "[Popularity, Social Acceptance, and Aggression in Adolescent Peer Groups: Links with Academic Performance and School Attendance.](#)" *Developmental Psychology* 42(6):1116-1127. [IF=5.0]

OTHER PEER REVIEWED STUDY TEAM PUBLICATIONS (5)

*The Positive Connections Study was a multisite randomized controlled trial to reduce serodiscordant unsafe sex among HIV positive men who have sex with men. I contributed to the following studies, especially research related to recruitment methods and retention, as a **named member of the Positive Connections Team** while serving as study site coordinator for AIDS Project Los Angeles. An example of the acknowledgement is as follows:

"The Positive Connections Team comprises faculty and staff at the University of Minnesota, consultants from AIDS Service Organizations and other universities who provided specialist guidance and direction, and a national leadership team of HIV-positive gay and bisexual men

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who partnered with this project at every stage from conceptualization to submission of findings...Research investigators and consultants who helped design and refine the study included...**Tara McKay**."

5. Brennan, David J., Seth L. Welles, Michael H. Miner, Michael W. Ross, B.R. Simon Rosser, and **The Positive Connections Team**. 2010. "[HIV Treatment Optimism and Unsafe Anal Intercourse among HIV-positive Men Who Have Sex with Men: Findings from The Positive Connections Study](#)." *AIDS Education & Prevention*, 22(2):126-137. doi:10.1521/aeap.2010.22.2.126
4. Rosser, B.R. Simon, Laura Hatfield, Michael H. Miner, Margherita E. Ghiselli, Brian R. Lee, Seth L. Welles, and **The Positive Connections Team**. 2010. "[Effects of a Behavioral Intervention to Reduce Serodiscordant Unsafe Sex among HIV Positive Men Who Have Sex with Men: The Positive Connections Randomized Controlled Trial Study](#)." *Journal of Behavioral Medicine*; 33(2):147-58. doi: 10.1007/s10865-009-9244-1.
3. Brennan, David J., Seth L. Welles, Michael H. Miner, Michael W. Ross, Kenneth H. Mayer, B.R. Simon Rosser, and **The Positive Connections Team**. 2009. "[Development of a Treatment Optimism Scale for HIV-positive Gay and Bisexual Men](#)." *AIDS Care*, 21(9):1090-1097.
2. Ross, Michael W., B.R. Simon Rosser, Eric R. Neumaier, and **The Positive Connections Team**. 2008. "[The Relationship of Internalized Homonegativity to Unsafe Sexual Behavior in HIV-seropositive Men Who Have Sex with Men](#)." *AIDS Education & Prevention*. 20(6):547-557.
1. Rosser, B.R. Simon, K.J. Horvath, L.A. Hatfield, J.L. Peterson, S. Jacoby, A. Stately, and **The Positive Connections Team**. 2008. "[Predictors of HIV disclosure to secondary partners and sexual risk behavior among a high-risk sample of HIV-positive MSM: results from six epicenters in the US](#)." *AIDS Care*, 20(8): 925-930.

BOOK CHAPTERS (4)

(* denotes student/trainee co-author at time of writing)

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3. Clark, Kirsty, *Serena Musungu, and **Tara McKay**. 2021. "LGBTQ+ Population: Diverse Community at Greater Risk of Experiencing Gun Violence." In [The Gun Violence Briefing Book](#). The Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (ABCT). Pp 100-120.
2. **McKay, Tara**. 2021. "Struggles for Inclusion: Incorporating Same-Sex Practicing Men into National HIV Prevention and Surveillance in African Countries." In Sandfort, T. (ed). [Male Same-sex Sexuality and HIV in Sub-Saharan Africa](#). Springer.
1. **McKay, Tara**. 2018. "From Marginal to Marginalised: The Inclusion of Men Who Have Sex with Men in Global and National AIDS Programmes and Policy." In Perez-Brumer, Amaya, Richard Parker, and Peter Aggleton (eds.) [Rethinking MSM, Trans* and other Categories in HIV Prevention](#). Routledge.

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COMMENTARIES/BOOK REVIEWS (8)

(* denotes student/trainee co-author at time of writing; ≡ denotes alphabetical authorship; **impact notes)

8. Pettit, April, Anna Person, Aima Ahonkhai, Peter Rebeiro, Carolyn Audet, **Tara McKay**, Daniel Escuerdo, Cristian Chandler, Lauren Brown, and David Haas. 2023. "[We HIV medical specialists want to clear the record on antiretroviral treatment.](#)" *The Tennessean*.
7. *Tran, Nathaniel, Peter Rebeiro, and **Tara McKay**. 2023. "[Tennessee Rejects Federal HIV Prevention Funds: A Looming Public Health and Financial Disaster.](#)" *Health Affairs Forefront*.
6. *Tran, Nathaniel and **Tara McKay**. 2022. "[The Benefit of Affirming Care for LGBTQ+ Population Health.](#)" *AcademyHealth Blog*.
5. **McKay, Tara**. 2019. "[Achieving Access: Professional Movements and the Politics of Health Universalism. By Joseph Harris. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2017. Pp vii-268.](#)" *American Journal of Sociology*.
4. **McKay, Tara**. 2017. "[The Social Costs of Repealing the ACA.](#)" *Health Affairs Blog*.
3. **McKay, Tara**. 2017. "[Communities plagued by uninsurance also suffer from breakdowns in trust, social connection.](#)" *The Conversation*. *Republished through Creative Commons License by AP, NY Magazine, SF Gate, and several other online publications.
2. **McKay, Tara**, and Gilbert Gonzales. 2017. "[Two Things Health Researchers and Allies Can Do Right Now to Advance LGBT Research.](#)" *Health Affairs Blog*.
1. **McKay, Tara**, and Stefan Timmermans. 2009. "[The Bioethical Misconception: A Reply to Lidz.](#)" *Social Science and Medicine* 69(12):1793-1796.

