

## Skyler Wang

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- Education*      **University of California, Berkeley**  
Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology  
Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellow
- Exam Fields: Economic Sociology (Marion Fourcade), Culture (Ann Swidler), Social Theory (Raka Ray), Behavioral Economics (Calvin Morrill)
- 2018 M.A., Sociology  
Committee: Marion Fourcade & Raka Ray
- 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, Sexualities, Social Exchange
- Referred Articles*      2021 "Migrant Allies & Sexual Remittances: How International Students Change the Sexual Attitudes of Those Who Remain Behind." *Sociological Perspectives*. Online first.  
2017 with Ryan J. Watson & Shannon D. Snapp\* "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)
- Other Academic Publications*      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  
2016 "A Critique from Within: The Core of Ai Weiwei's 'Sunflower Seeds.'" *Undergraduate Journal of Art History & Visual Culture* 7:10-17.
- Work in Progress*      "Sharing Bodies in the Sharing Economy."  
"How Does Money Matter? Sex & Safety in Two Hospitality-Exchange Platforms."  
"My Pandemic Romance: How "Tinderphobes" Respond to Love's Digital Migration during COVID-19."
- Policy Reports*      2016 with Maggie MacAulay. "#ResistStigma: How Do We Get There?" Vancouver, BC: Community-Based Research Center for Gay Men's Health. [Français](#)
- 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 "Progressives must leave Echo Chamber to Trump Hate." *The Daily Californian*. Published Nov 18.  
2016 "The Purpose of Studying Love Sociologically: A Pedagogical Experiment." *Queer Voices*. Published Oct 27.

- 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 Ubyyssey*.  
Published Sep 16.

*Fellowships*

- 2021-22 Herbert Blumer Teaching Fellowship, UC Berkeley (\$32,000)
- 2021 Graduate Remote Instruction Innovation Fellowship, UC Berkeley (\$2000)
- 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 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 Undergraduate Honors Thesis Prize – Honorable Mention, UBC
- 2015 IODE Fine Arts Foundation Scholarship
- 2015 Delfina Tecson Contributorship Award, UBC
- 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*

- 2021 “My Pandemic Romance: How “Tinderphobes” Respond to Love’s Digital Migration during COVID-19.”  
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Virtual
- 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  
UBC Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research Conference, Vancouver, BC
- 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
- 2015 “Crime & Deviance in Online Dating.” Columbia College Department of Sociology, 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 Ubyyssey*, 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 Aknin & 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*

- 2021 Co-Instructor of Record, "Sociology Pedagogy Seminar" (SOC375)
- 2021 Workshop Director, UC Berkeley Teaching Conference
- 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
- 2018 Head Graduate Student Instructor, "Introduction to Sociology" (SOC1) with Ann Swidler
- 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*

- 2020-21 NavCal Research Advisor
- 2018-19 Berkeley Gender & Sexuality Workshop Coordinator
- 2017-18 Representative, Student Health Advisory Committee

*University of British Columbia*

2016 Advisory Committee Member, Student Directed Seminar  
2015-16 Associate Editor, Sojourners

*Languages*

English  
Mandarin

*Professional  
Affiliations*

American Sociological Association  
Canadian Sociological Association  
International Sociological Association  
Pacific Sociological Association