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EDUCATION

- In Progress Ph.D., Sociology, University of California Santa Barbara
Dissertation: “Commodifying Friendship in Multi-Level Marketing”
Committee: Hannah Wohl (chair), Tristan Bridges, Maria Charles
Area Exams: Gender, Sexuality
- 2021 M.A., Sociology, University of California Santa Barbara
Thesis: “Racializing the Gender Friendship Gap”
Committee: Tristan Bridges (chair), Maria Charles, Catherine Taylor
- 2018 B.A., Anthropology & French, DePauw University
Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa
Thesis: “Behind Fraternity Doors: Intimate Friendship and Homosocial
Environments”

RESEARCH & TEACHING AREAS

Gender, Sexuality, Culture, Friendship, Qualitative Methods, Quantitative Methods, Survey Design, Economic Sociology, Organizations & Work, Feminist Theory, Social Psychology

PUBLICATIONS

- Fox, Emily C. 2026. “Are White Men Missing Out?: Differences in Friendship Closeness by Gender and Ethnoracial Identity.” *Sex Roles* 92(2): article 12. doi: [10.1007/s11199-025-01638-7](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11199-025-01638-7).
- ♦ John Mohr Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Department of Sociology, University of California Santa Barbara.
 - ♦ Public coverage (top 5% of all research outputs scored by [Altmetric](#)): [Culture Study](#) by Anne Hellen Petersen; Psychology Today ([1](#), [2](#)); [PsyPost](#); [The Last Show with David Cooper](#) (radio interview), [Friend Forward](#) by Danielle Bayard Jackson
- Fox, Emily C. 2024. “Toward a Sociological Perspective on the Gender and Sexuality of Friendship.” *Sociology Compass* 18(8):e13263. doi: [10.1111/soc4.13263](https://doi.org/10.1111/soc4.13263).
- Fox, Emily C. 2024. “Masculinities and Friendship.” Pp. 864-865 in *The SAGE Encyclopedia of LGBTQ+ Studies*, edited by A. E. Goldberg. 2nd edition. Thousand Oaks, California: SAGE.
- Fox, Emily, and Canton Winer. 2024. “What Is Friendship? Learning from Asexual and Aromantic Perspectives.” Pp. 293–294 in *Families as They Really Are*, edited by V. E. Rutter, K. Williams, and B. J. Risman. 3rd Edition. New York: Norton.
- Fox, Emily C. 2023. “Book Review: Men’s Friendships as Feminist Politics?: Power, Intimacy, and Change.” *Men and Masculinities* 27(3):312-313. doi: [10.1177/1097184X231214320](https://doi.org/10.1177/1097184X231214320).

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Fox, Emily, Hannah Tessler, and Canton Winer. "The Spectrum of Relationship Desires and Experiences: Comparisons across Sexual and Romantic Orientations."

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Tessler, Hannah, **Emily Fox**, and Canton Winer. "Asexuality, Aromanticism, and the Spectrum of Relationship Desires." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Montréal, 2024.

Fox, Emily, Hannah Tessler, and Canton Winer. "Differentiating Platonic, Sexual, and Romantic Attraction: Perspectives of Aromantic, Asexual, and Allo Adults in the U.S." Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting. Santa Ana Pueblo, NM, 2024.

Fox, Emily. "Engaging Students to Develop ChatGPT Course Policies." Engaging Teaching Symposium. Center for Innovative Teaching, Research, and Learning, University of California Santa Barbara, 2023.

Fox, Emily. "Racializing the Gender Friendship Gap: Intersectionality-Informed Analysis of Men's Perceptions of Closeness to Best Friends." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, 2022.

Fox, Emily. "Reconsidering Men's Friendship: The Importance of Intersectional Approaches." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Virtual, 2021.

Fox, Emily. "Undergraduate Friendship During COVID-19." Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting. Virtual, 2021.

Fox, Emily. "I Would Prefer One of My Brothers': Men's Intimate Friendship in Homosocial Context." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Virtual, 2020.

Fox, Emily. "Behind Fraternity Doors: Men's Friendship in Homosocial Environments." Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting. San Diego, 2020.

Fox, Emily. "Homosocial Living Environments and Intimate Male Friendship." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Montréal, 2017.

