

# Kristopher A. Oliveira, Ph.D.

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## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology	August 2022
University of South Florida – Tampa, FL	
Dissertation: <i>Revisiting ‘Our’ Place on Campus: A Queer(ed) and In-depth Interview Study of QT Resource Professionals in Higher Education</i>	
M.S., Higher Education Administration	June 2017
St. Cloud State University – St. Cloud, MN	
Thesis: <i>The Effects of LGBT Resource Centers, Programming and Services on LGBT Student Success, Retention, and Engagement</i>	
B.S., Psychology	May 2015
Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania – Slippery Rock, PA	

## RESEARCH & TEACHING AREAS

Sociology of Higher Education	Critical Theories
Education / Higher Education	Masculinities
Race & Ethnicity	Gender & Sexuality
Qualitative Research Methods	Pedagogy
Multi / Mixed-Methods	

## RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT

University of Maryland - College Park, LGBTQ+ Equity Center	2023 – Present
<i>Director</i>	
Princeton University, Office of Diversity & Inclusion in Campus Life	2021 – 2023
<i>Inaugural Assistant Dean, Office of Diversity &amp; Inclusion</i>	
<i>Inaugural Director, Gender + Sexuality Resource Center</i>	
University of Kansas, Center for Sexuality & Gender Diversity	2020 – 2021
<i>Director</i>	
University of South Florida, Department of Sociology	2017 – 2020
<i>Graduate Teaching and Research Associate</i>	
University of South Florida, Residential Education	2018
<i>Research &amp; Strategy Specialist</i>	
St. Cloud State University, LGBT Resource Center	2016 – 2017
<i>Interim Director</i>	
St. Cloud State University, Orientation & Advising	2015 – 2016
<i>Graduate Assistant</i>	

## PUBLICATIONS

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### EDITED BOOKS

**Oliveira, Kristopher A.**, Prieto, K., Daily, N., Eskridge, C. (Expected March 2026). *Championing Queer & Trans Inclusion Beyond the Campus Resource Center*. (Under Contract.) Routledge.

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

Catalano, D. Chase J., Duran, A., Feldman, S., Gonzalez-Siegel, V., Jourian, T. J., Kannan, K., **Oliveira, K.**, Pryor, J., Woods, C. (March 2025). Hope Amidst Relentless Challenges: Trans and Queer Center(ed) Diversity Workers Navigating the U.S. Sociopolitical Context. *Journal of College and Character*. NASPA

**Oliveira, Kristopher A.**, González-Siegel, V.A., Feldman, S., Kannan, K., Woods, C., Pryor, J. T., Duran, A., Catalano, D. Chase J., & Jourian, T. J. (2023). An autoethnographic exploration of the realities of engaging in trans and queer center (ed) diversity work. *Journal of Diversity in Higher Education*.

### BOOK CHAPTERS

**Oliveira, Kristopher A.** November 2022. *Chapter 8: Navigating Three QT Resource Centers: Identifying and Dismantling Discursive Logics of Oppression* in “Narrating the Insider/Outsider Paradox as LGBTQ+ Educators in Higher Education and Student Affairs,” edited by A. Duran, T.J. Jourian, R. Miller, and J. Cisneros. Routledge

### JOURNAL ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

Oliveira, Kristopher A. Submitting for Peer-Review Journal in August 2025. We Are the Ancestors Now: Advancing Equity for QT people in Contemporary Higher Education. *Peer Reviewed Journal*

## RESEARCH GRANTS

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Queer & Trans People in Education (QTPiE) Emerging Scholar Grant	June 2025
ACPA Coalition for Sexuality and Gender Identity Research Grant (\$740)	April 2021

## GRANT FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

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Graduate Research Assistant	2018 – 2022
<i>PathTech LISTEN: Mixed Methods Longitudinal Investigations of Students in Technician Education</i>	
NSF #1801163. (PI) Will Tyson, PhD	
Graduate Research Assistant	2018 – 2019
<i>PathTech LIFE: Constructing a National Survey of Engineering Technology Students through Regional and Statewide Testing</i>	
NSF #1501999. (PI) Will Tyson, PhD	

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### AFFILIATE FACULTY

Harriet Tubman Department of Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies      Fall 2024 – Present

### INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

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Interdisciplinary Social Sciences  
*University of South Florida*      Fall 2019

Introduction to Sociology  
*University of South Florida*      Fall 2018, Summer 2019, Summer 2020

### CONSULTING

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Dominican University. August 2024. Designed and led two custom virtual safe zone trainings for university employees. Chicago, IL (*virtual*.)

