



# Newsletter

## Gender, Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities

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Welcome!

Thank you for being a part of the Gender, Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities (GSBPC) division. By joining and reading this newsletter, you are already contributing to the division just by your interest alone. We want to remind everyone that our research, engagement, and learning are what make our community essential in resistance.

As we kick off this newsletter, we want to share exciting events, opportunities, and congratulations with you all. Our goal is to recognize and learn from the important work being accomplished across the division, especially publications and conference presentations that may be of interest to others in their own research and teaching. We also spotlight opportunities that support both professional and personal development, including calls for papers, upcoming conferences, mentorship opportunities, and job postings. We encourage you to take advantage of the resources and opportunities available through SSSP.

We also encourage you to attend SSSP 2026 in New York City, New York if you are able. The theme of the SSSP 2026 is Resisting Colonization of Lifeworlds. We strongly encourage you to submit your abstracts, attend sessions, and participate in activities provided by the conference. Attending the conference offers valuable opportunities to build professional networks, exchange ideas, and engage with thought-provoking presentations that foster enriching discussion and collaboration.

That said, given with recent events unfolding in the United States that made travel difficult or unsafe for many, it is understandable for members to forgo this conference for their personal safety and well-being, especially with the rapid changes in US policies that are negatively impacting transgender & non-binary community and non-US citizens. We encourage members to take necessary precautions and carefully consider the risks associated with the current political climate we are in right now. These concerns are not limited to the US, but similar developments in other countries are negatively impacting marginalized communities as well, including the loss of academic freedom and the rise of nationalism. We hope the work shared by our division, including creative pieces made by fellow members, will spark hope and courage at a time that calls for resistance. We continue to work with SSSP on solutions that will allow for alternative modes of participation as we move forward.

In this spirit, solidarity is what allows us to engage with our work meaningfully; through given opportunities, collective learning, and mutual care. As Angela Y. Davis reminds us that: *"We have to talk about liberating minds as well as liberating society"* ("Freedom Is a Constant Struggle: Ferguson, Palestine, and the Foundations of a Movement" 2016).

Thank you for reading this, and looking forward to working ahead and the future to strive for!

# Introductions

## Co-Chair (2025-2027)

**Hannah Regan** (she/her) is the Associate Director for Research and Evaluation in the Flora Stone Mather Center for Women and Adjunct Faculty in Sociology at Case Western Reserve University. Her research interests include romantic and sexual relationships, especially as they interact with media and technology. Her book, *Dating Apps, Modern Romance, and Social Inequality* is now available from Bloomsbury Academic. Her next project is considering how young couples are handling the division of finances in their relationships. Her other work looks at gender in higher education, sexuality education, and the intersections of identity with mental health.



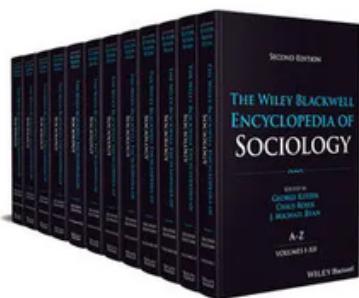
## Co-Chair (2025-2027)

**Kat Fuller** (they/he) is a PhD student in sociology at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. They are also the co-founder of the Canadian Institute for Far-Right Studies (CIFRS). Fuller served as a co-guest editor for the recent special issue of the *Bulletin of Applied Transgender Studies* (BATS) focused on transphobic online disinformation. Currently, he is the guest co-editor for an upcoming special issue of the *Journal of Right-Wing Studies* on techno-authoritarianism.

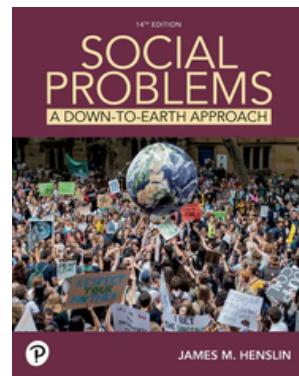
Fuller's research interests include far-right radicalization, disinformation, and online spaces, especially in the context of anti-gender movement. Fuller is also co-editing a volume that critically examines how both alternative media (also known as alt-tech) and mainstream platforms are utilized by the far-right movement to spread disinformation and promote acceptance of fascism.



