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Department of Sociology

Princeton University

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Employment

2021- [Assistant Professor](#), Department of Sociology, Princeton University

- Robert K. Root University Preceptorship, 2025-2028
- 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
Culture

Organizations
Global & Transnational Sociology

Gender & Sexuality
Migration

Books

On-Going **Velasco, Kristopher**. *Architectures of Hate: U.S. Civil Society and the Undoing of Global LGBTQ+ Rights-And Democracy with It*. Under Review.

Journal Articles

*INDICATES (UNDER)GRADUATE STUDENT CO-AUTHOR

Forthcoming Messamore, Andrew, Pamela Paxton, and **Kristopher Velasco**. "The Heart vs. the Head: How Nonprofit Use of Emotion and Cognition Attracts Donors and Volunteers." *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*.

2025

- Hoffmann, Nathan I. and **Kristopher Velasco**. “Sexuality, Cultural Similarity, and Immigrant Deservingness: Evidence from a Conjoint Survey Experiment.” *Public Opinion Quarterly* (89)4:1138-1153. [Replication Package](#). Preprint..
- 2025 Seigler, Carolina P.*, **Kristopher Velasco**, and Pamela Paxton. “Choppy Waters’: Navigating Political Generational Conflict in Social Movement Organizations.” *American Sociological Review* 90(6): 1092-1122.
- 2025 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* 59(3): 1500-1529. [Replication Package](#). Preprint.
- 2025 Budnick, Jamie, Christina Pao*, and **Kristopher Velasco**. “Queer Data for Sociologists of Sexualities: Introducing SOGIESC Measurement & Methods During Political Suppression.” *Sex and Sexualities* 1(1).
- 2024 **Velasco, Kristopher** and Jeffrey Swindle. “Assembling God’s ‘Last Best Hope’: The Expanding Reach of the World Congress of Families.” *Mobilization: An International Quarterly* 29(4):441-468. [Data](#). Preprint.
- 2024 **Velasco, Kristopher**, Siddhartha Baral*, and Yun (Nancy) Tang*. “Is Democracy Bad for LGBT+ Rights?” *Journal of Democracy* 35(3): 131-148.
- 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](#).
- 2024 Best Scholarly Article Award, Human Rights Section, American Sociological Association
 - 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

Hoffmann, Nathan I. and **Kristopher Velasco**. “The Geography of Immigrants in Same-Sex Couples in the United States.” *Journal of Ethnic & Migration Studies*. Preprint.

UNDER REVIEW

Baral, Siddhartha,* Yun (Nancy) Tang,* and **Kristopher Velasco**. “Born Under Constraint: State Regulation and the Changing Ecology of LGBT+ NGO Foundings.” [Preprint](#).

Velasco, Kristopher and Su Ertekin-Taner*. “The Logic of Queer Justice: Disaggregating Global Pathways for Recognizing Homosexual Behaviors, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity.”

ON-GOING PROJECTS

Rojas Cabal, Sebastián* and **Kristopher Velasco**. “Money After Marriage: Domestic Liberal Settlement and Reactive Transnationalization.”

Swindle, Jeffrey and **Kristopher Velasco**. “From “Christian” to “Nationalist”: How the World Congress of Families Made Anti-Gender Anxieties Central to Contemporary Transnational Illiberalism.”

Baral, Siddhartha, Alessandra Rister Portinari Maranca*, and **Kristopher Velasco**. “Geopolitical Earmarking: Donor Identity and the Moral Politics of LGBTQ+ NGO Funding.”

Velasco, Kristopher. “Sexuality and the State: Toward A Comparative Sociology of Sexual Statecraft.”

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

- 2023-2026 “[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 (*Declined*)
- 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

- 2026 “Architectures of Hate: U.S. Civil Society and the Undoing of Global LGBTQ+ Rights”
- Central European University Democracy Institute, Budapest, Hungary, May
- 2025 “Surviving Repression: Lessons from LGBTQ+ Civil Societies Around the World.”
- Bridging the Gap and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, D.C., November
- 2025 “Feminist Research and Data Activism in Political Turmoil.”
- FemQuant, Online, November
- 2025 “The Global Anti-LGBTQ+ Movement.”
- Global Philanthropy Project, Philadelphia, April
 - Human Dignity Trust, 4th Global Decriminalisation Convening, Thailand, March
- 2025 “Queering Repression: How the Global Crackdown on Civil Society Affects LGBTQ+ NGO Foundings.”
- Boston University, Global Development Policy Center, February
- 2024 “The Global Anti-LGBTQ+ Movement.”

