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## *Skyler Wang*

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- Appointment*      **Meta AI**  
2022-present Visiting Sociologist
- Education*
- University of California, Berkeley**  
2023 (expected) Ph.D., Sociology  
Committee: Marion Fourcade (chair), Ann Swidler, Danya Lagos, Cal Morrill
- 2018 M.A., Sociology  
Exam Fields: Economic Sociology, Culture, and Social Theory
- University of British Columbia**  
2016 B.A., Sociology (Honors), Minor in Visual Arts  
Honors Advisor: Wendy Roth
- Research Interests*      Technology, Sharing Economy, Economic Sociology, Online Dating, Culture, Gender
- Refereed Articles*
- Wang, Skyler. 2022. "Migrant Allies & Sexual Remittances: How International Students Change the Sexual Attitudes of Those Who Remain Behind." *Sociological Perspectives* 65(2) 328–349.
- Watson, Ryan J., Shannon D. Snapp,\* and Skyler Wang.\* 2017. "What We Know and Where We Go from here: A Review of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Youth Hookup Literature." *Sex Roles* 77(11-12):801-811. (\*equal authorship)
- Work in Progress*
- Wang, Skyler. "Couch with Strings Attached: Reciprocal Orientations in Relational Work." (R&R at *American Sociological Review*)
- Wang, Skyler. "How Platforms Matter: Sexual Risk and Exchange in Airbnb & Couchsurfing." (R&R at *Socio-Economic Review*)
- Mukherjee, Meghna, Margaret Eby, Skyler Wang, Armando Lara-Millán, and Maya Earle. "Medicalizing Risk: How Experts and Consumers Manage Uncertainty in Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Health Testing." (R&R at *PLOS One*)
- Babcock, Nicole, Jose Mauricio, Skyler Wang, Ryan J. Watson, and Shannon D. Snapp. "How LGBTQ+ Young Adults Navigate Personal Risk in App-Based Hookups: The Safety Spectrum Theory." (under review at *Archives of Sexual Behavior*)
- "Small Data Solutionism: The Case of Dating Spreadsheets." (in preparation)
- Other Academic Publications*
- Wang, Skyler. 2016. "Igniting a 'Pink Dot': Legal Pragmatism and Cultural Resonance in Singapore's First LGBT Movement." *Sojourners* 8:4-14.  
Francesco Duina Best Article Award
- Wang, Skyler. 2016. "A Critique from Within: The Core of Ai Weiwei's 'Sunflower Seeds.'" *Undergraduate Journal of Art History & Visual Culture* 7:10-17.
- Policy Reports*
- MacAulay, Maggie, and Skyler Wang. 2016. "#ResistStigma: How Do We Get There?" Vancouver, BC: Community-Based Research Center for Gay Men's Health.

