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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2019- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Drexel University.
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Science, Technology, and Society, Drexel University
- 2018-2019 Visiting Scholar, University of California-Santa Barbara, Department of Environmental Studies
- 2018 Visiting PhD student, Max Planck Sciences-Po Center on Coping with Instability in Markets

EDUCATION

- 2019 PhD Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
Committee: Michael M. Bell (chair), Chad Goldberg, Gary Green, Jane Collins, and William Cronon.
Dissertation award: Lumpkin Dissertation of the Year Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Sociology.
- 2013 M.S. Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2008 B.A. Politics and Environmental Studies, Messiah College, Pennsylvania.

BOOKS

- 2023 *Who we are is where we are: Making a long-term home in the American Rust Belt*, under contract with Columbia University Press.

ARTICLES

- 2022 (forthcoming) "Birdwatchers on the brownfields: Urban parks, active sacrifice zones, and localized strategies for demarginalization." For special issue on neoliberalism and justice in *Environmental Justice*.
- 2021 Coffee on a Hot Planet: How Climate Change Exacerbates Existing Inequities in the Global Coffee Commodity Chain. *Case Studies in the Environment*. 5(1): 1367248. (with Katy Vieira, Drexel '20 (student co-author)

- 2020 “Performing transparency, embracing regulations: Corporate framing to mitigate environmental conflicts.” *Environmental Sociology*, 6(4), pgs. 364-374 (with Dr. Erik Kojola, Texas Christian University)
- 2017 “‘We made the choice to stick it out’: Negotiating a stable home in the rural, American Rust Belt.” *Journal of Rural Studies* 53, pgs. 202-213.
- Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Rural Sociological Society.
 - Olsen Student Paper Award, Environmental Sociology Section, American Sociological Association.
 - Genevieve Gorst Herfurth Award, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
 - Peter K. New Award, Society for Applied Anthropology.
 - Wimberly Paper Award, Community, Health, and Family Research Interest Group, Rural Sociological Society.
 - Paper Award, Natural Resources Research Interest Group, Rural Sociological Society.
- 2015 McMillan Lequieu, A. “Keeping the farm in the family name: Patrimonial narratives and negotiations among German-heritage farmers,” March 2015, *Rural Sociology* 80(1), pgs. 39-59.

Manuscripts in preparation or under review

Book review of *Milking in the Shadows: Migrants and Mobility in America’s Dairyland*, by Julie C. Keller. (Rutgers University Press: New Brunswick, NJ), *Agriculture and Human Values*.

“A genealogy of sacrifice zones: Commonalities, divergencies, and the emergence of supra sacrifice zones,” In preparation with Dr. Annabel Ipsen, University of Oklahoma

“Theorizing the absent object: Industrial transportation infrastructure decline as narrative symbol in the American Rust Belt.” In revision for submission.

“Communicating environmental crisis: Activism, information mismanagement, and conflict over the siting of General Iron metals recycling plant in Chicago, IL.” In preparation for submission to *Case Studies in the Environment*.

BOOK CHAPTERS AND REVIEWS

- 2021 “The everyday sociological imagination: Co-creating new knowledge through story and radio,” In *Routledge International Handbook on Public Sociology*. L. Hossfeld, B. Kelly, and C. Hossfeld (Editors). Routledge: NY.
- 2018 “Power, politics, and rurality.” In *Routledge Companion to Rural Planning*. M. Scott, N. Gallent and M. Gkartzios (Editors). Routledge: NY. (with Michael M. Bell).
- 2017 Book review of *In the Blood: Understanding America’s Farm Families*, by Robert Wuthnow, (Princeton University Press: Princeton, NJ), *Journal of American Studies* 51(2), pgs. 240-241.

ESSAYS AND OTHER SCHOLARLY WRITINGS

- 2022 “Telling stories of silence: Disappeared industrial infrastructures and narratives of loss in the American Midwest.” University of Luxemburg’s REPAIR blog.
<https://repair.uni.lu/blog/ghosts-of-iron-and-steel-learning-about-loss-in-stories-of-industrial-infrastructure-un-maintenance/>
- 2020 “Environmental Sociologist Amanda McMillan Lequieu on using case studies in the classroom” University of California Press blog, by invitation by the editors of *Case Studies of the Environment*.
<https://www.ucpress.edu/blog/51277/environmental-sociologist-amanda-mcmillan-lequieu-on-using-case-studies-in-the-classroom/>
- 2018 “Between Declension and Nostalgia: Bringing a Comparative Historical Gaze to the Logics and Lived Experiences of the American Rust Belt,” Essay for Fall 2018 *Trajectories* Newsletter of the American Sociological Association’s Comparative Historical Sociology section, (with Josh Pacewicz, Shannon Elizabeth Bell, Colin Jerolmack.)
- 2018 “Housing, Home, and the Sociology of Flammable Landscapes: Reflections on California’s Largest Wildfire.” Feature Article for the Winter 2018 Newsletter of the American Sociological Association’s Section for Environmental Sociology.
- 2017 “The Thomas Fire Fans the Flames of Southern California’s Housing Crisis.” *Edge Effects*, the blog of the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s Center for Culture, Nature, and Environment. Access at edgeeffects.net/thomas-fire.
- 2017 “Love for Home in a Place Industry Left Behind.” Radio broadcast with interviewees on WJMS AM Hurley, Wisconsin. April 2017. Audio and transcription available at *Edge Effects*, the blog of the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s Center for Culture, Nature, and Environment. Access as edgeeffects.net/iron-county.
- 2015 Textbook development team—*An Invitation to Environmental Sociology, 5th edition*, by Loka Ashwood and Michael Bell, Sage Publications, 2015.
- 2014 “Tastes of Home: Food and Familiarity.” *Edge Effects*, *Edge Effects*, the blog of the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s Center for Culture, Nature, and Environment. Access at edgeeffects.net/food-and-familiarity

