

# SOCIOLOGISTS



# FOR TRANS JUSTICE

## AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the S4TJ August 2024 Newsletter! Featured in this issue are outstanding new articles and books relating to trans issues, exciting sessions at the upcoming ASA Annual Meeting, information on the #TransJusticeSyllabus and how to implement it in your own courses, and upcoming events.

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As trans rights continue to be attacked, it is more crucial than ever to amplify the voices of trans scholars and researchers in our field. We encourage all members to actively engage with the resources provided, contribute to ongoing discussions, and use their sociological expertise to support trans justice initiatives in academia and beyond.

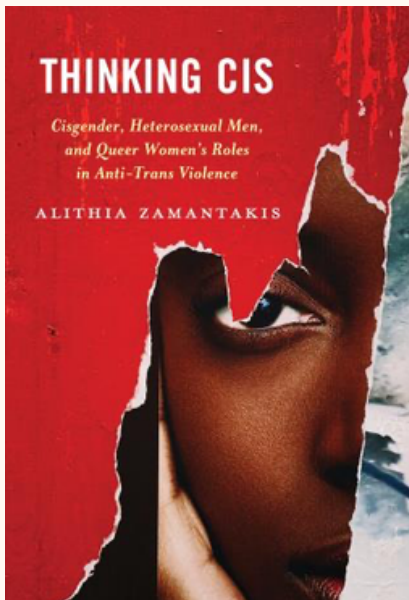
# FEATURED WORKS

## CREATING A NON-GENDER BINARY SPORTS SPACE

THE NONBINARY POLICY OF KOREAN “QUEER WOMEN GAMES”

JINSUN YANG | 2023 | TRANSGENDER STUDIES QUARTERLY 10(2):116-32

This article introduces the Queer Women Games, a non-gender binary sports competition in Korea, as an experimental site to imagine and implement gender justice in sports through organizational actions and collective involvement. First, the author compares the QWG's nonbinary policies with transgender inclusion policies in recreational sports in terms of their approaches to sex segregation, sports authorities governing athletes' genders, and transgender exclusion. Then the author argues that the nonbinary policy opened a dialogue, which seems to be foreclosed in inclusion-based approaches, by undoing sex segregation and building a consensus on rejecting gender policing.



## THINKING CIS

CISGENDER, HETEROSEXUAL MEN, AND QUEER WOMEN'S ROLES IN ANTI-TRANS VIOLENCE

ALITHIA ZAMANTAKIS | 2023

Through extensive interviews and focus groups with cisgender-heterosexual men and cisgender-lesbian, bisexual, and queer women, *Thinking Cis* examines how cisgender people make sense of gender, attractions to transgender women, and the murders of Black trans women. It also analyzes how the social construction of cisness shapes how we think about race, gender, sexuality and who we consider worthy of living. Alithia Zamantakis pushes readers to rethink prominent understandings of anti-trans violence and in doing so, argues that it is not simply transphobia that gives rise to murders of trans women but a fear and hatred for what it means to love and desire transgender women.

## VOICES FOR TRANSGENDER EQUALITY

MAKING CHANGE IN THE NETWORKED PUBLIC SPHERE

THOMAS J. BILLARD | 2024

An insider's view into transgender activism during the first two years of the Trump administration. Drawing on extensive on-the-ground observation at the National Center for Transgender Equality, Billard shows how these activists developed an unlikely blend of online and offline strategies to saturate a diverse ecology of national news outlets, local and community media outlets across the country, and both public and private conversations across multiple social media platforms with voices in support of their cause. Moreover, these activists navigated the complex flows of information and ideas among these different domains of the communication system as they worked to shape the national conversation on transgender rights.



# S4TJ ASA 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

For members who are attending the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Montréal, please note the following featured sessions relating to trans justice, communities, and joy. Click on each event to visit it in the meeting program and add it to your personal ASA meeting schedule.