POLICY BRIEFS, WHITE PAPERS, AND STUDY REPORTS (9)

(* denotes student/trainee co-author at time of writing; ≡ denotes alphabetical authorship; **impact notes)

9. 2023. "[Research Memo: Scientific Research Highlights the Role of Access to Care in Decreasing Transgender Suicidality.](#)" Prepared for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and distributed to the Tennessee State Legislature.
8. 2022. "[The National HIV Criminalization Study, 2021.](#)" Sero Project.
7. 2021. "[Research Memo: The Role of Public Policy and Laws in Supporting LGBTQ Communities.](#)" Prepared for Mike Curb and the ACLU of Tennessee.
6. **McKay, Tara**, Jeff Henne, Gilbert Gonzales, Rebecca Quarles, Sergio Garcia Gallegos. 2020b. "[The Impact of COVID-19 on LGBTQ Americans.](#)" Research Brief. Prepared for the Nashville/Davidson County Mayor's Office.

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5. **McKay, Tara**, Jeff Henne, Gilbert Gonzales, Rebecca Quarles, and Sergio Garcia Gallegos. 2020a. "[Research brief: Sex, Relationships, and COVID-19: Sexual Behavior Change among Gay and Bisexual Men in the US.](#)" Prepared for the Nashville/Davidson County Mayor's Office.
4. **McKay, Tara**, and *Bailey Via. 2020. "[Research Brief: Older LGBTQ Tennesseans and COVID-19.](#)" Prepared for the Nashville/Davidson County Mayor's Office.
3. **McKay, Tara**, and Stefan Timmermans. 2017. "[Policy Brief: Beyond Health Effects? Examining the Social Consequences of Community Levels of Uninsurance Pre-ACA.](#)" *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*.
2. ≡ Angotti, Nicole, **Tara McKay**, and Rachel Sullivan Robinson [alpha order]. 2017. "[Political Homophobia, Health, and Rights in Sub-Saharan Africa.](#)" Research Brief. Prepared for Center for Excellence on Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance, USAID, Washington, D.C.
1. **McKay, Tara**, and Miguel Muñoz-Laboy. 2011. "[Latino Men who have Sex with Men and Women & HIV Prevention.](#)" (Broadsheet) Acción Mutua/Shared Action, AIDS Project Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA.

COMMUNITY RESEARCH SUMMARIES (4)

(* denotes student/trainee co-author)

4. **Tara, McKay**. 2022. [Community Research Summary: VUSNAPS Wave 2 Update.](#)
3. *Trautman, Lana, and **Tara McKay**. 2022. Community Research Summary: Association of LGBTQ+ Affirming Care with Chronic Disease and Preventive Care Outcomes.
2. *Trautman, Lana, and **Tara McKay**. 2022. [Community Research Summary: LGBTQ+ Affirming Care Can Improve Understanding of Undetectable = Untransmittable \(U=U\) and Other HIV Prevention Outcomes.](#)
1. **McKay, Tara**. 2021. [Community Research Summary: VUSNAPS Wave 1 Update.](#)

UNPUBLISHED PREPRINTS/WORKING PAPERS (1)

(* denotes student/trainee co-author)

- 2020 **McKay, Tara**, Jonathan Metzl, and *Jennifer Piemonte. "[Effects of Statewide Coronavirus Public Health Measures and State Gun Laws on American Gun Violence.](#)" SSRN Working Paper No. 3680050.

**This working paper has been cited 8 times, viewed over 2,000 times, and downloaded more than 300 times.

UNDER REVIEW (10)

(* denotes student/trainee co-author; ≡ denotes alphabetical authorship)

1. *Barbee, Harry, **Tara McKay**, and *Ellesse-Roselee Akre. "Effects of Unequal Treatment, Verbal Harassment, and Physical Violence on Subjective Cognitive Health among Middle-Age and Older LGBTQ+ Adults: Variation by Type and Basis of Victimization.

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2. *Barbee, Harry, and **Tara McKay**. "Variation in Subjective Aging among Middle-Age and Older LGBTQ+ People: An Exploratory Study." *Gerontology Series B*
3. *Barbee, Harry, **Tara McKay**, and Laura Carpenter. "Identifying Risky Partners: Queer Sex in a Pandemic."
4. *Bhatt, Priya, Michael Shepherd, **Tara McKay**, and Jonathan Metz. Conditionally Accepted. "Racializing COVID-19: The Influence of Racist Language on Facebook on COVID-19 Prevention." *Political Communication*.
5. **McKay, Tara**, Audrey Kelly, *Harry Barbee, Allison Aiello, Kathleen Mullan Harris, Chantel Martin, and Lauren Gaydosh. "Epigenetic Age Acceleration among Respondents in Same Sex and Mixed Sex Relationships in Add Health and HRS Data." *Demography*.
6. **McKay, Tara**, Jonathan Metz, and *Jennifer Piemonte. "Effects of COVID-19 Public Health Measures and State Gun Laws on Gun Violence in the US from March to June 2020."
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8. *Smith, Kristin, *Ezri Taylor, **Tara McKay**, and *Nik Lampe. "Abortion care as gender-affirming care: Implications of the Dobbs Decision on Trans and Non-Binary Reproductive Rights." *Sociological Forum*.
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10. *Tran, Nathaniel, **Tara McKay**, Gilbert Gonzales, Stacie B. Dusetzina, and Carrie Fry. "Aging In Isolation: Sexual Orientation Differences in Navigating Cognitive Decline." Available at SSRN: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4624644.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION (12)

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1. Cassy Dorff, **Tara McKay**, *Chojnacki, Lauren, and Kristin Michelitch. "Victimization, Social Support, and Political Engagement: Lifetime Effects Among LGBT+ Individuals." Accepted for presentation at ECPR 2022, APSA 2023. Abstract and talk available.
2. *Davidson-Turner, KJ, Audrey Kelly, Amanda Nelsen, **Tara McKay**, and Lauren Gaydosh. "SGM-Specific Discrimination and the Consequences on Biological Aging." Presented at PAA 2023. Draft available.
3. **McKay, Tara**. "Firearm Training Laws Decrease Child Involved Shootings during COVID-19 School Closures in the United States, 2020-2021."
4. **McKay, Tara**, Harry Barbee, *Nathaniel Tran, Lauren Gaydosh. "Cohort Profile: Characteristics of the Vanderbilt University Social Networks, Aging, and Policy Study (VUSNAPS) Panel of Midlife and Older LGBTQ+ Adults."
5. **McKay, Tara**, Matthew Facciani, and Christopher S. Carpenter. "Employment Outcomes for LGBTQ+ Faculty in Higher Education: Evidence from the 2019-2023 COACHE Faculty Job Satisfaction Survey."