Metropolitan State University of Denver. March – June 2024. LGBTQ+ Resource Center consultation and program reviewer. Denver, CO.

Nelson Mandela University. April 2017. Consultation to develop a Safe Zone Training program at Nelson Mandela University. Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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Kannan, Kalyani, Antonio Duran, **Kristopher A. Oliveira**, and Jonathan Pryor. February 2025. *Hope Amidst Relentless Challenges*. ACPA25 Education Session. American College Personnel 2024 Annual Convention. Long Beach, CA.

**Kristopher A. Oliveira**. May 2024. *We Were Activists: Resisting Neoliberalism in Higher Education through Administrative Activism*. Workshop Session. 2024 National Conference on Race and Ethnicity. Honolulu, HI.

Beal, Jesse, Nicole Newsome, Andrew Herridge, Roman Christiaens and **Kristopher A. Oliveira**. March 2024. *The State of the Field for LGBTQIA2S+ Resource Center Practitioners*. ACPA24 Education Session. American College Personnel 2024 Annual Convention. Chicago, IL.

Luckman, Jimmy, Terrian Garvis, Kaity Prieto, **Kristopher A. Oliveira**, and Mitchell Foster. March 2024. *The State of the Field for LGBTQIA2S+ Resource Center Practitioners*. ACPA24 Education Session. American College Personnel 2024 Annual Convention. Chicago, IL.

Beal, Jesse, Roman Christiaens, and **Kristopher A. Oliveira**. March 2024. *The State of QT Diversity Work in Higher Education: A Community Keynote*. Consortium of Higher Education LGBT Resource Professionals Pre-Convention Keynote Panel. American College Personnel 2024 Annual Convention. Chicago, IL.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (continued)

- Duran, Antonio, Ryan A. Miller, Ty McNamee, Gabriel Pulido, Kaity Prieto, Candace Lamb, and **Kristopher A. Oliveira**. March 2023. *Both Insiders and Outsiders: Perspectives from LGBTQ+ Scholars and Practitioners*. ACPA23 Education Session. American College Personnel 2023 Annual Convention. New Orleans, LA.
- D. Chase, Catalano, Steven Feldman, **Kristopher A. Oliveira**, Antonio Duran, Jonathan Pryor, and Vanessa Gonzalez-Siegel. March 2023. *Social justice leadership: Supporting & advocating for LGBT Center staff*. ACPA23 Education Session. American College Personnel 2023 Annual Convention. New Orleans, LA.
- Oliveira, Kristopher A.** March 2023. *“Conspiracy of Silence”: The Context of QT Resource Professionals’ Work*. ACPA23 Scholarship Session. American College Personnel 2023 Annual Convention. New Orleans, LA.
- Oliveira, Kristopher A.** February 2023. *Going Through It: Reflecting on the Realities of Engaging in TQ Center(ed) Work*. Consortium of Higher Education LGBT Resource Professionals Workshop. Creating Change Conference 2023. *The National LGBT Task Force*. San Francisco, CA.
- Oliveira, Kristopher A.** June 2021. *Reframing ‘Our’ Place on Campus: Queering Student Success*. KUMC Pride Month Virtual Research Day. University of Kansas Medical Center Virtual Presentation. Kansas City, MO.
- Oliveira, Kristopher A.** August 2020. *Radically Rethinking Student Success Discourse about Queer and Trans Students in Higher Education*. Hope and Radical Transformation in Higher Education Session. Society for the Study of Social Problems 2020 Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. (Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic)
- De Welde, Kris, Diane Everett, Sharmaine Jackson, and **Kristopher A. Oliveira**. April 2020. *Sociology in Action: Strategies for Social Justice in Higher Education*. Queer Spaces Paper Presentation. Southern Sociological Society 2020 Annual Meeting. Jacksonville, FL. (Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic)
- Oliveira, Kristopher A.** 2019. *Cultural Taxation and Cultural Subsidy: An Interpretive Analysis of the Experiences of Black and Queer Higher Education Professionals*. Issues of Gender and Sexuality in Education Session. Society for the Study of Social Problems 2019 Annual Meeting. New York, NY.
- Tyson, Will & **Kristopher Oliveira**. 2019. *Community College Technician Education Student Knowledge of Student Resource Centers*. Society for Applied Anthropology 2019 Annual Meeting. Portland, OR.
- Oliveira, Kristopher A.** 2018. *The Questions We Ask: Overcoming Institutional Barriers to Support Queer Students in Higher Education*. School Climate for LGBT Paper Presentation. Society for the Study of Social Problems 2018 Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (continued)