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2021 Antelo Devereux Award for Young Faculty, “Analyzing multigenerational environmental hazards.” Drexel University College of Arts and Sciences. \$10,000
- 2021 Longview Fellow, “Considering Equity in Renewable Energy Infrastructure Design.” Drexel University College of Engineering (co-PI with Dr. Jin Wen, Department of Civil Architecture & Environmental Engineering). \$12,000
- 2019 Philanthropic Educational Organization Scholar Award. (\$15,000. Declined).

- 2018 Delamater Dissertation Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Sociology.
- 2017 Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies Grantee, University of Wisconsin-Madison. In support of travel to Max Planck Sciences-Po Center on Coping with Instability in Markets.
- 2017 Mellon-Wisconsin Dissertation Completion Fellowship.
- 2016 Louis and Elsa Thomsen Wisconsin Distinguished Graduate Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison (\$24,000).
- 2016 Rural Sociological Society Dissertation Award.
- 2016 Baldwin Wisconsin Idea Endowment mini-grant.
- 2015 Crowe Fund Dissertation Award, Community and Environmental Sociology Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2015 Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies Summer Research Grantee, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2013 Center for Culture, History, and Environment Summer Research Grantee, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2012 Sewell Summer Research Grantee, Sociology Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020 Lumpkin Dissertation of the Year Award for 2018-2019. University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Sociology.
- 2018 Braverman Paper Award Winner, Labor Section, Society for the Study of Social Problems for “Welfare Capitalism and the Corporate Construction of the Precarious Worker.”
- 2018 Kolb Memorial Scholarship, awarded to an outstanding graduate student in Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2017 Dentler Award for Outstanding Student Achievement, Section for Sociological Practice and Public Sociology, ASA.
- 2016 Teaching Excellence Award in the Departments of Sociology and Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2015 University Fellowship, Sociology Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2015 Social Science Research Council Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, Alternate.
- 2012 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention.

- 2011 University Fellowship, Sociology Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2010 Messiah College Young Alumnus of the Year.
- 2007 Marshall Scholarship finalist.
- 2007 Morris K. Udall Undergraduate Scholar.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited talks

- 2022 “Who we are is where we are: Strategies and stories for staying at home in the wake of rural deindustrialization.” M.E. John Seminar, Penn State Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education.
- 2021 “Imagining un-maintenance through industrial transportation infrastructure decline.” Histories of Maintenance and Repair workshop, Esch-Belval, Luxembourg.
- 2021 “Social Sciences: Geographies of vulnerability.” Invited representative for the social sciences at the inaugural Drexel College of Arts and Sciences salon on Climate Change.
- 2021 Special Session, “Landscapes of Inequality: Developing a Sociology of Infrastructural Change,” American Sociological Association annual meeting.
- 2021 “Interpreting the absent object: Industrial transportation infrastructure decline as cultural representation.” Culture Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of California-Santa Barbara.
- 2020 “Disappeared, disconnected, and meaningful: Theorizing the lived experience of industrial transportation infrastructure decline in the American Rust Belt.” University of Pennsylvania, PennEnviroLab workshop.
- 2020 “Theorizing the absent object: Industrial transportation infrastructure decline as narrative symbol in the American Rust Belt,” Junior Theorist Symposium, American Sociological Association Theory Section workshop.
- 2020 “Transportation Infrastructure Decline as Lived Metaphor in the American Rust Belt,” STS Works-in-Progress, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2019 “Social License to Operate and reproduction of inequality in hydrofracking processes.” Environmental Politics Workshop, University of California-Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2018 “From paternalism to precarity: Economic change, neoliberal narratives, and environmental futurities in post-industrial America.” The Max Planck Sciences Po Center on Coping with Instability in Market Societies, Paris, France.