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6. **McKay, Tara**, *Matthew Facciani, and *Harry Barbee. "Alter Loss Following a Major Health Event among Older LGBT Adults in the UCNets LGBT Oversample." Draft and talk available. Accepted for presentation at the International Network for Social Network Analysis, 2020, the UCNets Mini-conference, 2020, and the American Sociological Association annual meeting, 2021.
7. **McKay, Tara**, Jeffrey C. Henne, *Nitya Kari, *Isabel Gothelf, April Pettit, Tami Haught, Sean Strub. "HIV Criminalization Laws, Public Health Trust, and Uptake of COVID-19 Vaccine among People Living with HIV in the United States." Presented at the 2022 International AIDS Conference and the Tennessee Center for AIDS Research. Draft available.
8. **McKay, Tara**, *Harrison Schwartz, *Samuel Mann, and *Nitya Kari. "Mental Health Impacts of Anti-LGBTQ State Policies in Household Pulse Data." Presented at APPAM 2022 (Spring).
9. **McKay, Tara**, *Nathaniel Tran, *Nitya Kari, *Lana Trautman, and Kirsty Clark. "Effects of Discrimination on Sleep Quality: A Driver of LGBTQ Health Disparities." Presented at IAPHS 2022, UCNets Mini Conference 2023, and Gerontological Society of America 2023.
10. *Ramakrishnan, Abinaya, *Cameron Deal, Gilbert Gonzales, **Tara McKay**, Harry Barbee, and Kirsty Clark. "Transgender Mental Health and Health Access Disparities: Evidence from the Household Pulse Survey." Draft available.
11. *Saunders, Randi and **Tara McKay**. "Social Networks of Older LGBT Adults and Access to LGBT-Affirming Healthcare in the American South." Presented at the 2022 International Conference on Social Stress Research, American Sociological Association 2022. Draft available.
12. *Seliktar, Naomi, **Tara McKay**, Jesse O. Wrenn, and Holly R. Hanson. "Prediction of Pediatric Firearm Injuries: Identifying a Sentinel Injury."

GRANTS AND SUPPORT

Pending (3)

Co-I

R01 "Social Networks and Health among Older Never Married Adults in the US"
National Institute on Aging
PI: Lijun Song, PhD, Vanderbilt University
Submitted: Nov 2023

Co-sponsor

F31 "Personal Healthcare Networks of Transgender and Gender-Diverse (TGD) Adults After Gender-Affirming Surgery"
Trainee: Tyler Gaedecke, Columbia University
Primary mentor: Walter Bockting, Columbia University
Submitted: August 2023

Impact Score: 20

Primary Mentor

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K01 "Effects of Subjective Views of Aging on Health and Biological Aging among Older Sexual and Gender Minorities"

National Institute on Aging

PI: Harry Barbee, PhD, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health

Submitted: Feb 2023

Impact Score: 27

Planned resubmission: February 2024

Active (12): **Role: PI (4), Co-I (3), Primary Mentor (5)**
Source: Federal (8), Foundation (2), Internal (2)

2023-2028

MPI

R61/R33 "A Multimethod Assessment of the Clinical, Economic & Social Impact of the Rejection of Federal HIV Prevention Funds in Tennessee" (\$3,947,637)

MPI: April Pettit, MD MPH, Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Impact Score: 33

2019-2024

PI

R01 "Effects of Social Networks and Policy Context on Health among Older Sexual and Gender Minorities in the US South." (\$1,937,619)

National Institute on Aging

Percentile: 24

2023-2024

PI

R01 Administrative Supplement (\$99,999)

National Institute on Aging

2022-2024

PI

Diversity Mentoring Supplement (\$379,790)

National Institute on Aging

Submitted: Apr 2022

Trainees: Nik Lampe, Nathaniel Tran, Serena Musungu

2020-2025

Co-I

"Vanderbilt LGBT Policy Lab"

Vanderbilt Re-Investment Award (VRA)

PI: Christopher Carpenter, PhD, Vanderbilt University

2023-2024

Co-I

"Cognitive Functioning among Sexual and Gender Minority Older Adults Pilot"
University of Texas, Austin, Center on Aging and Population Studies NIH P30 Pilot
Award (\$40,000)

MPI: Lauren Gaydos and Mateo Farina, Sociology, University of Texas, Austin

2021-2023

Co-I

"Addressing 'Para-Policy' Beliefs About Race, Health, Community, and Ideology that
Surround Healthcare Reform in the US South."

Commonwealth Foundation

PI: Jonathan Metzl, MD PhD, Vanderbilt University

2023-2026

Primary Mentor

AARF-D "Effects of Care and Caregiver Support on ADRD Risk of LGBTQ+ Older
Adults"

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Alzheimer's Association
PI: Nik Lampe, PhD, Postdoctoral Trainee, Vanderbilt University

2023-2025 **Primary Mentor**
R36 "Multi-level Determinants of Sexual and Gender Minority Aging" (\$46,342)
National Institute on Aging
PI: Nathaniel Tran, PhD Candidate, Department of Health Policy, Vanderbilt University
Project Period: 9/1/2023-06/30/2025
Impact Score: 17

2023-2024 **Primary Mentor**
Loan Repayment Program
National Institute on Aging
PI: Nik Lampe, PhD, Postdoctoral Trainee, Vanderbilt University

2023-2024 **Primary Mentor**
Loan Repayment Program
National Institute on Aging
PI: Harry Barbee, PhD, Johns Hopkins University

2023-2024 **Faculty Sponsor**
Lacy-Fischer Interdisciplinary Research Grant (\$7,500)
The Graduate School, Vanderbilt University
Graduate Trainee: Nathaniel Tran

Declined (1)

PI
Diversity Supplement
National Institute on Aging
Trainee: Carey Candrian, PhD, Assistant Professor, CU Denver SOM
**Trainee was awarded a K01. Diversity Supplement funding was declined.

