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Education

- Current** Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
Trainee, Population Research Center
Portfolio in Applied Statistical Modeling
Dissertation: Caught in a Web: The Role of Transnational Networks in (Un)Doing LGBTI Rights
Committee: Pamela Paxton (Chair), Debra Umberson, Javier Auyero, David John Frank (UC Irvine), Phillip M. Ayoub (Occidental College)
- 2017** M.A. in Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
Exams: Political Sociology and Transnational Advocacy
- 2016** Summer Coursework, Inter-University Consortium for Policy and Social Research (ICPSR)
Multilevel Modeling, Structural Equation Modeling, Advanced Regression, Categorical Data Analysis
University of Michigan
- 2013** B.A. in Political Science and Sociology (with Honors), University of Kansas

Research Interests

Political Sociology	Global & Transnational Sociology	Organizations
LGBTI Politics	Quantitative Methods	Networks

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Forthcom.** **Velasco, Kristopher.** "A Growing Queer Divide: The Divergence between Transnational Advocacy Networks and Foreign Aid in Diffusing LGBT Policies." *International Studies Quarterly*. [Link](#).
- 2019** **Velasco, Kristopher,** Pamela Paxton, Robert W. Ressler, Inbar Weiss, Lilla Pivnick. "Do National Service Programs Improve Subjective Well-Being in Communities?" *American Review of Public Administration* 49(3): 275–291. [Link](#).
- 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. [Link](#).
- 2018** **Velasco, Kristopher.** "Human Rights INGOs, LGBT INGOs, and LGBT Policy Diffusion, 1991-2015." *Social Forces* 97(1): 377-404. [Link](#).
- *2017 Best Graduate Student Paper, Human Rights Section of the American Sociological Association (ASA)
*2017 Best Graduate Student Paper Honorable Mention, Global and Transnational Sociology Section of ASA

Manuscripts

- Revise & Resubmit** Paxton, Pamela, **Kristopher Velasco,** and Robert W. Ressler. "Use of Emotion in Mission Statements Increases Donations and Volunteers." *American Sociological Review*.

Ressler, Robert W., Pamela Paxton, and **Kristopher Velasco**. "Donations in Social Context." *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*.

Under Review

Velasco, Kristopher and Tara Gonsalves. "Seeking Friends in Troubled Times: The Structure and Dynamics of Transnational LGBT Networks in Europe."

**2018 Best Graduate Student Paper Honorable Mention, Global and Transnational Sociology Section of ASA*

Ressler, Robert W., Pamela Paxton, **Kristopher Velasco**, Lilla Pivnick, Inbar Weiss, and Johanness Eichstaedt. "Nonprofits, Tweets, and Subjective Well-Being."

In Progress

Gonsalves, Tara and **Kristopher Velasco**. "Norm Translation and Political Backlash: How Countering Transnational Networks Shape Queer Visibility."

Velasco, Kristopher. "Queer Compliance and Defiance: Global Norms, Rival Transnational Networks, and the Case of LGBTI Rights."

Velasco, Kristopher and Pamela Paxton. "Explaining Inclusiveness in LGBT Nonprofits, 1998-2016."

Messamore, Andrew, Pamela Paxton, and **Kristopher Velasco**. "Cognition, Affect, or Both?: How Nonprofits Mission Statements Influence Donations."

Velasco, Kristopher. "Follow Thy Enemy?: The Interdependent Relationship in How Rival Transnational LGBTI Networks Locate."

Book Chapters

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.

Other Publications

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.

Fellowships and Grants

2019

Department Excellence Award, Department of Sociology, UT-Austin (\$5,000)
Fall Research Grant, Department of Sociology, UT-Austin (\$1,000)

2018

Department Excellence Award, Department of Sociology, UT-Austin (\$5,000)

2017

Pre-Doctoral Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Sociology, UT-Austin (\$5,000)
Professional Development Grant, Department of Sociology, UT- Austin (\$400)

- 2016** Pre-Doctoral Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Sociology, UT-Austin (\$5,000)
- 2015** McNair Diversity Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$24,000)