HONORS & AWARDS

2026	Graduate Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, University of California Santa Barbara.
2024	Dixon-Levy Service Award, for devotion to improving graduate student life through university service, Graduate Student Association, University of California Santa Barbara.
2022	John Mohr Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Department of Sociology, University of California Santa Barbara.
2018	Phi Beta Kappa, collegiate honors society, DePauw University.
2018	Pi Delta Phi, collegiate honors society for French, DePauw University.
2018	Lambda Alpha, collegiate honors society for anthropology, DePauw University.
2017	American Sociological Association Undergraduate Honors Program.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2026	Dick Flacks Fund Research Grant, Department of Sociology, University of California Santa Barbara, \$2,000.
2026	Graduate Research Seed Grant, Department of Sociology, University of California Santa Barbara, \$500.
2025	Graduate Student Research and Training Grant, Broom Center for Demography, University of California Santa Barbara, \$2,000.
2025	Graduate Research Seed Grant, Department of Sociology, University of California Santa Barbara, \$500.
2024	Travel Grant, Graduate Student Association, University of California Santa Barbara, \$500.
2020	Graduate Research Seed Grant, Department of Sociology, University of California Santa Barbara, \$500.
2019–2020	Graduate Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of California Santa Barbara.

RESEARCH POSITIONS & AFFILIATIONS

2022–pres.	Graduate Associate, Broom Center for Demography, University of California Santa Barbara.
2024–2025	Research Assistant for <i>Feminist Frontiers</i> textbook 11 th edition revision with editors Verta Taylor, Leila Rupp, and Alison Crossley.

TEACHING & MENTORSHIP

Instructor of Record, Department of Sociology, University of California Santa Barbara.

Sociology of Gender	Spring 2026
Social Inequalities	Summer 2023, Summer 2024

Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of California Santa Barbara.

Introduction to Sociology	Fall 2020, Winter 2022
Introduction to Sociology (as Lead TA)	Fall 2022, Winter 2024
Quantitative Methods	Winter 2025
Experimental Methods & Design	Fall 2023, Fall 2024
Interview & Observational Methods	Fall 2025
Theories of Gender and Inequality	Spring 2024
Race, Gender, Class, Sexuality	Spring 2022
Sociology of Sexuality	Fall 2026
Urban Sexualities	Winter 2026
Sociology of Privilege	Fall 2021
Social Inequalities	Spring 2021, Spring 2025
Issues in Social Psychology	Winter 2021, Winter 2023, Spring 2023, Summer 2023

Undergraduate Honors Program Thesis Mentor, Department of Sociology, University of California Santa Barbara.

2024–2025	Maya Kapoor, “Cultural Influences on Marriage and Career Planning for First-Generation Latinas in Higher Education.”
2024–2025	Samantha Stevens, “Barriers to Interconnectivity: Examining Institutional Structures, Stigma, and Student Experiences of Loneliness in Higher Education.”

- 2020–2021 Julia Chin, “How Do They Really See Me?: The Sexual Politics of Multiracial Identity.”
- 2019–2020 Belle Kasza, “Discovering How UCSB Panhellenic Sorority Sisters Live Authentically.”

Pedagogical Training & Certificates.

- 2023–2024 Course Design for Equity: Community of Practice for Graduate Students, approx. 30 hours, Center for Innovative Teaching, Research, and Learning, University of California Santa Barbara.
- 2023 Summer Teaching Institute for Associates (Graduate Student Instructors of Record) Certificate, approx. 30 hours, Office of Teaching and Learning, University of California Santa Barbara.
- 2021 Pillars of Teaching Assistantship Certificate, approx. 8 hours, Office of Teaching and Learning, University of California Santa Barbara.

Other Experience.

- 2024–2025 TA Pedagogical Development Representative, Department of Sociology, University of California Santa Barbara.
- 2024–2025 Graduate Student Mentor to undergraduate students, “Transitioning to Academic Excellence” course, University of California Santa Barbara.
- 2024 Social Sciences Cohort Facilitator, Summer Teaching Institute for Associates (Graduate Student Instructors of Record), Office of Teaching and Learning, University of California Santa Barbara.

PROFESSIONAL & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- Ongoing Peer reviewer: *Men and Masculinities*, *Sociology of Education*
- 2023–pres. Graduate student office coordinator, Department of Sociology, University of California Santa Barbara.
- 2025–2026 Undergraduate Program Committee graduate student representative, Department of Sociology, University of California Santa Barbara.
- 2022 Presider for Sex & Gender roundtable, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2020 Discussant for Masculinities roundtable, Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting.
- 2019–2024 Sociology Graduate Student Association board member, University of California Santa Barbara.