Completed (17)

Role: PI (11), Co-PI (1), Co-I (5), Other (1)
Source: Federal (4), Foundation (4), Internal (9)

2022 **PI**
Dean's Research Studio Grant (\$5,000)
Vanderbilt University

2021-2022 **Co-I**
"Biological Aging Among Older Sexual and Gender Minority Adults in the US South"
University of Texas, Austin, Center on Aging and Population Studies NIH Pilot Award
PI: Lauren Gaydosh, Sociology, University of Texas, Austin

2019-2022 **Co-I**
"Expanding Research Examining the Health and Equity Impacts of Population-Focused Public Policies and How They Relate to the LGBT Community."
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
PI: Christopher Carpenter, Economics, Vanderbilt University

2021-2022 **PI**

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"Social Networks, Misinformation, and Vaccine Hesitancy in the US"
Rapid Advancement Micro-grant Program (RAMP) Award
Vanderbilt University
Co-I: Matthew Facciani, PhD, Postdoctoral Trainee, Vanderbilt University

2020-2022 **PI**
"Diversity Supplement: Effects of Social Networks and Policy Context on Health among Older Sexual and Gender Minorities in the US South." (R01)
National Institute on Aging
Post-Doctoral Trainee: Harry Barbee, PhD, Vanderbilt University

2020-2022 **PI**
"Vanderbilt Social Networks, Aging, and Policy Study (VUSNAPS) Buccal DNA Collection"
Discovery Grant, Vanderbilt University
Co-PI: Lauren Gaydosh, Medicine, Health, and Society, Vanderbilt University

2020-2021 **Co-I**
"Violence, Discrimination, and Political Engagement among Older LGBT Adults in the US South"
LGBT Policy Lab Small Grants, Vanderbilt University
PI: Kristin Michelitch, PhD, Political Science, Vanderbilt University

2020 **PI**
"National Study of Effects of COVID-19 on LGBTQ Americans"
MHS Small Research Grant
Vanderbilt University

2018-2019 **PI**
"LGBT Rights, Organizing, and Health in Criminalized Contexts"
Research Scholar Grant
Vanderbilt University

2017-2018 **PI**
"LGBT Rights and Health in Mozambique"
Research Scholar Grant
Vanderbilt University

2016-2018 **Co-I**
"Examining the Health Impact of Policies Related to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community to Address Gaps in Health-Equity Research."
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
P.I.: Christopher Carpenter, PhD, Vanderbilt University

2015-2018 **Co-I**
Administrative Supplement: "Social Networks and Health among Older Lesbian and Gay Men"
Primary Award: "Understanding How Personal Networks Change" (R01)
National Institute on Aging
P.I.: Claude Fischer, PhD, UC Berkeley

2017 **PI**
"Effects of Uninsurance on American Communities"

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Politics of Health in the US South Trans-Institutional Program Faculty Research Grant
Vanderbilt University

- 2017 **PI**
"Politicized Homophobia and LGBT Organizing in Nigeria"
African Studies Trans-Institutional Program Faculty Research Grant
Vanderbilt University
- 2016 **PI**
"Recruitment Supplement: LGBT Aging, Social Networks, and Health in the San Francisco Bay Area"
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Research Scholars Alumni Fund
Co-I: Claude Fischer, PhD, UC Berkeley
- 2012-2013 **Co-PI**
"Dissertation Research: The Local Implementation of Global AIDS Prevention Policies"
National Science Foundation
P.I./Mentor: Stefan Timmermans, PhD, UCLA
- 2009 **Graduate Investigator**
"Seed Grant: Clinical Trials as Treatment Options for People Living with HIV and AIDS"
California Center for Population Research, UCLA (supported by a T32)
Faculty Sponsor: Stefan Timmermans, UCLA

Other Support

- 2012-2013 **Graduate Research Assistant**
Keeping Gay and Bisexual Men Safe: A Critical History of HIV Prevention
Canadian Institute of Health Research
PI: Adam Isaiah Green, Sociology, University of Toronto
- 2011-2013 **Graduate Student Researcher**
Spillover Effects of Communities without Health Insurance
National Science Foundation
P.I.: Stefan Timmermans, Sociology, UCLA
- 2012 **Graduate Research Assistant**
External Evaluation of the Southern African Regional Social and Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC) Programme, as Implemented in Malawi
UK Department for International Development (DfID)
P.I.: Paul Hutchinson, Public Health & Tropical Medicine, Tulane University
- 2007, 2010 **Fieldwork and Data Collection Graduate Research Assistant**
Malawi Longitudinal Study of Families and Health (MLSFH)
National Institute of Child Health and Development
P.I.: Hans Peter Kohler, PhD, University of Pennsylvania
- 2007-2008 **Research Training Fellow**
"Disclosure of HIV Status among Latino Men Who Have Sex with Men and Women"
California HIV Research Program
Faculty Sponsor: Stefan Timmermans, Sociology, UCLA
Community-Based Organization Sponsor: Matt G. Mutchler, PhD, Community Based Research, AIDS Project Los Angeles

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- 2007 **Graduate Summer Research Fellow**
"Perceptions of Voluntary Counseling and Testing for HIV in Rural Malawi"
Graduate Division, UCLA
Faculty Sponsor: Susan Cotts Watkins, PhD, California Center for Population Research, UCLA
- 2005-2012 **Study Coordinator/Site Coordinator (AIDS Project Los Angeles)**
"Sex Drugs and HIV: Perceptions of Young Gay Men of Color" (R03)
National Institute on Drug Abuse
PI: Matt Mutchler, Community Based Research, AIDS Project Los Angeles
- "Evaluation of Treatment Advocacy in Improving HIV Care Management" (R01)
National Institute on Nursing Research
PI: Laura Bogart, Behavioral Sciences, RAND Corporation
- "Treatment Advocacy Intervention for HIV-Positive African Americans" (R01)
National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
PI: Laura Bogart, Behavioral Sciences, RAND Corporation
- "Medical Mistrust, Social Networks, and Disparities in HIV Care among Blacks" (R01)
National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
PI: Laura Bogart, Psychology, Children's Hospital Corporation
- "Pilot Intervention for Discrimination and Medical Mistrust among HIV Positive Black Men" (R34)
National Institute on Mental Health
PI: Laura Bogart, Psychology, Children's Hospital Corporation
- "Positive Connections: RCT HIV Prevention Program for Persons with HIV" (R01)
National Institute on Mental Health
PI: B.R. Simon Rosser, Epidemiology and Community Health, University of Minnesota
- 2004-2005 **Project Coordinator**
Social Development Lab
PI: Andrea Hopmeyer, Psychology, Occidental College