Awards and Recognition

- 2018** Best Graduate Student Paper, Honorable Mention, Global & Transnational Sociology Section, American Sociological Association (ASA)
- 2017** Best Graduate Student Paper, Human Rights Section, ASA
Best Graduate Student Paper, Honorable Mention, Global & Transnational Sociology Section, ASA
- 2012** McNair Scholars Program, University of Kansas (KU)
Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program for Underrepresented and First-Generation Students
- 2011** Political Science Rising Junior Award, KU
Walter Thompson Excellence in Political Science Scholarship, KU
- 2010** Carl Gustafson Outstanding Achievement in Political Science Scholarship, KU

Presentations

Invited

- 2019** “Caught in a Web: The Role of Transnational Networks in (Un)Doing LGBTI Rights.”
Younger Scholars in the Sociology of Religion, University of Notre Dame, April
- 2018** “Norm Translation and Political Backlash: How Countering Transnational Networks Shape Queer Visibility.” With Tara Marie Gonsalves.
Transnational Networks and Social Change Workshop, University of Pittsburgh, September

Conference

- 2019** "Explaining Inclusiveness in LGBT Nonprofits, 1998-2016."
Association for Research on Nonprofit and Voluntary Action, San Diego, November
Corporation for National and Community Service Research Summit, Washington DC, September
- “A Growing Queer Divide: The Divergence between Transnational Advocacy Networks and Foreign Aid in Diffusing LGBT Policies”
Development in Dialogue Conference, University of Notre Dame, October
- "Donations in Social Context." With Robert Ressler and Pamela Paxton.
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York City, August
- "Queer Compliance and Defiance: Global Norms, Rival Transnational Networks, and the Case of LGBTI Rights."
Future of the World Society Mini-Conference, New York City, August

- 2018** “Positive and Negative Sentiment of Mission Statements: Implications for Donations and Volunteers.” With Pamela Paxton and Robert Ressler.
Association for Research on Nonprofit and Voluntary Action, Austin, November
- "Community Effects of Nonprofit Organizations: First Findings." With Pamela Paxton.
Corporation for National and Community Service Research Summit, Washington DC, October
- “Understanding Transnational LGBT Network Formation: Evidence from Europe.”
Society for the Study of Social Problems, Philadelphia, August
- “A Growing Queer Divide: The Divergence between Transnational Advocacy Networks and Foreign Aid in Diffusing LGBT Policies”
International Sociological Association World Congress, Toronto, Canada, July
- 2017** “Revisiting Declines in Social Capital: Evidence from a New Measure." With Inbar Weiss, Pamela Paxton, and Robert Ressler.
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, August
- 2016** “Can National Service Programs Improve Community Subjective Well-Being?”
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Actions, Washington, DC, November
Corporation for National and Community Service Research Summit, Washington, DC, December
- “Human Rights INGOs, LGBT INGOs, and LGBT Policy Diffusion, 1991-2015.”
World Society Mini-Conference, Seattle, August

Teaching Experience

- 2018-Present** Statistical Consultant
Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin
- 2019** Instructor
Introduction to Statistics and Statistical Computing
- 2016** Teaching Assistant
Dr. Sheldon Ekland-Olson, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
Life and Death Decisions: Who Lives, Who Dies, and Who Decides?

Research Experience

- 2015-Present** Graduate Research Assistant
Dr. Pamela Paxton, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
2017 - Present: Nonprofits, Civic Infrastructure, and the Health and Well-Being of Individuals and Communities
2015 - 2017: Social Capital at the Community Level: A New Measure and Test of its Relationship with Economic & Health Outcomes

Academic Service

- 2019-Present** Chair, Graduate Student Council
Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
- 2019-Present** Member, Diversity Committee
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action
- 2019-Present** Co-Coordinator, LGBTQIA Common Interest Group
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action
- 2019** Best Graduate Student Paper Award Committee
Society for the Study of Social Problems, Global Division
- 2018-Present** Co-Founder, Coordinator, Research Design Working Group
Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
- 2018-2019** Presider, Global and Transnational Sociology Section Refereed Roundtable
American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, August
- Ad Hoc Reviewer** *American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Social Forces, Social Problems, Nonprofit Management & Leadership*

Association Memberships

- American Sociological Association
International Studies Association
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action