

SOCIOLOGISTS FOR TRANS JUSTICE: ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Sociologists for Trans Justice (S4TJ) was founded in 2016 by Dr. Eric Anthony Grollman and Dr. Laurel Westbrook as an independent initiative to advance transgender justice *in* and *through* sociology. In the past nine years, we have worked to raise public awareness about transgender, non-binary, and intersex communities, drawing upon sociological insights in trans, non-binary, and intersex studies. We have pushed the discipline of sociology to take seriously and advance scholarship on trans, non-binary, and intersex communities, and to include and support trans, non-binary, and intersex sociologists (no matter their research interests). You can see more about S4TJ [here](#).

In order to inform the public and our colleagues about our goals and efforts (and to celebrate our victories!), we release a progress report each year. (See last year's progress report [here](#).) Below, we are pleased to update you on the progress we have made during the 2024-25 academic year. This report was prepared by S4TJ Co-Chair Rosalind Kichler along with the S4TJ Executive Council; you may reach us at sociologistsfortransjustice@gmail.com. And, during the year you can stay up to date with our efforts through our Google groups [listserv](#).

S4TJ CHAIR REPORT

S4TJ Co-Chair Position and Executive Council

Rosalind Kichler and Iris De Lis served as Co-Chairs of S4TJ. Nic Rios served as Secretary/Treasurer; Wynn Strange served the Web and Social Media Coordinator; Lawrence Stacey and Piper Thompson served as Co-Chairs of the Advancing Trans, Non-Binary, and Intersex Scholarship committee; Penny Harvey and Blu Buchanan served as Co-Chairs of the Supporting Trans, Non-Binary, and Intersex Scholars committee; Miller Finkelstein and Angela LaScala-Gruenewald served as Co-Chairs of the Advancing Public Understanding of Trans, Non-Binary, and Intersex Issues Committee. Max Osborn and Katie Donnelly Moran served as Co-Chairs of the Higher Education Survey, which is a subcommittee of the Advancing Scholarship Committee.

Web and Social Media Coordinator

We migrated the s4tj.com website from A2 Hosting to Dreamhost in January of 2025. Wynn and Iris created a new hosting account with DreamHost, migrated our Wordpress data to DreamHost, pointed our domain to the new site, then submitted a request for cancellation with A2 Hosting. This cut the cost of hosting the website from \$479 a year to \$313 a year. Members donated to cover the website hosting costs in October. Wynn ran routine security updates and updated the website content as needed.

S4TJ COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advancing Trans, Non-Binary and Intersex Scholarship

Co-Chairs: Lawrence Stacey and Piper Thompson

This year, the Advancing Scholarship (AS) committee of Sociologists 4 Trans Justice (S4TJ), co-chaired by Lawrence Stacey (Assistant Professor, Vanderbilt University) and Piper Thomspson (PhD Candidate, University of Virginia) was primarily charged with

working on three tasks: (1) completing and fielding the higher ed survey of trans, non-binary, and intersex scholars; (2) maintaining and updating the trans studies bibliography and trans justice syllabus; and (3) updating pertinent documents on the website (e.g., “trans studies resources”). Over the course of the 2024-2025 academic year, the AS committee and sub-committees designed to tackle each of the aforementioned three goals met several times to discuss our goals, strategize, and monitor our progress.

From my understanding, the committee made progress in advancing the higher ed survey designed to collect data on the status of trans, non-binary, and intersex scholars with updated measures, although I am unaware of the current status of the survey and whether the survey was ever fielded. Regarding the trans studies bibliography and trans justice syllabus, some of the topical sections of the syllabus (e.g., the feminisms section) were workshopped and updated by the sub-committee led by Piper Thompson to introduce audiences to new and updated literature in the trans studies field and provide an overview of such studies. Those updates were made on a Google document, and I am not sure if they were ever updated on the S4TJ website. Unfortunately, no progress was made on the third goal in that we did not update any of the trans studies resources on the S4TJ website.

Higher Ed Survey

Co-Chairs: Max Osborn and Katie Moran

Katie and I have almost finished preparing/revising the survey instrument and are planning to submit for IRB approval very soon. We ended up changing a few things to hopefully make the IRB process smoother, and also to address the current political context and how it might impact student experiences. Basically what we learned is that even though it should theoretically be a quick approval process given that it's just a survey, we each need to submit identical versions of the protocol to our own institutions' IRBs, which is the part that's been a headache. Once we do get approval, it would definitely help to have other S4TJ members spread the word about the survey to their networks.

Supporting Trans, Non-Binary, and Intersex Scholars

Co-Chairs: Penny Harvey and Blu Buchanan

Due to extraordinary circumstances, the Supporting Trans, Non-Binary committee did not meet this year.

Advancing Public Understanding of Trans, Non-binary, and Intersex Issues

Co-Chairs: Miller Finkelstein and Angela LaScala-Gruenewald

It was a challenging year for our co-chairs, so we were unable to nurture the committee space we hoped for. Miller designed and drafted an initial newsletter in October-November, 2024. Future chairs could consider a similar annual or bi-annual newsletter of some sort to update members. Additionally, we supported editing two

public statements written by members of S4TJ Executive Council: (1) a statement on Sociologists for Women in Society, and (2) a letter to ASA to expand its remote policy for the 2025 Annual Meeting.