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- Oliveira, Kristopher A.** 2018. *LGBTQ Resource Centers & Queer Students: Determining Effects and Challenging Structural Barriers for LGBTQ Students in Higher Education*. Queer Spaces Paper Presentation. Southern Sociological Society 2018 Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
- Oliveira, Kristopher A.** 2017. *SCTCC Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Keynote Presentation*. Delivered keynote presentation and workshop for St. Cloud Technical and Community College's annual Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Series. St. Cloud, MN.
- Oliveira, Kristopher A.** & St. Cloud State University LGBT Resource Center. 2017. *Safe Space Training*. Multiple trainings facilitated throughout the year on the SCSU campus and in the community. St. Cloud, MN.
- Oliveira, Kristopher A.** 2016. *LGBTQ Activism in a University Setting*. LGBTQ Activists and Academics Panel. Sociologists of Minnesota Annual Meeting. St. Cloud, MN.
- Oliveira, Kristopher A.** 2016. *Queer and Colored!? Navigating intersecting identities in the LGBTQ community*. Workshop presenter at St. Cloud State University's annual Power & Diversity Conference, St. Cloud, MN.
- Hawkins, Kristopher A.** 2014. *Breaking it Down*. Workshop presenter at the annual Slippery Rock University Diversity & Inclusion Series, Slippery Rock, PA

## INVITED KEYNOTES & PRESENTATIONS

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- Oliveira, Kristopher A.**, Erica J. Friedman, & Sy Simms, moderated by Kristen Renn. June 2025. *Beyond the Binary: SOGI Data and Student Affairs*. Invited keynote panel at the National Symposium on SOGI Data in Higher Education. American Association for the Advancement of Science. Washington, D.C.
- Oliveira, Kristopher A.** & Stephanie H. Chang. October 2024. *Why Pronouns Matter: Cultural and Systemic Inclusion Strategies*. Invited LGBTQ+ History Month Presentation at the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics. Washington, D.C.
- Oliveira, Kristopher.** October 2024. *Queer, Black, and Getting Away with it: The Power of Hope, Struggle, and Community*. The Power of Stories LGBTQ+ History Month Lecture. Slippery Rock, PA.
- Beal, Jesse, Vanessa Gonzalez-Siegel, & **Kristopher A. Oliveira**. October 2023. *So Now What? Moving from Research to Practice*. Invited Keynote Panelist. 2023 Higher Education LGBTQIA2S+ Research Symposium. East Lansing, MI.
- Oliveira, Kristopher A. October 2023. *QT Resource Centers in Higher Education*. Invited lecture in the higher education and student affairs program at the University of Michigan. (Virtual). Ann Arbor, MI.
- Oliveira, Kristopher A. July 2023. *QT Resource Professionals in Higher Education*. Invited lecture in the higher education and student affairs program at the University of Southern Mississippi. (Virtual). Hattiesburg, MS.

