

Carey Candrian

ABOUT

Carey Candrian is an Academic-based member of the PACT Council and an assistant professor in the Division of General Internal Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine (UCSOM). Her work revolves mainly around older adults in the LGBT community where she works to promote health equity and expand diversity and inclusion.

CCTSI ENGAGEMENT

- Academic-based PACT Council Member

PROJECT INVOLVEMENT

Carey is involved in numerous projects that are demystifying the experience of older LGBT adults, as well as pushing for accessibility and sensitivity towards these communities in research efforts. For Carey, it is not just about collecting the data, it is about humanizing the data and helping people to understand the LGBT experience for all that it encompasses. One example of this is her work that has been shown in the UCSOM Gallery, where portraits of older LGBT women in Colorado are displayed alongside statistics of their health needs, which disseminates data in a way that helps people to connect numbers to actual experiences. Carey is also working on a short documentary about the LGBT experience, where she is looking to make academic data accessible and use art as an avenue of change.



OUTLOOK

Carey became interested in the PACT Council after participating in the LGBT Track of the Colorado Immersion Training in Community Engagement program. She found people that authentically believed in the work she was doing with her community and an infrastructure that would allow her to place a focus on the LGBT community. Carey finds inspiration in her community, where individuals have thrived in unthinkable conditions and still managed to live remarkable lives. In her work with the PACT Council, Carey wants to continue to focus on representation of the LGBT community, as well as work to place an emphasis on the intersectionality of minority identities. Overall, she hopes that her efforts will bring about small changes that will eventually be amplified to larger impacts and larger changes that will benefit the LGBT community.

“I can’t change the way people think and feel, but I can work to change the way they talk, listen, and communicate.”