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As the first graduating LGBTQ studies minor at Colgate, Leeander’s research stands as a strong founding capstone within LGBTQ studies and furthers the mission of LGBTQ activism on campus in bringing about awareness of queer issues and exploring the intersectional dynamics that connect sexuality, race, and gender.

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