- Public Sociology*
- 2020 "Covid-19 is adding an unexpected urgency to how we date." *Quartz*. Published May 8.
  - 2017 "The Pink Dot Redrawn." *The Middle Ground*. Published Jun 10.
  - 2016 "The Missing Puzzle: Environmentalism in An Era of Identity Politics." *Climate Refuge*. Published Apr 15.
  - 2015 "A Sea of Change: UBC as a Hotbed for Evolving Views on Homosexuality." *The Ubysey*. Published Sep 16.
- Fellowships*
- 2021-22 Herbert Blumer Fellowship for Excellence in Teaching, UC Berkeley (\$32,000)
  - 2021 Graduate Remote Instruction Innovation Fellowship, UC Berkeley (\$2,000)
  - 2020 Leo Lowenthal Fellowship, UC Berkeley (\$24,000)
  - 2020 Summer Fellow, Diverse Intelligence Summer Institute (\$1,500)
  - 2019 Doctoral Fellow, UC Berkeley Institute of International Studies (\$5,000)
  - 2019 Summer Fellow, Diverse Intelligence Summer Institute—Scotland (\$3,500)
  - 2017-21 Doctoral Fellowship, Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (\$80,000)
  - 2017-20 Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship (\$105,000, declined)
  - 2016-18 Regents' Fellowship for Graduate Study, UC Berkeley (\$48,000)
- Honors & Awards*
- 2021 Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, UC Berkeley
  - 2021 Teaching Effectiveness Award for Graduate Student Instructors, UC Berkeley
  - 2020 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley
  - 2016 Outstanding Graduating Student Award, Canadian Sociological Association
  - 2016 Francesco Duina Best Article Award, UBC
  - 2016 Kaspar Naegele Memorial Prize in Sociology (top graduating student), UBC
  - 2016 Bhagwan Kaur wife of Gokal Singh of Halwara Award in Arts, UBC
  - 2016 Teaching Assistant Award, UBC Sociology Students' Association
  - 2016 Dean's Award for Outstanding Leadership in Academic Contribution, UBC
  - 2016 "Canada Lecture: Campus" Participant, Canadian Race Relations Foundation
  - 2015 Honors Program Participant, American Sociological Association
  - 2015 IODE Fine Arts Foundation Scholarship
  - 2013 Stafford D. Plant Scholarship, UBC
  - 2012, 13 Dean's Honor List, UBC
  - 2012 Trek Excellence Scholarship, UBC
- Grants*
- 2021 Summer Research Grant, UC Berkeley (\$3,500)
  - 2021 Course Improvement Grant, UC Berkeley (\$240)
  - 2019-20 Social Science Matrix Research Team Grant, UC Berkeley (\$3,000)  
Co-Investigator, "Interpreting Risk in the Age of Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Health Testing."
  - 2018-19 Social Science Matrix Research Team Grant, UC Berkeley (\$1,500)  
Co-Investigator, "The DNA of Media Accounts on Genetic Ancestry Testing."
  - 2018, 19 Graduate Division Conference Travel Grant, UC Berkeley (\$900)
  - 2015 First-Year Student Development Grant, UBC (\$4,465)  
Lead-Investigator, "Integration of International Students at UBC."
  - 2015 Honors Program Grant, American Sociological Association
  - 2015, 16 Peer Support Grant, UBC Sociology Students' Association
- Conference Presentations*
- 2022 "How Money Matters: Financial Assurances & Sexual Safety in Airbnb & Couchsurfing." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA

- 2021 “Between Promise and Reality: How Experts and Consumers Mitigate Uncertainty in Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Health Testing.”  
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Virtual
- 2020 “Bodily Sharing and Reference-Thinking in the Sharing Economy.”  
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
- 2017-19 “Sharing Bodies in the Sharing Economy.”  
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY  
International Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON  
Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Portland, OR
- 2018 with Watson, Ryan J. & Snapp, Shannon D. “Hookups Among Sexual Minority Populations: A Review and New Research Agenda.” Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, Minneapolis, MN
- 2016 “Igniting a ‘Pink Dot’: Legal Pragmatism and Cultural Resonance in Singapore’s First LGBT Movement.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA
- 2015 “A Sea Change—International Movement and Sexual Remittances.”  
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL  
Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Ottawa, ON
- 2015 “Remittance Behaviour & The Transnational Politics of Queer Sexuality.” UBC Graduate Students Research Conference, Vancouver, BC

*Invited Talks*

- 2019 “Designing a Dating Algorithm that is Good for Society.” UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, Berkeley, CA
- 2019 “A Numbers Game: Finding Love in Algorithmic Society.” UC Berkeley Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Berkeley, CA
- 2018 “International Movement and Sexual Remittances.” UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, Berkeley, CA
- 2018 “Sharing Bodies in the Sharing Economy.” UC Berkeley Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Berkeley, CA
- 2016 “Love & Modernity—Romance in the Age of Technological Ascendancy.” UBC Department of Psychology, Vancouver, BC
- 2016 “The Demise of Traditional Dating?” UBC Department of Psychology, Vancouver, BC
- 2016 “Beyond the Nation-State: The Emergence of Transnational Sexualities.” UBC Department of Sociology, Vancouver, BC
- 2015 with Maggie MacAulay. “#ResistStigma: How Do We Get There?” 11th Gay Men’s Health Summit, Vancouver BC

*Interviews*

- 2020 “[The Wild World Of Pandemic Dating.](#)” *Wisconsin Public Radio*, Published Oct 8.
- 2020 “[Will virtual dating outlast the pandemic?](#)” *Quartz*, Published May 14.
- 2019 “[In Partisan 2019, Listing ‘Moderate’ Can Hurt You On Dating Apps.](#)” *HuffPost*, Published Nov 8.
- 2019 “[Signaling Your Politics on Tinder Is a Messy Business.](#)” *GQ*, Published Jun 24.
- 2019 “[The Affluent Homeless: A Sleeping Pod, A Hired Desk and A Handful Of Clothes.](#)” *National Public Radio (All Things Considered)*, Published Apr 23.
- 2019 “[What you need to know about online dating.](#)” *University of California Official FB Page*, Published Feb 14.
- 2019 “[Love Data Week: Online dating expert talks data \(and 5 tips for online dating\).](#)” *UC Berkeley Library*, Published Feb 12.
- 2019 “[The rise of the Tinder-themed wedding.](#)” *Mashable*, Published Feb 10.
- 2019 “[‘Dating Sunday’: The busiest day of the year for online dating is Jan. 6.](#)” *USA Today*, Published Jan 5.
- 2018 “[Are Dating Apps Affecting Our Mental Health?](#)” *Wisconsin Public Radio*, Published Nov 1.

