

SOCIOLOGISTS FOR TRANS JUSTICE: ANNUAL REPORT 2026

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 ten 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 [learn more about S4TJ on our website](#).

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. [Visit our website for progress reports](#) from past years. Below, we are pleased to update you on the progress we have made during the 2025-26 academic year. This report was prepared by S4TJ 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 Chair Position and Executive Council

Rosalind Kichler served as the Chair of S4TJ. There was no Secretary/Treasurer; Wynn Strange served the Web and Social Media Coordinator; Rebecca Plante and Bec Stargel served as Co-Chairs of the Advancing Trans, Non-Binary, and Intersex Scholarship committee; Winona Wood served as Chair of the Supporting Trans, Non-Binary, and Intersex Scholars committee; the Advancing Public Understanding of Trans, Non-Binary, and Intersex Issues Committee did not convene this year. Katie Donnelly Moran and Max Osborn served as Co-Chairs of the Higher Education Survey, which is a subcommittee of the Advancing Scholarship Committee.

Web and Social Media Coordinator

Chair: Wynn Strange

Maintained the S4TJ website. Posted major organizational communications to the website.

S4TJ COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advancing Trans, Non-Binary and Intersex Scholarship

Co-Chairs: Rebecca Plante and Bec Stargel

This year, the Advancing Scholarship committee prioritized (1) conducting basic upkeep for the trans justice syllabus, and (2) generating a set of "bite-sized" teaching resources focused on providing people teaching sociology with tools to incorporate trans topics into their courses. In line with the first goal, we created a list of broken or inaccessible links that next year's committee will hopefully be able to fix. In pursuit of the second goal, the committee created a template for how to structure the "bite-sized" teaching

resources as well as a document with paths and tips for next year's committee to use as they continue to develop teaching resources for the syllabus.

Higher Ed Survey

Co-Chairs: Katie Donnelly Moran and Max Osborn

Over the past year, the Higher Ed Survey Committee (co-chaired by Katie Donnelly Moran and Max Osborn) completed our draft of a survey of trans, nonbinary, and intersex undergraduate and graduate students in higher education institutions. With the input of our committee members, we finalized survey wording and response formats, built out the survey on the Qualtrics platform, and received concurrent IRB approval from participating institutions (Villanova University, Princeton University, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Western Washington University). We then took a pause during the spring while our members attended to a number of personal and professional commitments.

Currently, we are preparing to begin participant recruitment at the start of the fall 2026 semester. Due to concerns about bots and malicious responses, we have opted not to post the survey link in any public forum; instead, we will start by reaching out to LGBTQIA+ focused professional listservs across a number of academic disciplines. We are also using a resource directory compiled by the Consortium of Higher Education LGBT Resource Professionals to identify schools with active queer and trans student resource offices or programming. Like the previous survey, we plan to use the responses to write a combination of reports and papers describing this community's experiences in higher education.

Supporting Trans, Non-Binary, and Intersex Scholars

Chair: Winona Wood

In the 2025-2026 term, the S4TJ Supporting Scholars Committee focused on re-establishing the work of the committee and maintaining it. We planned two socials, one at PSA and one in New York for ASA and those conferences coinciding with it. We also created a simple membership need survey, which will be further discussed at the business meeting (August 9, 2026) to prepare next year's committee to field the survey. There were two consistently active members, so we unfortunately did not have the capacity to take on coordinating a mentorship program or other previous activities of the committee.

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

Chair: None

Due to a lack of volunteers, the Advancing Public Understanding Committee was not convened this year.