## THE GAMES QUEER PEOPLE PLAY! QUEER COMMUNITY AND IDENTITY AS ART, PLAY, AND PLEASURE

SAT, AUGUST 10, 8:00 TO 9:30AM, PALAIS DES CONGRÈS DE MONTRÉAL, FLOOR: LEVEL 5, 512F

## LGBTQ+ AGING

SAT, AUGUST 10, 8:00 TO 9:30AM, PALAIS DES CONGRÈS DE MONTRÉAL, FLOOR: LEVEL 5, 511E

## INTERSECTIONAL SOLIDARITY IN PRACTICE: SUPPLANTING SOCIOLOGICAL 'CLASSICS' WITH SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE TRANS JUSTICE SYLLABUS

SAT, AUGUST 10, 4:00 TO 5:30PM, PALAIS DES CONGRÈS DE MONTRÉAL, FLOOR: LEVEL 5, 513A

## SOCIOLOGISTS FOR TRANS JUSTICE MEETING

SAT, AUGUST 10, 5:30 TO 6:30PM, PALAIS DES CONGRÈS DE MONTRÉAL, FLOOR: LEVEL 5, 525A

## "UNLIVABLE LIVES: VIOLENCE AND IDENTITY IN TRANSGENDER ACTIVISM" BOOK FORUM

MON, AUGUST 12, 10:00 TO 11:30AM, PALAIS DES CONGRÈS DE MONTRÉAL, FLOOR: LEVEL 5, 516A

## REGULAR SESSION ON TRANSGENDER STUDIES: CONSTRUCTING GENDER, SHAPING LIVES

MON, AUGUST 12, 2:00 TO 3:30PM, PALAIS DES CONGRÈS DE MONTRÉAL, FLOOR: LEVEL 5, 524B

## REGULAR SESSION ON TRANSGENDER STUDIES: DE-HOMOGENIZING "TRANSGENDER"

MON, AUGUST 12, 4:00 TO 5:30PM, PALAIS DES CONGRÈS DE MONTRÉAL, FLOOR: LEVEL 5, 524B

# TRANS JUSTICE SYLLABUS

The purpose of the #TransJusticeSyllabus is one of open, public education regarding trans, nonbinary, and intersex issues in sociology, academia, and society at large. This syllabus provides suggested readings framed by a central theme regarding trans justice.

In society today, we are presented with a paradox of sorts: on one hand, there have been significant social and political advances regarding sexual orientation and gender identity. Yet, on the other hand, with increasing visibility and progress, there is also a simultaneous and almost inevitable increase in the backlash targeting the most vulnerable segments of the LGBTQ population – trans and non-binary people, and particularly trans and nonbinary communities of color.

In 2020, at least 44 trans people in the U.S. lost their lives to fatal violence, the majority of whom were Black transgender women including Monika Diamond, Nina Pop, Dominique “Rem’mie” Fells, and Riah Milton. Additionally, trans people experience social, economic, and political marginalization due to the lack of legal representation, violence in public spaces, barriers to gender-affirming healthcare, legal name and gender changes, as well as other seemingly neutral administrative systems that force people into narrow binary categories of gender in order to get their basic needs met. It is clear that racism, sexism, classism, ableism, heterosexism, and cissexism intersect in ways that shorten the lives of trans people.

The #TransJusticeSyllabus focuses on learning at the intersection of transness, Blackness, and Indigeneity. If you’re looking for a comprehensive list of trans studies topics for teaching, check out the Trans Studies Bibliography. If you are looking for a focused reading list on #BlackTransLivesMatter or #ProtectTransYouth please check out these more targeted readers. The Trans Justice Syllabus and the Trans Studies Bibliography are both living documents: click here to learn how to submit new resources or provide other feedback.

For more information and access to the syllabus, please visit <https://s4tj.com/transjusticesyllabus/>. Should you want to contribute to the syllabus or have any questions, please contact [sociologistsfortransjustice@gmail.com](mailto:sociologistsfortransjustice@gmail.com).

## UPCOMING EVENT

### SEXUALITIES SCHOLARS VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM

SEPTEMBER 26-28, 2024

Paper Submission Deadline: August 15

Registration Deadline: August 31

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## STAY IN TOUCH

Thank you for reading the August 2024 S4TJ Newsletter!

If you are interested in making writing contributions to the Sociologists for Trans Justice Blog or have information you would like included in future newsletters (new publications, job opportunities, upcoming events, or any other related announcements), please contact [sociologistsfortransjustice@gmail.com](mailto:sociologistsfortransjustice@gmail.com).

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