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Curriculum Vitae

Barnard College, Columbia University
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2025-present Term Lecturer of Sociology, Barnard College, Columbia University

EDUCATION

2025 Ph.D. in Sociology, The Graduate Center, City University of New York
Dissertation: “Fragmented Access: The Role of Ableism in Shaping Gender-Affirming Care Experiences for Autistic Transgender Individuals”
Committee: Barbara Katz Rothman (chair), Paisley Currah, Thomas DeGloma, stef shuster (Michigan State University)

2014 M.S. in Gender (Research track), London School of Economics and Political Science

2013 B.A. (Honors) in Sociology, University of Westminster

PUBLICATIONS

Rios, Nic. (2025) “Accounting for neuronormativity in transgender medicine”, *Social Science & Medicine* 367: 117802. doi: [10.1016/j.socscimed.2025.117802](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2025.117802).

Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Section on Disability in Society

Rios, Nic. (2021) “Book Review: *Growing Up Queer: Kids and the Remaking of LGBTQ Identity*, Mary Robertson” *gender forum* 19 (2).

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW OR IN ADVANCED PREPARATION

Rios, Nic. (Under Review) “Ignoring the evidence: Co-production in the scientific study of autistic transgender people”, *Sociological Forum*.

Rios, Nic. (In Preparation) “Building relationships or building barriers? The paradox of patient-centeredness in gender-affirming care for autistic trans people”.

Boyce, Patricia Simino, Judith Erickson, and **Nic Rios.** (In Preparation) “Advancing Nurse Educators and Preceptors through Academic-Practice Partnership in the CUNY Nurse Fellowship Academy Pilot”.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2025	Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award , ASA Section on Disability in Society
2025	Student Forum Travel Award , ASA Student Forum
2024-2025	Graduate Center Institutional Award , The Graduate Center, CUNY
2024	Student Conference Travel Award , The Graduate Center, CUNY
2023	Writing Center Fellowship , The Graduate Center, CUNY
2023	USPATH Equity Scholarship , United States Professional Association for Transgender Health
2022	LGBTQ Open Resources Fellowship , The Graduate Center, CUNY
2022	Human Sexuality Fellowship , California Institute of Integral Studies
2020-2022	WAC (Writing Across the Curriculum) Fellowship , Hostos Community College, CUNY
2021-2022	Doctoral Student Research Grant , The Graduate Center, CUNY
2021	Open Knowledge Fellowship , The Graduate Center, CUNY
2016-2021	Graduate Center Fellowship , The Graduate Center, CUNY
2012	Academic Achievement Award , University of Westminster

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Rios, Nic. (Upcoming: 2025, October) “Understanding Barriers to Gender-Affirming Care for Autistic Transgender Individuals”. GLMA 43rd Annual Conference. Minneapolis, MN.

Rios, Nic. (Upcoming: 2025, August) “Patient-centered for whom? Cis-/neuro- neuronormativity in ‘patient-centered’ trans healthcare”. *Section on Medical Sociology Roundtable*. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.

Rios, Nic. (2025, June) “Reproduction of medical ignorance in the scientific study of autistic transgender people”. *Oral Session: Transgender lives*. ROLES Sexuality and Gender Studies Conference. Birmingham, UK.

Rios, Nic. (2025, March) “Building Relationships or Building Barriers? The Paradox of Patient-Centered Communication in Gender-Affirming Care for Autistic People”. *Health and Caregiving*. Eastern Sociological Society Conference. Boston, MA.

Rios, Nic. (2024, September) “Barriers to care as a looming threat: Autistic trans people’s experiences accessing gender-affirming medical care”. *Oral Session: NeuroQueer Narratives: Transgender Experiences of Autism and Neurodivergence*. Trans Studies Conference. Evanston, IL.

Rios, Nic. (2024, August) “Accounting for neuronormativity in autistic transgender people’s experiences with gender-affirming care”. *Regular Session: Transgender Studies: De-homogenizing “Transgender”*. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada.

Rios, Nic. (2022, August) “Problematizing the biomedical construction of autistic transgender people”. *Roundtable: Gender*. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA.

Rios, Nic. (2022, February) "Policing the Spectrums: An Analysis of Academic Writings About Autistic Transgender Individuals". *Roundtable: Emotional and Mental Health & Social Inequality*. Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting. Santa Ana Pueblo, NM.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Barnard College, Columbia University

2025 *Sociology of Gender*, Department of Sociology

2025 *Transgender Lives*, Department of Sociology

2025 *Bodily Autonomy*, First Year Experience

City University of New York

2021-2024 *Race, Class and Gender*, Department of Sociology, School of Professional Studies

2019-2023 *Education & Society*, Department of Sociology, Lehman College

2019-2021 *Sociological Perspectives on the Dynamics of Gender*, Department of Sociology, Lehman College

2019 *The Family*, Department of Sociology, Hunter College

2017-2019 *The Sociological Imagination*, Department of Sociology, Lehman College

Guest Lectures

2024 "Sociology and Transgender Health," *Introduction to Sociology*, Department of Sociology, University of Southern Mississippi

2022 "Autism and Transgender Medical Care," *Sociology of Health and Illness*, Department of Sociology, CUNY Graduate Center

SERVICE

2025 **Reviewer**, Canadian Journal of Disability Studies

2024-Present **Secretary and Treasurer**, Sociologists for Transgender Justice

2024-Present **Committee on Advancing Trans, Non-Binary, and Intersex Scholarship**, Sociologists for Transgender Justice

2024-Present **Program Evaluator**, Nursing Fellowship Academy, CUNY Office of Health and Human Services

2025 **Panelist**, "How to Excel at Adjunct Teaching," *Professional Preparation in Sociology Series*, Department of Sociology, CUNY Graduate Center

2023-2024 **Program Coordinator**, Translational Research Training in Addictions for Underrepresented Groups at City College of NY, Columbia University Medical Center, and Rutgers University (TRACC)

2023-2024 **Mentor to New Adjunct Faculty**, School of Professional Studies, CUNY

2022 **Organizer**, "The Pedagogy of Kindness and Anti-Racist Teaching", Writing Across the Curriculum Initiative, Hostos Community College

2020 **Organizer and Panelist**, "Beyond the Tech: Building Community Through Writing", Writing Across the Curriculum Initiative, Hostos Community College

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2016-Present	American Sociological Association
2023-Present	Eastern Sociological Society
2024-Present	International Transgender Studies Association (Founding member)
2019-Present	Trans Professional Association for Transgender Health
2020-Present	World Professional Association for Transgender Health

REFERENCES

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