TEACHING

Total courses taught (20)

Courses taught at Vanderbilt (18)

Total new preps (8)

New preps at Vanderbilt (7)

- 2015- **Instructor**
Medicine, Health & Society, Vanderbilt University
- *MHS 1920: Politics of Health*
 - Spring 2016
 - Fall 2016
 - *MHS 2610/MHS 3890: Responding to Global Health Crises*
 - Fall 2015
 - Spring 2016
 - Spring 2017
 - Fall 2017

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- Spring 2018
- Fall 2021
- Spring 2022
- Spring 2023
- *MHS 2610/MHS 3890: Responding to Global Health Crises* (new online prep)
 - Fall 2020
 - Spring 2021
- *MHS 6500: Quantitative Data Analysis and Data Visualization (Graduate)*
 - Fall 2016
- *MHS 6400: Quantitative Data Analysis and Data Visualization (Graduate)* (new online prep)
 - Fall 2020
- *MHS 6400: Quantitative Data Analysis and Data Visualization (Graduate)* (re-prep, new statistical software)
 - Fall 2021
 - Fall 2022
- *University Course (UNIV 3225/UNIV 5225): The Nation's Health: From Policy to Practice*
 - Spring 2017
 - Spring 2018

2011-2012

Instructor

Department of Sociology, UCLA

- *Sociology 20: Research Methods.*
 - Summer, 2011
 - Summer 2012

2007-2009

Teaching Assistant

Department of Sociology, UCLA

- *Sociology 1: Introduction to Sociology.*
 - Spring 2008
- *Sociology 20: Research Methods.*
 - Winter 2008
 - Spring 2009
- *Sociology 138: Death, Suicide, and Trauma.*
 - Winter 2009
- *Sociology 157: Social Stratification.*
 - Fall 2008
- *Sociology 170: Medical Sociology.*
 - Fall 2007

Continuing Education for Teaching

2020. Online Course Design Institute, two-week course, Vanderbilt Center for Teaching.

2016. Course Design Institute, one-week course, Vanderbilt Center for Teaching.

SERVICE

PROFESSION

National Institutes of Health

Referee, Standing Member, NIH Social Sciences Population Studies Section B (2022-2026)

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Referee (declined due to COVID/childcare disruptions), Ad Hoc Member, NIH Population and Public Health Approaches to HIV/AIDS (PPAH) Study Section (2022)
Referee, Ad Hoc Member, NIH Social Sciences Population Studies Section B (2021)
Referee, Ad Hoc Member, NIH Mental Health Services Research Committee (SERV), National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH; 2020)
Invited Panelist, NIH Scientific Workshop on Social Network Diffusion of Individual Behavior Change Interventions (2022)
Invited Participant, 4-part NIH Scientific Workshop on Violence & Related Health Outcomes in Sexual & Gender Minority Communities (2021)

Other

Co-Founder, Interdisciplinary Research Network on LGBT Elders

Journal Editorial Board

Sexuality Research and Social Policy (2021-2026)
Annals of LGBTQ Public and Population Health (2019-2023)
Journal of Health and Social Behavior (2018-2021)

Journal Referee

<i>Aging and Health Research</i>	<i>Journal of Alzheimer's Disease</i>
<i>AIDS & Behavior</i>	<i>Journal of Health and Social Behavior</i>
<i>African Studies Review</i>	<i>Journal of Homosexuality</i>
<i>American Journal of Preventative Medicine</i>	<i>Journal of Lesbian Studies</i>
<i>American Journal of Sociology</i>	<i>Journal of Men's Health</i>
<i>American Sociological Review</i>	<i>Lancet, The</i>
<i>Annals of LGBTQ Public and Population Health</i>	<i>Lancet Regional Health—Americas, The</i>
<i>British Medical Journal</i>	<i>LGBT Health</i>
<i>BMJ Open</i>	<i>PLOS One</i>
<i>Crime, Law, & Social Change</i>	<i>Public Health Reports</i>
<i>Culture, Health & Sexuality</i>	<i>SAGE Open</i>
<i>Gender & Society</i>	<i>SAGE Publications (Books)</i>
<i>Global Health Action</i>	<i>Sexuality Research and Social Policy</i>
<i>Global Public Health</i>	<i>Social Problems</i>
<i>Health Affairs</i>	<i>Social Science & Medicine</i>
<i>Health Equity</i>	<i>Society & Mental Health</i>
<i>International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health</i>	<i>Sociological Forum</i>
<i>International Journal of Epidemiology</i>	<i>Socius</i>
<i>Journal of Affective Disorders</i>	<i>Substance Use & Misuse</i>
	<i>World Development</i>

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Co-Chair, Subcommittee on the effects of Dobbs on research, training, and wellbeing, Roe v. Wade Task Force, Office of the Provost, Vanderbilt University (2022)
Faculty Advisor, Partners in Health: Engage Student Organization (2015-present)
Referee, Application Review Committee, Undergraduate Summer Research Program (2020-present)
Contributor, Africa at a Crossroads: Challenges and Prospects TIPS (2016-2018)
Contributor, Politics of Health in the US South TIPS (2015-2017)

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Member, Diversity, Equity, and Engagement Committee, College of Arts and Science (2021)
Member, Executive Committee, Vanderbilt LGBT Policy Lab (2020-present)
Member, Vanderbilt LGBT Policy Lab (2017-2020)
Contributor, International Lens Film Series (2017-2021)

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VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

Faculty Advisor, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine Asylum Clinic, jointly offered by the Vanderbilt School of Medicine Social Mission Committee and Physicians for Human Rights (2022)
Referee, Ad Hoc Member, Doctoral Program Admissions Committee, Department of Health Policy (2020)

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE, HEALTH, AND SOCIETY

Publicity Committee (Chair/Co-Chair) and Editor, MHS Annual Report (2015-2023, excluding 2018-2019)

- [2016 Annual Report](#)
- [2017 Annual Report](#)
- [2018 Annual Report](#)
- [2020 Annual Report](#)
- [2021-2022 Annual Report](#)
- [2023 Annual Report](#)

Graduate Curriculum Committee (2016-2017; 2017-2018)

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2015-2016; 2020-2022)

MHS Colloquium Committee (2015-2016)

MHS Faculty Search Committee (Co-Chair: 2020, 2020; Member: 2017, 2018, 2021)

COMMUNITY

Member, Nashville Pride Older Adults Task Force (2022-present)

Expert Witness, Asylum and Immigration Cases (2017-present)

Member, Data Action Committee, Ending the HIV Epidemic Nashville, Nashville-Davidson County Mayor's Office, Metro Government of Nashville-Davidson County (2018)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS, LAST 8 YEARS

(* denotes student/trainee co-author at time of writing; † denotes presenting co-author; **comments on presentation/venue)

2024 (February) Survey Research Center, University of Michigan.