- 2018 “Why we stay: Making sense of a place-based home in the disconnected American Rustbelt.” Interdepartmental PhD Emphasis in Environment & Society Annual Symposium, University of California Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2016 “From Paternalism to Precarity: Living the Decline in the (Aspirational) Middle Class,” Money, Markets, and Governance Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Selected Conference Presentations

- 2022 “A genealogy of sacrifice zones: Commonalities, divergencies, and the emergence of supra sacrifice zones,” with Dr. Annabel Ipsen, University of Oklahoma, Rural Sociological Society.
- 2020 “Stories of Trains and Ships: Diagnosing Social Problems through Productive Nostalgia in the American Rust Belt,” Culture and Narrative session, American Sociological Association.
- 2020 “Embracing Regulation, Technology, and History in the Pursuit of Social Licenses to Operate for New Mining Projects,” Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2019 “Transportation Infrastructure Decline as Lived Metaphor in the American Rust Belt,” The Maintainers III Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 2018 “Welfare Capitalism and the Corporate Construction of the Precarious Worker,” Society for the Study of Social Problems, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 “Constructing Risk: Isolation, Infrastructural Paternalism, and the Roots of Company Power over Rural-Urban Landscapes,” Rural Sociology Society Annual Meeting, Portland, OR.
- 2017 “From paternalism to precarity: Living the end of the blue-collar, middle class,” American Sociological Association, Economic Sociology session, Montreal, Canada.
Chicago Ethnography Conference, University of Illinois at Chicago, IL.
- 2017 “Created for Disconnection: Rural and Urban Sacrifice Zones in the American Rustbelt,” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada.
- 2017 “‘We made the choice to stick it out’: Negotiating home in the rural, American Rust Belt.” Society of Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, NM.
Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Columbus, OH.
- 2016 “Globalized rock: A century of local negotiations of a (formerly) extractive landscape.” Social Science History Association meetings, Chicago, IL.
- 2016 “New forms of remote: rural and urban isolation in post-industrial America.” XIV World Congress of Rural Sociology, hosted by the International Rural Sociological Association, Toronto, Canada.
- 2015 “Lived experiences of land tenure: law, culture, and social organization.” Rural Sociology Society Annual Meeting, Madison, WI.

- 2014 “Losing place: Experiencing a sense of “home” in the face of internal displacement.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Community and Urban Sociology Section round table, San Francisco, CA.
- 2013 “Ghosts of Farmers Past: Narrative and the graying of agriculture.” Midwest Sociological Society annual meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 2013 “Motivation or Justification: Decision-making among Midwestern German-heritage farmers.” Presented at the Culture, History, and Environment graduate student symposium, University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI.

COURSE DESIGN AND TEACHING

Drexel University

Environmental Sociology
 Introduction to Sociology
 Qualitative Methods
 Global Environmental Movements

- 2018 “Food Systems: From Global to Local.” Westmont College, California.
- 2018 “Qualitative Methodologies in the Social Sciences.” Westmont College, California.
- 2017 “Eating a global environment: Critical perspectives of agrofood systems.” University of Chicago, Illinois.
- 2014 “Cultural Sociology.” Co-organizer of graduate seminar, University of Wisconsin-Madison

GUEST LECTURES

- 2021 Invited guest lecture – “When the company owns house and home,” Design History Forum, Drexel University
- 2016, 2017 “Global agrofoods systems,” Wheaton College Department of Sociology, Wheaton, IL

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Institutes and Professional Associations

- 2022 Social Science History Association network representative for the Rural, Agriculture, and Environment network.
- 2019 Selection committee, the Allan Schnaiberg Outstanding Publication Award, Environmental Sociology Section, American Sociological Association

- 2017-2019 Communications Committee, Sociological Practice and Public Sociology Section, American Sociological Association.
- 2015-2019 Graduate student listserv moderator, Rural Sociological Society.
- 2018 Program Manager, the 2018 Annual Meeting for the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society and the Association for the Study of Food and Society, Madison, WI.
- 2017-2018 Co-chair, Rural Sociological Society, Community, Health, and Family Research Interest Group.

Events/Panels Organized

- 2022 Special Session organizer, “Environmental inequality and the corporation,” American Sociological Association annual meeting, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2021 Colloquium co-organizer, “Ending Environmental Racism,” Department of Sociology, Drexel University (remote).
- 2021 Special Session organizer and presider, “Landscapes of Inequality: Developing a Sociology of Infrastructural Change,” American Sociological Association annual meeting (remote).
- 2018 Special Session organizer, “The logics and lived experiences of politics, culture, and economics in the American Rust Belt,” American Sociological Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016 Presidential Session Discussant, Social Science History Association.
- 2014-2015 Colloquium coordinator, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Peer Reviewer

- Environmental Justice*
Social Problems
Journal of Political Ecology
International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Health & Well-being
Qualitative Sociology
Rural Sociology
The Journal of Rural Studies

Professional Association Memberships

American Sociological Association (Sections in Environmental Sociology, Culture); Rural Sociological Society (Research Interest Groups: Natural Resources, Community, Health, and Family); Social Science History Association (Rural, Agriculture, and Environment network)