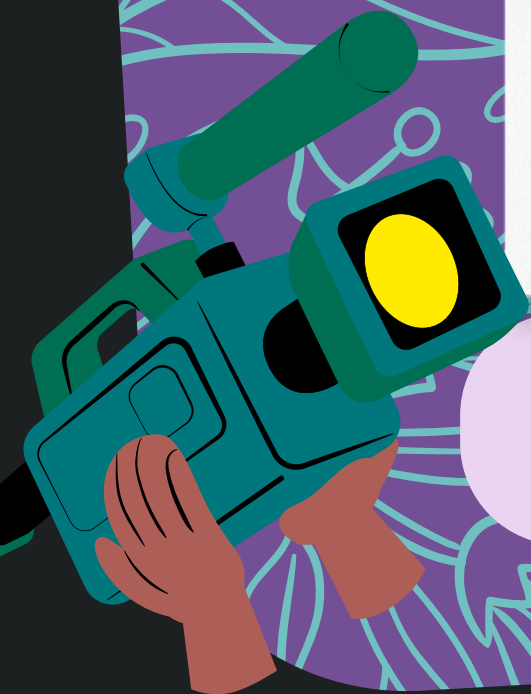


Liam Oliver Lair



Women's & Gender Studies





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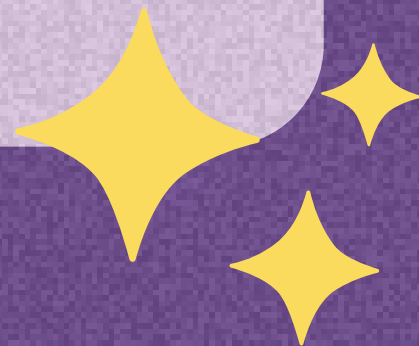
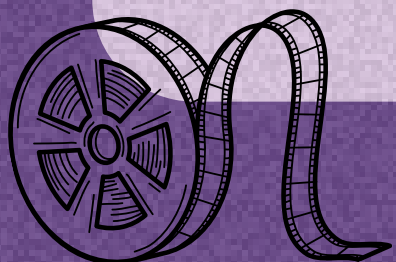
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LGBTQ+ Identity: Transgender, Queer

Short Bio: I live in Philly and my partner (who is faculty at Louisiana State University) lives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. We have the best dog, Maggie, who is a mutt we got from the pound. I love puzzles :)



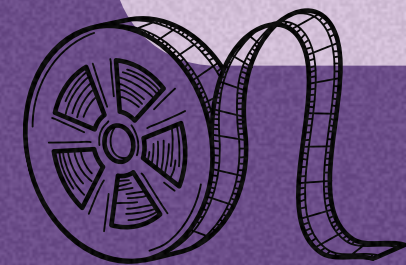


Degrees Held:

I have an M.A. (2009) & PhD (2016) in Women's, Gender, & Sexualities studies - the first from Roosevelt University in Chicago and the second from the University of Kansas.

LGBTQIA Activities:

I am a member of the LGBTQIA+ University Caucus and served as chair for 2 years. I teach a lot about queer studies, sexualities studies, and trans studies (take a course with me!). I'm also out as trans and queer on campus since a) I love being queer and trans, b) but also because I never had faculty that were out when I was in undergrad and think it's important for me to claim these identities on campus.

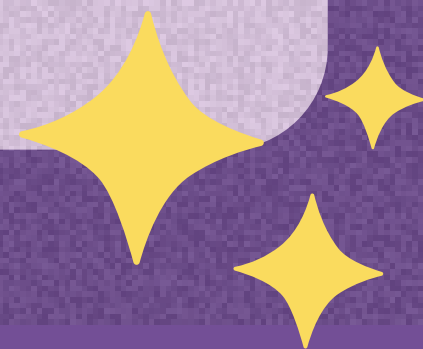
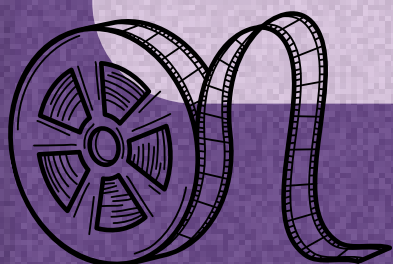




Roles Outside the University: I volunteer with the Masculinity Action Project in Philly, and have also worked with TransLifeLine, Willow Domestic Violence Shelter (in Kansas) and am a trained legal observer with the National Lawyers Guild.

Best moments at WCUPA: The best part of being a WCU is the students! Y'all are the best - engaged, curious, and brilliant. Y'all also keep me in check as language evolves in relationship to queer stuff. :)

Role your LGBTQIA identity has played in your life: Being queer and trans is amazing - not to say that there haven't been many moments of not-so-great stuff, but I love the perspective I have in the world and how my identity shapes and informs my political commitments.





Advice for your younger self: Find your people, and know that you can ask them to show up for you. You are NOT a burden, even if/when people need to do work to understand who you are in the world.

Surprising fun fact: I grew up overseas in Okinawa, Japan (my mom was a teacher on base) and I lived in Chicago for a decade. Chicago is really where I came into my queer identity and evolved politically - it was a great place to be in the early 2000s. Now I live in West Philly (West is Best)!