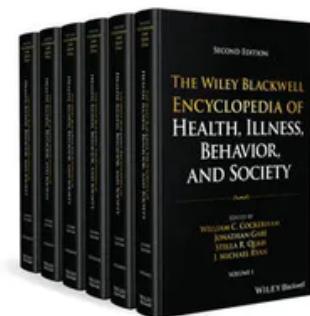
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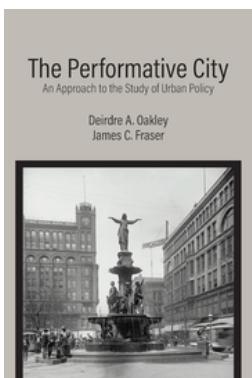
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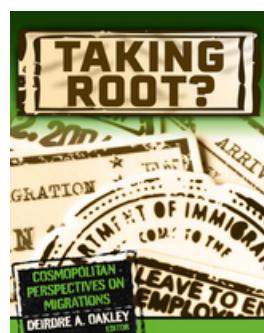


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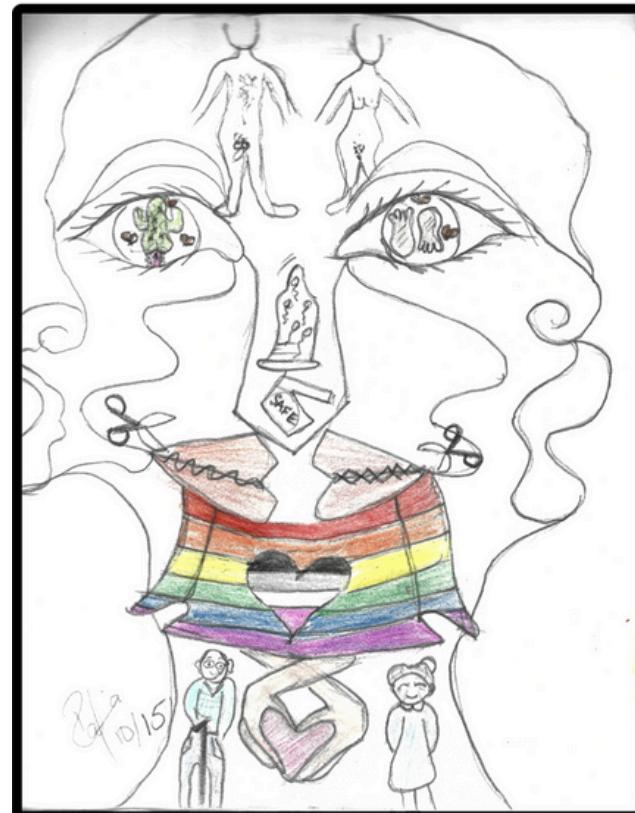
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# Member News

**Cary Gabriel Costello** was awarded Elena Dominquez Award.  
Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, November 2025.

**J. Michael Ryan** presented ““Trans” “Politics” in the “Global South”: Balancing precision and accuracy with conceptual clarity and communicability,” Session on “Trans People in Politics: Meaning, context and the future,” at the Transgender People in Politics in the Global South: Political participation, activism and leadership Conference on July 1st, 2025. Glasgow, Scotland, UK.

**Aneesa A. Baboolal**, PhD got promotion from Assistant to Associate Professor in Crime & Justice Studies as of September 1st, 2025



**Layers of Identity**  
by  
**Rafia Mallick**

# Call for Proposals

“The Rise of Techno-Authoritarianism”  
Special issue of the *Journal of Right-Wing Studies*  
Call for Proposals

Submission deadline: January 15, 2026

This special issue of the *Journal of Right-Wing Studies* will explore the intersection of technology, politics, power, and space in the twenty-first century. We aim to better understand the contemporary resurgence of the (far) right via its connections with cyberlibertarianism, venture-capital extremism, secessionism, and techno-authoritarianism. We ask how the internet's early promises of leftist counterculture, democratization, and utopian freedom were absorbed by Silicon Valley capitalist development and refashioned into a right-libertarian ethos. And we question why some tech venture capitalists—with roots in Silicon Valley's “build fast and break things” culture—now see democracy as an outdated technology to be replaced with algorithmic decision-making and private technological governance. These accelerationist logics are poised to concentrate power for venture capitalists and tech elites, threatening the freedoms, lands, and lives of all, especially marginalized populations. In raising such issues, we draw from work on algorithmic radicalization, on technological accelerationism, and on the technological determinism of Peter Thiel's and Curtis Yarvin's neoreactionary and “Dark Enlightenment” ideologies.

The *Journal of Right-Wing Studies* is an internationally oriented multidisciplinary journal that seeks to publish research and commentary in clear and jargon-free language that is as accessible as possible to the general academic community and the public at large. This special issue thus welcomes contributors working in, or at the intersection of, fields in the humanities and nonquantitative social sciences, both in the United States and around the world.