- Harvard University, Kennedy School, Global LGBTQI+ Human Rights Program, October
- 2024 “Queering Repression: How the Global Crackdown on Civil Society Affects LGBT+ NGO Foundings.”
- 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.”
- Harvard University, Department of Sociology, April
- 2024 “Sexuality, Migration, and LGB Policy: A Portrait of Immigrants in Same-Sex Couples in the United States.”
- Harvard University, Social Demography Seminar, February
- 2023 “Queering Repression: How the Global Crackdown on Civil Society Affects LGBT+ NGO Foundings.”
- 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.”
- 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.”
- 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

- 2025 International Studies Association; Population Association of America; American Sociological Association
- 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*)

Public Writing and Media Interviews

- 2025 "The Trump Administration Is Promoting Its Anti-Trans Agenda Globally at the United Nations". *ProPublica*.
- 2024 "Ghana law tests World Bank loyalty with \$20 billion on the line". *Bloomberg News*.
- 2024 "How could the U.S. election affect LGBTQ+ aid funding?" *Context*.

Teaching and Advising

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

- Spring 2026 "Sexuality in Global Contexts." Princeton University" Princeton University
- Spring 2025 "Sexuality in Global Contexts." Princeton University" Princeton University
- Fall 2024 "Statistical Methods in Sociology." Princeton University
- 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 Radon Belarmino ('25-'26); Andrew Jung ('24-'25: Winner of the Willard Thorp Thesis Prize, Effron Center for the Study of America, Princeton University, Winner of the Isidore Brown Thesis Prize, Department of Sociology, Princeton University); Isaac Bledsoe ('22-'23); Naomi Frim-Abrams ('22-'23); Simran Khanna ('21-'22); Isabelle Nimick ('21-'22); Jeremiah Tyler ('21-'22)
- Junior Paper Radon Belarmino ('25); Chad Palumbo ('25); 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 Christina Pao (Princeton University, Sociology, Dissertation Co-Chair)
Sebastián Rojas Cabal (Princeton University, Sociology, Dissertation Committee Member)
Yun (Nancy) Tang (Princeton University, Politics, Dissertation Committee Member)
Margaret Palmer (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Sociology, Dissertation Committee Member)
- 2025 Alejandro Garcia Fernandez (Princeton University, Sociology, Dissertation External Reader)
- 2024 María José Urzúa Valverde (Princeton University, Politics, Dissertation Committee Member)
- 2022 John Maldonado (Princeton University, Sociology, Dissertation External Reader)

Academic Service

ACADEMIC JOURNALS

On-Going Reviewer	<i>Administration & Society, African Affairs, American Journal of Political Science, American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Contemporary Sociology, Demographic Research, European Journal of Politics and Gender, European Journal of Sociology, European Politics & Society, European Societies, European Sociological Review, Foreign Policy Analysis, Gender & Society, Global Society, Global Studies Quarterly, International Journal of Discrimination and the Law, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, International Organization, Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Environmental Psychology, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Journal of Homosexuality, Journal of Politics, Journal of Refugee Studies, Law & Social Inquiry, Mobilization: An International Quarterly, Nonprofit & Voluntary Sector Quarterly, Nonprofit Management & Leadership, Nonprofit Policy Forum, Policy Studies, Political Studies Review, Politics & Gender, Politics, Groups, & Identities, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Religions, Review of International Studies, Sexuality & Culture, Sexuality Research & Social Policy, Social Forces, Social Movement Studies, Social Problems, Social Science Research, Sociological Forum, Sociological Methodology, Sociological Methods & Research, Sociological Perspectives, Sociology of Development, The Sociological Quarterly, Third World Quarterly</i>
2024-	Associate Editor, <i>Sex and Sexualities</i>
2024-	Editorial Board Member, <i>European Journal of Politics and Gender</i>
2024-	Editorial Board Member, <i>The Sociological Quarterly</i>
2023-	Editorial Board Member, <i>Social Forces</i>
2021-2025	Editorial Board Member, <i>Sociology of Development</i>

GRANTING INSTITUTIONS

On-Going Reviewer	National Science Foundation
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ASSOCIATIONS

2019-	American Sociological Association <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elected Chair of Sexualities Section, 2025-2028• Elected Council Member of Human Rights Section, 2025-2028• Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship for an Award Committee, Political Sociology Section, 2025• Clifford Geertz Best Article Award Committee, Culture Section, 2025• 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, Culture Section, 2022 • Organizer, Roundtables, Global & Transnational Sociology Section, 2021• Presider, Roundtables, Global & Transnational Sociology Section, 2019
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- 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
- Faculty Lecturer, Every Voice Conference: Honoring and Celebrating Princeton's LGBTQ+ Alumni, September 2024
 - Panelist, Undergraduate Summer Research Colloquium, June 2024
 - Organizer, Queer Demography Summit, Office of Population Research, March 2024
 - 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

- 2023-2026 CLAGS: The Center for LGBTQ Studies at Graduate Center, CUNY
- Member, Board of Directors