

CC Gillespie

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EDUCATION

2026- MA/PhD, Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara

2017-21 BA, Psychology, University of California, Merced
Minor in Sociology

RESEARCH AREAS OF INTEREST

Gender, Sexualities, Inequalities, Privilege, Culture, and Health.

PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

Bridges, Tristan, Tara Tober, and **CC Gillespie**. "A Synthetic Review of Research on Online Undergraduate Education: Why Expanding Access is Not the Same as Achieving Equity."

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2021-26 Undergraduate Academic Advisor, UCSB, Department of Sociology
- Assisted 500+ students with schedule development, career exploration, & schedule planning.
 - Reviewed detailed records and datasets to make recommendations at the departmental and student levels regarding curriculum planning.
 - Regularly developed workshops on matriculation processes & major changes.

ACADEMIC SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

- 2025-26 Chancellors Staff Advisory Counsel (CSAC) - Member
- Facilitated the "Marketing" subcommittee, and participated in productive dialogue related to staff issues; aided in emphasizing, identifying, and reporting on issues related to staff to the Office of the Chancellor.
- 2024-26 Staff Assembly - Member
- Assisted with cross-communication and collaboration between staff groups; facilitated the implementation of new campaigns with the goal of promoting wellness & inclusion. Discussed topics related to campus policies and procedures affecting staff.
- 2024-26 Staff Engagement Workgroup (SEW) - Member
- Brainstormed ideas to further staff engagement, improve community support, and fostered belonging. Developed quarterly campaigns for increasing visibility of the workgroup, and facilitating engagement.

TEACHING & MENTORING EXPERIENCE

- 2021-26 Transfer Orientation Workshops
- Presented at five Transfer Orientation sessions to roughly 150 total students each summer. Explained major requirements, courses, policies, procedures, and recommendations in detail. Provided optional break-out individual advising as needed.
- 2024-26 Peer Advisor Training
- Facilitated the onboarding of four Sociology Peer Advisors. Mentored and facilitated in-depth training on systems, requirements, and policies at departmental & university levels.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- 2021-23 Digital Crisis Counselor, The Trevor Project
- Provided life-saving crisis intervention services to a diverse population of LGBTQ+ youth.
 - Maintained confidentiality and security while deescalating suicidal ideation among Contacts.
 - Learned about some of the complex social, political, personal, and economic barriers affecting LGBTQ+ youth.