We wish to encourage broad and novel thinking on the links between technology and right-wing ideology. Possible topics include but are not limited to the following:

- Historical trajectories that have laid the foundations for new forms of techno-authoritarianism or technological utopianism/solutionism.
- Histories of technological determinism, authoritarianism, or accelerationism (e/acc) relevant to the current moment.
- Alignments with efforts outside of the US, for instance with development projects in Saudi Arabia, Israel, and Africa, or with authoritarian regimes in Latin America.
- Cryptocurrency and economic development.
- The global, transnational, and transpolitical dimensions of techno-authoritarianism.
- Technological efforts to control media and flows of information via alt-media or AI.

- Attempts to make these ideologies concrete with technical infrastructures such as AI, blockchain, and cryptocurrency.
- The relationship between tech venture capitalism and crises of capitalism.
- Critiques of “technofeudalism.”
- The technopolitics of exit/secession/anti-statism.
- The political lobbying of tech venture capitalism and its relations with the state.
- The intersection of the tech and defense industries.
- Technology and governance experiments.
- The reactionary positions of tech elites (antifeminist, racist, classist, xenophobic, etc.).
- The intersection of anti-state and post-state projects/ideologies with far-right extremism; the movement of such projects/ideologies from the fringe to the mainstream.

Interested authors are invited to send an abstract of 250 to 500 words and their CV by **January 15, 2026**, to [jrws.techright@gmail.com](mailto:jrws.techright@gmail.com). We will notify those whose proposals are accepted by February 15, 2026, and invite them to submit full articles no later than August 2026.

For *JRWS*'s submission guidelines, see  
<https://escholarship.org/uc/jrws/submissionGuidelines>.

Please direct questions about the suitability of proposals to Jillian (Lee) Crandall at [j.crandall@berkeley.edu](mailto:j.crandall@berkeley.edu).

General questions about publishing in *JRWS* can be sent to [jrwseditors@gmail.com](mailto:jrwseditors@gmail.com).

**Lead guest editor: Jillian (Lee) Crandall (UC Berkeley)**

**Assistant guest editors: Chelsea Kai Roesch (UC Santa Barbara), Alexander Reid-Ross (Portland State University), Kat Fuller (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)**



# Job Market Candidates

**Rafia Javaid Mallick** is a Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology at Georgia State University, graduating May 2026. With extensive research experience in urban studies, immigration, race, and inequality, she has contributed to multiple university and community-based projects, including work with the Southern Poverty Law Center and the City of Atlanta. Her scholarship includes peer-reviewed publications, book chapters, and reports on topics ranging from policing alternatives to immigrant integration. She is skilled in qualitative, quantitative, and geospatial methods and has held leadership roles in professional organizations such as ASA and SSSP. Rafia is prepared for roles in academia, research, or policy analysis.

**Dissertation/project title:** Tangled Threads of Belonging: Racial Discrimination and Segmented Assimilation among Asian Indian Immigrants in the United States

**Research specialization:** Diasporic Belonging and Decolonization. Patriarchal Systems and Gender Violence. Urban Inequities and Performative Governance.

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# Call for Participants

## **Greetings,**

We invite you to participate in a survey exploring the experiences researchers encounter while conducting qualitative research that may be awkward, uncomfortable, or even dangerous. We are particularly interested in understanding how these experiences are shaped by researchers' identities. Please note that the survey is designed for anyone who has conducted qualitative research, not only for those who identify as qualitative researchers.

This study is part of a research project led by Dr. Rebecca Hanson (University of Florida) and Dr. Patricia Richards (University of Georgia). The project has been designated exempt by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) at both universities. Your participation is completely anonymous, and you will not be asked to provide any identifying information.

We have prepared two versions of the survey.

One version is for people currently in academia or those who have retired from an academic position. You can access that survey here:

[https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eh5RV8zjCELVHnw](https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eh5RV8zjCELVHnw)

Another version of the survey is for people who work or worked outside of academia before retiring (this includes those who enrolled in but did not complete a graduate program). You can access that survey here:

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The survey takes approximately 5 to 20 minutes to complete, depending on your experiences.

If you have any questions or concerns about the survey, please contact Dr. Rebecca Hanson at [r.hanson@ufl.edu](mailto:r.hanson@ufl.edu).

We would greatly appreciate your time and insight in helping us better understand the experiences that researchers navigate in the field.

Thank you for considering participating in this research.

**Rebecca Hanson and Patricia Richards**