(January) School of Medicine, Stanford University.

(January) "Pride in Aging." Optum Health.

2023 (December) "Accelerated Biological Aging among LGBTQ+ Populations." Minnesota Population Center, University of Minnesota.

(November) "Sleep: A Hidden Driver of LGBTQ+ Health Disparities." Center for AIDS Prevention Studies/Prevention Research Center (CAPS/PRC) Town Hall, University of California, San Francisco.

(November) with *†Nik Lampe, *Harry Barbee, and *Nathaniel Tran. "Faith, Social Support, and End-of-Life Care Preparation Among LGBTQ+ Older Adults." Presidential Symposium, Gerontological Society of America, Tampa, FL.

(October) "Culturally Informed Care for LGBTQ Patients." Tennessee Geriatrics Workforce Engagement Conference.

****available for CME credit**

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- (September) "The Benefits of Affirming Care for Older LGBTQ Adults: Expanding Cancer Research and Care." Grand Rounds, Divisions of Hematology and Oncology, Vanderbilt University Medical Center.
****available for CME credit**
- (July) Institute for Sexual and Gender Health, University of Minnesota.
- (July) with *Nathaniel Tran, *Lana Trautman, and Kirsty Clark. Effects of Discrimination on Sleep Quality: A Driver of Health Disparities. Egocentric Networks Conference, UC Berkeley.
- (April) "Issues of Age and Aging in LGBTQ Health." Guest Lecture, MPH Program, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University.
- (March) "Findings from The National HIV Criminalization Study, 2021." National Webinar. Sero Project.
- (March) "The Benefits of Affirming Care for Older LGBTQ Adults." Grand Rounds, Department of Geriatrics, Vanderbilt University Medical Center.
****available for CME credit**
- 2022 (December) "The Benefits of Affirming Healthcare for Older LGBTQ Adults." School of Nursing, Columbia University.
- (November) "The Missing Millions: COVID-19 Cases and Deaths in the African Region." Provost's Office Global Health Research Showcase. Vanderbilt University.
- (November) "HIV Criminalization in Tennessee." Tennessee Department of Health and the Choice Health Network.
- (October) "How to Get Big Grants." Economics Proseminar, University of Maine.
- (September) "Effects of Policy and Healthcare Environments on Trust in Public Health and Prevention Uptake among People Living with HIV in the US." Tennessee Center for AIDS Research.
- (June) "Applying for NIH Diversity Supplements." Office of the Vice Provost for Research, Vanderbilt University.
- (April) "Connecting with Metro Nashville Local Government on LGBTQ Health during the COVID-19 Pandemic." Division of Government and Community Relations, Vanderbilt University.
- (April) "Trends in National Firearm Injuries and Deaths and VCH Pediatric Gunshot Wound Encounters, 2018-2021." Pediatrics Research Conference, Vanderbilt Children's Hospital/Vanderbilt University Medical Center.
****available for CME credit.**
- (April). "Social Networks, Aging, and Health in the VUSNAPS Cohort." Colloquium Series, Department of Medicine, Health, and Society, Vanderbilt University.
- (March) "Trans Health and Policy in the Household Pulse Survey." Association for Public Policy and Management (APPAM).

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- 2021 (December) "Towards A New Narrative for Mass Shootings and Mental Health." SAFE (Scrubs Addressing the Firearm Epidemic) + VUMC Wellness Brownbag Event for Medical Students, Vanderbilt University Medical Center.
- (November) "Building Coalitions with Policy Makers and Practitioners." Queer Populations, Perspectives, and Policies Conference sponsored by the Social Policy Association, the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom.
- (September) "Advancing Social Justice for LGBTQ Populations in the Global South through HIV Research and Policy." Grand Rounds. The HIV Center for Clinical and Behavioral Studies, Columbia University.
- (August) "LGBTQ Health and COVID-19 in the US South." Southern LGBTQ Health Symposium. Vanderbilt University Medical Center.
****available for CME credit**
- (August) "Struggles for Inclusion: Incorporating Same-Sex Practising Men into National HIV Prevention and Surveillance in African Countries, 2000-2020." Book Launch Webinar, Springer Books.
- (April) "LGBT Americans, COVID-19: Getting Research to Policy Makers." PrideNet Café. Stanford University.
- (January) "Effects of Statewide Coronavirus Public Health Measures and State Gun Laws on Nonsuicide Firearm Injuries and Deaths." Department of Health Policy, Vanderbilt University Medical Center.
- 2020 (November) "What's going on with COVID-19 Cases in African Countries?" Vanderbilt University.
- (November) with *Christopher Carpenter, Gilbert Gonzales, and Dario Sansone. "Effects of the Affordable Care Act Dependent Coverage Mandate on Health Insurance Coverage for Individuals in Same-Sex Couples." American Economic Association Virtual Seminar Series on LGBTQ+ Individuals.
****This paper was also presented by one or more co-authors in 2020 by invitation at the US Census Bureau, Bentley University, and Vanderbilt University.**
- (October) "LGBTQ Health and COVID-19: State of the Research as of October 2020." Health Equity Seminar Series, Department of Epidemiology, Vanderbilt University Medical Center.
- (September) "The COVID-19 Pandemic and Sexual Behavior among Gay and Bisexual Men in the United States." Gender and Sexuality Seminar Series. Vanderbilt University.
- (August) "VUSNAPS Sample and Data." UC Berkeley Social Networks Conference. Berkeley, CA.
- (June) "Taking Pride in Health." Webinar hosted by FiftyForward, with Metro Nashville City Council Member Nancy VanReece and community partners.
- (April) with Gilbert Gonzales. "LGBTQ Health in the Age of COVID." Webinar hosted by Nashville Davidson County Mayor's Office, the Metro Nashville LGBTQ Caucus, and the

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Metro Nashville City Council with Metro Nashville City Council Member Nancy VanReece and community partners.