- 2018 “Millennials don’t want to own things. Startups are eager to help.” *San Francisco Chronicle*, Published Sep 10.  
 2018 “Finding Love in a Hopeless Place.” *New Hampshire Public Radio*, Published Aug 17.  
 2018 “Be My (Rural) Valentine: Finding Love Outside of Town.” *Jefferson Public Radio*, Published Feb 14.  
 2018 “What Makes Us Click: How Online Dating Shapes Our Relationships.” *National Public Radio (Morning Edition)*, Published Jan 2.  
 2017 “Academic Contribution to the Faculty of Arts Award Interview.” *UBC Arts*, Published Apr 11.  
 2016 “The Unlit Flame: My Tinder Misadventures.” *The Ubysssey*, Published Feb 10.

*Research Experience*

- 2019 “Venture Capitalism & Bay Area Technology.” Graduate Student Research for Armando Lara-Millan (UC Berkeley Department of Sociology)  
 2016-17 “Global Masculinities.” Graduate Student Researcher for Raka Ray (UC Berkeley Department of Sociology)  
 2016 “Immigration Strategies and Success Project.” Research Assistant for Lara Akin & Irene Bloemraad (Canadian Institute for Advanced Research)  
 2015-16 “#ResistStigma—A Scoping Review.” Knowledge Translator (Community-Based Research Center for Gay Men’s Health)  
 2015-16 “Identity, Attitudes and Genetic Ancestry Testing Study.” Research Assistant for Wendy Roth (UBC Department of Sociology)  
 2015 “Investigating Hookups—A Queer Youth Perspective.” Research Assistant for Ryan Watson (Stigma and Resilience Among Vulnerable Youth Center)  
 2014 “Sexualized Violence & Rape Culture in Canadian Universities.” Research Assistant for Rachel Sullivan (UBC Department of Sociology)

*Teaching & Mentorship*

**University of California, Berkeley**

- 2022 Instructor of Record, “‘The Give and Take’: Sociology of the Sharing Economy” (SOCN100)  
 2021,22 Workshop Leader, UC Berkeley Teaching Conference  
 2021 Co-Instructor of Record, “Sociology Pedagogy Seminar” (SOC375) with Mara Loveman  
 2021 Instructor of Record, “‘What Makes Us Click’: Dating in the Age of Modern Romance” (SOC190-Spring; SOCN100-Summer)  
 2020 Reader, “Sociology of the Family” (SOC111AC) with Joanna Reed  
 2020 Reader, “Virtual Communities/Social Media” (SOC1167) with Edwin Lin  
 2020 Graduate Student Instructor, “Economy and Society” (SOC120) with Neil Fligstein  
 2019 Graduate Student Instructor, “Sex, Death, and Data” (SOC/DEMOGC126) with Jenna Johnson-Hanks  
 2019 Head Graduate Student Instructor, “Introduction to Sociology” (SOC1) with Robert Braun  
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 2018 Reader, “Sociology of Health and Medicine” (SOC1-C115) with Armando Lara-Millan  
 2017 Graduate Student Instructor, “Exploring the Liberal Arts” (L&SW1)

**University of British Columbia**

- 2016 Instructor, “What Makes You Click: The Sociology of Online Dating” (SOC1433)  
 2014-15 Teaching Assistant, “Introduction to Sociology” (SOC1100), “Relationship Development” (FMST314), “Sociology of the Family” (SOC1200)

*Service*

**University of California, Berkeley**

- 2022 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships Review Committee  
 2020-22 NavCal Research Advisor  
 2018-19 Gender & Sexuality Workshop Coordinator

2017-18 Student Health Advisory Committee

**University of British Columbia**

2016 Advisory Committee Member, Student Directed Seminar

2015-16 Associate Editor, Sojourners

*Languages*

English & Mandarin (bilingual proficiency)

*Professional  
Affiliations*

American Sociological Association

Canadian Sociological Association

International Sociological Association