

# Kimya Loder

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## SUMMARY

Dr. Kimya Loder is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Her research focuses on race, gender, sexuality, and political participation, with a particular emphasis on the lives and advocacy of Black transgender women in the U.S. South. She is committed to advancing scholarship on underrepresented communities and producing work that bridges academic, activist, and policy domains.

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## EDUCATION

**Ph.D. Sociology**, Stanford University 2024

Dissertation Committee: Shelley Correll (chair), Forrest Stuart, Matthew Clair, Kristen Schilt (University of Chicago)

**M.A., Sociology**, Stanford University 2020

Qualifying exams in Political Sociology/Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration

**B.A., Sociology and B.A., International Studies**, Spelman College 2018

*With Honors, Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa*

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**The Georgia Institute of Technology**, Assistant Professor of Sociology 2024 - Present

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## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

**Core Areas:** Race & Ethnicity | Gender & Sexuality | Political Sociology | Social Movements & Collective Action

**Theoretical Frameworks:** Black Feminist Theory | Queer and Trans\* Theory

**Methods:** Ethnography | Oral History | Content Analysis

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## BOOK PROJECT AND RELATED WORKS

***Refusing Erasure: Crisis, Resistance, and the Self-Preservation Politics of Black Transgender Women.***

Book manuscript in development

Loder, Kimya. 2025. "Claiming Space in the Margins: Community Organization as Liminal Spaces for Black Transgender Women Navigating Political Polarization in the U.S. South." Pp 49-59 in *Polarising Sexualities and Genders: Divisions, Differences, and LGBTQIA+ Equalities*, edited by Kath Browne and Emily Kazyak. London: Bloomsbury Academic. *\*Forthcoming*

Loder, Kimya. "Embracing Multidimensionality: Centering Black Trans Life in Political Movement Narratives". *In Preparation.*

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## SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

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Loder, Kimya. 2024. "[Civic Narratives: Political Exclusion, Agency, and Civic Participation Among Black Residents in San Francisco](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11133-024-09575-9)." *Qualitative Sociology*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11133-024-09575-9>

Loder, Kimya and Forrest Stuart. 2023. "[Displacement Frames: How residents perceive, explain, and respond to un-homing in Black San Francisco](#)." *Urban Studies*. 60(6) 1013-1030.

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## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

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Stanford Diversifying Academia, Recruiting Excellence Fellowship (DARE) Fellowship	2022-2024
Stanford Impact Labs Summer Collaborative Research Fellowship	2022
Social Science Research Council Graduate Student Enhancement Grant	2022
Stanford Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity Graduate Fellowship	2018-2021
Stanford Enhancing Diversity in Education (EDGE) Doctoral Fellowship Program	2018-2021
Stanford Haas Center Community Based Research Fellowship	2021
Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Program, <i>Honorable Mention</i>	2020
Stanford Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society Research Grant	2019
Stanford McCoy Center for Ethics in Society Graduate Fellowship	2019
Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program, <i>Spelman College</i>	2016-2018
Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, <i>Spelman College</i>	2017

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## TEACHING

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### Instructor of Record

<i>Course</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Students</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Years</i>
Sociology of Gender and Sexuality	Georgia Tech	37	UG	Spring 2025

### Teaching Assistant

<i>Course</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Students</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Years</i>
Urban Studies Research Seminar	Stanford	19	UG	2023
Mellon-Mays Research Practicum	Stanford	10	UG	2022
Black Studies Matter	Stanford	43	UG/G	2020
Ethnographic and Fieldwork Methods	Stanford	9	G	2020
Race and Immigration	Stanford	30	UG	2019

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**SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**


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**National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference**, San Juan, Puerto Rico 2025  
 "Forging Coalitions, Resisting Erasure: An Ethnographic Analysis of Coalition-Building Among Black Transgender Women in the U.S. South"

*\*Paper accepted and will be presented at the annual conference in November 2025*

**American Sociological Association Annual Meeting**, Chicago, IL 2025  
 "Embracing Multidimensionality: The Reclamation of Black Trans Life Amid Socio-Political Violence."

**Pacific Sociology Conference**, Seattle, WA 2023  
 "In Search of Community: Mapping the Coalition Building Projects of Black Transgender Led Organizations in the U.S. South"

**American Sociological Association Annual Meeting**, Los Angeles, CA 2022  
 "Rejecting the 'Master's Tools': Marginalized Organizations Constructing Identities, Resisting Dominant Norms, and Transforming Organizational Fields"

**Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference**, Birmingham, AL 2022  
 "Forging their Futures: Black Transgender Women Navigating Barriers to Access in the Southern United States"

**American Sociological Association Annual Meeting**, Virtual 2021  
 "Civic Negotiations: A Framework for Understanding Political Engagement among Residents in the Bayview Hunters Point Neighborhood of San Francisco"

**Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting**, Virtual 2021  
 "Evolving Identities: Identity Politics, Boundary Manipulation, and the Digital Mobilization Strategies of Transgender Women of Color"

**Sociologists for Women in Society Annual Winter Quarter Meeting**, Virtual 2021  
 "Organizing 'In Spite Of': The Political Exclusion of Black Women Organizers in Birmingham, Alabama"

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**LEADERSHIP & SERVICE**


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**Committee Member**, Georgia Tech School of History and Sociology 2025-  
 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

**Faculty Representative**, Georgia Tech FOCUS Program 2025

**Graduate Student Representative**, Stanford African American Studies 2021- 2024  
 Departmentalization Steering Committee

**President**, Stanford Black Graduate Student Association 2020-2021

**Council Member**, Stanford University Black Community Council 2020-2021

<b>Board Member</b> , Stanford Community Review Board on Public Safety	2020-2021
<b>Community Engagement Chair</b> , Stanford Black Graduate Student Association	2019-2020
<b>Writing Workshop Coordinator</b> , Stanford Black Studies Collective	2019-2021
<b>Graduate Scholar in Residence</b> , Stanford Black Community Services Center	2019-2020
<b>Graduate Writing Tutor</b> , Stanford Hume Center for Writing and Speaking	2018- 2020
<b>Mentor</b> , Stanford Ernest Houston Johnson Scholars Program	2018-2019

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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Sociological Association  
 Association of Black Sociologists  
 National Women's Studies Association