- 2018 (April) "MSM, HIV, and Rights in Global Health." Department of Sociology, American University, Washington, D.C.
- (March) "LGBT Rights and Health in sub-Saharan Africa." Africa TIPS Lecture Series, Vanderbilt University.
- (March) "Social Networks, Health, and Policy: Considerations for Older LGBT Adults." Southern LGBTQ Health Symposium, Nashville, TN.
- 2017 (December) "International LGBT Issues." Gender Matters Seminar Series, Women's and Gender Studies, Vanderbilt University.
- (November). "Author Meets Critic: AIDS and Masculinity in the African City." African Studies Association, Chicago, IL.
- (September) "The History of Health Reform in the US." Vanderbilt University.
- (September) "Pursuing Social Justice through Global Health Research and Science." Keynote, Global Engagement Lecture Series, Middle Tennessee State University.
- (August) "The Social Costs of Uninsurance: What Happens When Communities are Systematically Denied Coverage?" New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Center for Community Health Action, New York, NY.
- (May) with Gilbert Gonzales. "Health Policy and Advocacy." Senior Day Faculty Seminar, Vanderbilt University.
- (April) "HIV and Mortality Data." Department of Economics, Vanderbilt University
- (January) with Nicole Angotti and Rachel Sullivan Robinson. "LGBT Backlash in African Countries." Center for Excellence on Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance, USAID, Washington, D.C.
- 2016 (October) with Nicole Angotti and Rachel Sullivan Robinson. "HIV Interventions and Homophobic Backlashes in Sub-Saharan Africa." Bill and Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.
- (August) "Prioritizing Gay Men and Other Men Who Have Sex with Men in Global and National AIDS Policy." Mathematica Policy Research, Oakland, CA.
- (April) "HIV & African Politics." Guest Lecture, Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University.
- (March) "Global Health Policy & Gay Men" Guest Lecture, Department of Sociology, American University, Washington, D.C.
- 2015 (December) Panelist, World AIDS Day Panel, Vanderbilt University.

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(November) "Explaining Differences in Same-Sex Criminalization Laws in Three African Countries." Public Policy Studies, Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University.

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, LAST 8 YEARS

(* denotes student/trainee co-author at time of writing; † denotes presenting co-author; **comments on presentation/venue)

- 2024 (April) with *Samuel Mann and Gilbert Gonzales. "Climate Change Disasters & the Health of LGBTQ+ Populations." Population Association of America, Columbus, OH.
- (April) with *†KJ Davidson-Turner, Lauren Gaydosh, and Audrey Kelly. "Biological Aging of Sexual and Gender Minorities: A Comparison with a Cisgender, Heterosexual Population." Population Association of America, Columbus, OH.
- (April) with Kitt Carpenter and Matthew Facciani. "Employment Outcomes for LGBTQ+ Faculty in Higher Education: Evidence from the 2019-2023 COACHE Faculty Job Satisfaction Survey." Population Association of America, Columbus, OH.
- 2023 (November) with *Nathaniel Tran, *Lana Trautman, and Kirsty Clark. "LGBTQ Related Discrimination Reduces Sleep Quality in Older Adults: Evidence from VUSNAPS and UCNets." Gerontological Society of America, Tampa, FL.
- (October) "Accelerated Biological Age among Respondents in Same Sex and Mixed Sex Relationships in Add Health and Health and Retirement Study Data." Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
- (August) with †Cassy Dorff, *Lauren Chojnacki, and Kristin Michelitch. "Pride and Protest: Lifetime Victimization Effects on Political Participation among LGBTQ+ Individuals." American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA.
- (August) with *†Harry Barbee. "Work Stress and Subjective Cognitive Impairment Among Middle-Age and Older LGBTQ+ Adults." American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- (August) with *†Kristin Smith, *Ezri Tyler, and *Nik Lampe. "The Dobbs Decision and Trans Reproductive Rights." American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- (August) with *†Harry Barbee. "Do Supportive Work Environments Matter for Minority Aging? Work Stress and Subjective Cognitive Impairment Among Middle-Age and Older LGBTQ+ Adults." Network for Data-Intensive Research on Aging, Minneapolis, MN.
- (August) with *†Nathaniel Tran and Gilbert Gonzales. Network for Data-Intensive Research on Aging, Minneapolis, MN.
- (April) with Audrey Kelley, Harry Barbee, Allison Aiello, Kathleen Mullan Harris, Chantel Martin, and Lauren Gaydosh. "Accelerated Biological Age among Respondents in Same Sex and Mixed Sex Relationships in Add Health and HRS Data." Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA.
- **Winner, Best Poster Presentation**