## INVITED KEYNOTES & PRESENTATIONS (continued)

- Kristopher A. Oliveira.** April 2023. *Courage Conversation on Applying a Race Equity Lens: A Call to Action for Social/Human Services*. Bridging the Racial Divide through Courageous Conversation series. Sponsored by the Inclusion, Diversity, and Awareness Council (IDAC) and Beaver County Community and Law Enforcement Coalition. (Virtual). Beaver County, PA.
- Simms, Sy, **Kristopher A. Oliveira**, Chelsea Noble, & Alex C. Lange. October 2022. *Emerging Scholarship on Gender & Sexuality Centers*. Center Awareness Day Webinar. The Consortium of Higher Education LGBT Resource Professionals. (Virtual).
- Cofino, Andy, Oprah Jrenal, Jxhn Martin, & **Kristopher Oliveira**. October 2021. *Center Awareness Day Webinar: The Impact & Importance of LGBTQIA2S+ Centers*. Virtual Webinar Hosted by the Consortium of Higher Education LGBT Resource Professionals.
- Oliveira, Kristopher A.** February 2021. *What does America Mean for Queer and Trans People of Color*. Virtual Presentation hosted by the SRU Pride Center. Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania. Slippery Rock, PA.
- Grace, Ellie, Sarah Myose, **Kristopher A. Oliveira**, Don Haider Markel, & Patrick Miller. October 8, 2020. *Part V: Queering the Vote*. Panel presentation about queer and trans inclusive politics in the United States. Sponsored by The Commons at the University of Kansas. Lawrence, KS.
- Berkman, Danielle & **Kristopher A. Oliveira**. January 2020. *Navigating Social Identities in the Workplace*. Professional development series for residence life centering multiracial identities and career development. New York University Residential Life & Housing Services: Spring Training and Professional Development. New York, NY.
- Oliveira, Kristopher A.** & Melanie R. Seymour. April 2018. *Rock Lessons*. Keynote speech at an annual lavender graduation ceremony. SRU President's Commission for Gender Identity and Expression and Sexual Orientation: 'A Night Out'. Slippery Rock, PA.

## AWARDS & HONORS

LGBTQ+ Consortium: Chris Woods Commitment to Service Award	May 2025
ACPA Annuit Coeptis Emerging Professional Award	March 2024
Cahill & Loseke Outstanding Dissertation Proposal Award	May 2021
University of South Florida Alumni Association LGBT Scholarship	June 2020
USF Sociology Excellence in Teaching Award	April 2020
USF Sociology Excellence in Teaching Award	April 2019
USF Delores Auzenne Fellowship	2017 – 2020
St. Cloud State University LGBT Staff Leadership Award	April 2016
SafeZone & SafeSpace Certified	Recertified June 2017
Board of Governors Scholarship	2009 – 2015
Human Rights Campaign Scholarship	Summer 2014
SRU LGBTQIA Scholarship	April 2012

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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ACPA Coalition for Sexuality and Gender Identities	2022 – 2027
<i>Practitioner-in-Residence</i>	
<i>Director of Research</i>	
Consortium of Higher Education LGBT Resource Professionals	2021 – 2024
<i>Membership Engagement Director</i>	
<i>Coordinator – Organizational Operations Collective</i>	
<i>Coordinator – Membership Engagement Collective</i>	
<i>Midwest Regional Representative</i>	
Princeton University Black & LGBTQIA+ Student Experience Committee	2021 – 2023
<i>Institutional Policy and Practice Member</i>	
KU Diversity & Undergraduate Research Advisory Board	2021
<i>Staff Representative</i>	
USF Sociology Department, Faculty Committee	2019 – 2020
<i>PhD Student Representative</i>	
USF Sociology Department, Community Outreach Committee	2017 – 2020
<i>Graduate Student Representative</i>	
USF College of Arts and Sciences, Diversity Committee	2018 – 2019
<i>Graduate Student Representative</i>	
SCSU LGBTQ Student Organization	2016 – 2017
<i>Advisor</i>	
SCSU Diversity Advisory Council	2016 – 2017
<i>LGBTQ Liaison</i>	
SCSU Gender Equity Advisory Council	2016 – 2017
<i>LGBTQ Liaison</i>	
Minnesota College Professionals Association	2015 – 2016
<i>Graduate Liaison</i>	

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

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American College Professionals Association	2020 – Present
Consortium of Higher Education LGBT Resource Professionals	2016 – Present
Society for the Study of Social Problems	2018 – 2024
American Sociological Association	2018 – 2023
Southern Sociological Society	2017 – 2021
Sociologists of Minnesota	2016 – 2017
Minnesota College Professionals Association	2015 – 2016

## SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE(S)

Conference Organizer and Education Co-Chair for the Big 12 LGBTQIA & Allies Summit 2022 Annual Meeting. *Educational Sessions Workings Group*

Committee Member for the Big 12 LGBTQIA & Allies Summit 2021 Annual Meeting. *Educational Sessions Workings Group*

Session organizer for the Society for the Study of Social Problem's (SSSP) 2021 Annual Meeting. Sessions: *Students on the Margins of Education I & II*

Session organizer for the Society for the Study of Social Problem's (SSSP) 2019 Annual Meeting. Session: *Issues of Gender & Sexuality in Higher Education*

Roundtable presider at the American Sociological Association's (ASA) 2019 Annual Meeting. Session: Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Refereed Roundtables. Table: *Race & Belonging*

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Sociology Graduate Student Association, <i>Treasurer</i>	2018 – 2020
Trevor Project Volunteer, <i>TrevorChat Counselor</i>	2015 – 2020
Human Rights Campaign, <i>Diversity &amp; Inclusion Intern</i>	Summer 2014

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

American College Personnel Association (Long Beach, CA)	February 2025
National Conference on Race & Ethnicity (Honolulu, HI)	May 2024
American College Personnel Association (Chicago, IL)	March 2024
LGBTQ+ Research Symposium (East Lansing, MI)	October 2023
Society for the Study of Social Problems (Philadelphia, PA)	August 2023
Racial Justice Work in LGBTQ+ Centers Conference (Roanoke, VA)	June 2023
American College Personnel Association (New Orleans, LA)	March 2023
Creating Change (San Francisco, CA)	February 2023
Big 12 LGBTQIA Summit (Virtual)	March 2022
Creating Change (Virtual)	January 2022
Society for the Study of Social Problems (Virtual)	August 2021
LGBTQ Research Symposium (Virtual)	June 2021
Big 12 LGBTQIA Summit (Virtual: Texas Tech University)	February 2021
American Sociological Association (Cancelled COVID)	August 2020
Society for the Study of Social Problems (Cancelled COVID)	August 2020
Southern Sociological Society (Cancelled COVID)	April 2020
National ATE NSF Principal Investigators' Conference (Washington, DC)	October 2019
Society for the Study of Social Problems (New York, NY)	August 2019
American Sociological Association (New York, NY)	August 2019



**CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (continued)**


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Southern Sociological Society (Atlanta, GA)	April 2019
National ATE Principal Investigators' Conference (Washington, DC)	October 2018
Society for the Study of Social Problems (Philadelphia, PA)	August 2018
Southern Sociological Society (New Orleans, LA)	April 2018
Sociologists on Minnesota (St. Cloud, MN)	September 2016
St. Cloud State University: Power & Diversity Conference (St. Cloud, MN)	January 2016
Minnesota College Professional Association Annual Conference (MN)	November 2015
Slippery Rock University: 8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Diversity & Inclusion Series (PA)	March 2015
Mid-Atlantic Colleges and Universities LGBT Conference (Bloomsburg, PA)	November 2014
Human Rights Campaign: Men & Leadership Conference (Washington, DC)	June 2014
Slippery Rock University: 7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Diversity and Inclusion Series (PA)	March 2014
Mid-Atlantic Colleges and Universities LGBT Conference (Bloomsburg, PA)	November 2013
Slippery Rock University: 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Diversity and Inclusion Series (PA)	March 2013