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- (April) with *†KJ Davidson-Turner, Audrey Kelly, Amanda Nelsen, and Lauren Gaydosh. "SGM-Specific Discrimination and the Consequences on Biological Aging." Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA.
- 2022 (November) with *†Nathaniel Tran and Gilbert Gonzales. "Prescribing Unequal Treatment: Legal Denial of Health Services and Preventive Care among Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Queer Adults." Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Conference, Washington, DC.
- (November) with †Kirsty Clark and *Jonathan Sexton. "Association of sexual orientation with suicide bereavement and suicide-related emotional distress among US adults." Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (ABCT) Annual Convention, New York, NY.
- (November) with *†Nathaniel Tran and Gilbert Gonzales. "The Burden of Cognitive Decline and Unmet Need: Population Evidence on Prevalence, Functional Limitations, and Social Supports by Sexual Orientation." American Public Health Association, Boston, MA.
- (November) with †Robert Cramer et al. "Hate Crime Law Associations with Mental Health and Discrimination Experiences among Transgender and Gender Diverse Adults." American Public Health Association, Boston, MA.
- (November) with *†Ellesse Akre. "LGBTQ+ Affirming Care May Increase Knowledge and Support for Undetectable=Untransmittable among Older Gay and Bisexual Men in the US South." Gerontological Society of America, Indianapolis, IN.
- (November) with *†Harry Barbee, Nathaniel Tran, and Judy Min. "LGBTQ+ Affirming Care and Health: Implications for Inclusive Age-Friendly Health Systems." Gerontological Society of America, Indianapolis, IN.
- (September) with *†Nathaniel Tran and Nitya Kari. "'Effects of Discrimination on Sleep Quality: A Driver of LGBTQ Health Disparities.'" Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science, Minneapolis, MN.
- (August) "Effects of State Coronavirus Public Health Measures and Gun Laws on Nonsuicide Firearm Injuries and Deaths." American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, California.
- (August) with *Nathaniel Tran, *Harry Barbee, and Judy Min. "Promoting Healthy Aging through LGBTQ+ Affirming Care: Evidence from VUSNAPS." American Sociological Association annual meeting, Los Angeles, California.
- (August) with *†Harry Barbee. "Subjective Aging and Mental Health Among Sexual and Gender Minorities: Examining Variation by Gender and Race." American Sociological Association annual meeting, Los Angeles, California.
- (August) with *†Randi Saunders. "Social Networks of Older LGBT Adults and Access to LGBT-Affirming Healthcare in the American South." American Sociological Association annual meeting, Los Angeles, California.
- (July) with Jeff Henne, Catherine Shinnors, Scott Schwartz, A Dyson, Tanisha Evans, M.C. Penner, C Kinker, and Rebecca Quarles. "U=U awareness promotes engagement in

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HIV care among HIV Negative men who have sex with men in Mississippi and Alabama." International AIDS Conference, Montreal, Canada.

(July) with *Ellesse-Roselee Akre, Jeff Henne, *Adam Conway, *Isabel Gothelf, and *Nitya Kari. "LGBTQ+ Affirming Care May Increase Knowledge and Support for Undetectable=Untransmittable among Older Gay and Bisexual Men in the US South." International AIDS Conference, Montreal, Canada.

(June) with *Nathaniel Tran, Harry Barbee, and Judy Min. "Promoting Healthy Aging through LGBTQ+ Affirming Care." Academy Health annual meeting, Washington, D.C.

(June) with *Randi Saunders. "Social Networks of Older LGBT Adults and Access to LGBT-Affirming Healthcare in the American South." International Conference on Social Stress Research, Savannah, Georgia.

(April) with *Lauren Chojnaki, Cassy Dorff, and Kristin Michelitch. "Victimization, Social Support, and Political Engagement: Lifetime Effects Among LGBT+ Individuals." European Consortium for Political Research, Gothenburg, Sweden.
**held virtually (COVID)

(April) with *Harry Barbee. "Variation in Subjective Aging among Middle-Age and Older LGBTQ+ People: An Exploratory Study." Southern Sociological Society, Birmingham, Alabama.

(April) with Nicole Angotti, Rachel Sullivan Robinson, Serena Musungu. "The Missing Millions: Six Explanations for the Lower-than-Expected COVID-19 Cases in African Countries." Population Association of America, Atlanta, Georgia.
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2021 (November) with *Harry Barbee. "Variation in Subjective Aging among Middle-Age and Older LGBTQ+ People: An Exploratory Study." The Gerontological Society of America annual meeting, Phoenix, AZ.
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(August) with *Harry Barbee and Laura Carpenter. "Identifying Risky Partners: Queer Sex in a Pandemic." American Sociological Association annual meeting.
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- 2020 (October) "Comparison of a random and nonrandom sample of older sexual and gender minority adults in the San Francisco Bay Area." American Public Health Association, San Francisco, CA.
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- (August) "Aging, Mental Health and Support from Nonkin among Older LGBT Adults." American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.
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**session canceled (COVID)
- (June) "Alter Loss Following a Major Health Event among Older LGBT Adults in the UCNets LGBT Oversample." International Network for Social Networks Analysis. Paris, France.
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- 2017 (November) with Nicole Angotti and Rachel Sullivan Robinson. "Creativity and Resilience in LGBT Organizing in Nigeria after the Same-Sex Marriage Prohibition Act." African Studies Association, Chicago, IL.
- (November) Session Chair. "Challenging Institutions through Policy Innovation, Party Strategies, and Activism: Views from Political Science, Sociology, and Education." African Studies Association, Chicago, IL.
- (August) with Nicole Angotti and Rachel Sullivan Robinson. "HIV Interventions, LGBT Visibility, and Anti-Gay Backlash in Malawi and Senegal." American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada.
- (April) "Social Networks and Health among Older LGBT Adults in the San Francisco Bay Area." Population Association of America, Chicago, IL.
- 2016 (December) with Nicole Angotti and *Rachel Sullivan Robinson. "Health Interventions, Anti-Western Sentiment, and Homophobia in Sub-Saharan Africa." African Studies Association, Washington, D.C.
- (August) "The Effects of Aid on Attitudes toward Homosexuality in Malawi." American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA.
- (August) with Ashley Currier. "Pursuing Social Justice through Public Health: Gender and Sexual Diversity Activism in Malawi." American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA.
- (August) with †Rachel Sullivan Robinson and Nicole Angotti. "Health Interventions, Anti-Western Sentiment, and Homophobia in Sub-Saharan Africa." American Sociological Association Comparative Historical Section Pre-Conference, Seattle, WA.
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- (April) "Social Networks and Health among Older LGBT Adults in the San Francisco Bay Area." International Network for Social Network Analysis, Newport Beach, CA.
- (March) "Pursing Social Justice through Public Health in Malawi and the US South." Conference on the Politics of Health in the US South, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.
- 2015 (August) with Nicole Angotti. "Ready Rhetorics: International LGBT Activism, Local Contexts, and Political Homophobia in Malawi, Nigeria, and Uganda." American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.
- (June) "Beyond Health Effects? The Social Consequences of Community Levels of Uninsurance pre-ACA." Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Research Scholars Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- (April) with †Nicole Angotti. "Love Crimes: The Expansion of Criminalization of Same-sex Sex in Three African Countries." Population Association of America, San Diego, CA.

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