

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2008	PhD	Sociology, University of California Davis.
2003	MA	Sociology, UC Davis.
1999	BA	Political Science, Emory University.

Dissertation

Black, White and Green: A Study of Urban Farmers Markets

Dissertation Committee:

Thomas D. Beamish (Chair)- Associate Professor of Sociology, UC Davis
James C. Cramer- Professor of Sociology, UC Davis
Julie Sze- Associate Professor of American Studies, UC Davis
Kimberly D. Nettles- Associate Prof of Women and Gender Studies, UC Davis

Research and Teaching Interests

Social Inequality:

Environmental/Social Justice, Race, Class and Gender, Identity, Political Solidarity.

Environmental Sociology:

Environmental Justice, Environmental Movement/Politics, Agriculture, Space and Place.

Urban, Rural and Community Sociology:

Place Imagery, Built Environment, Public Space, Development.

Academic Positions

2008-Present Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of the Pacific

2007-2008 Research Assistant, Environmental Justice Project.

2000-2009 Instructor and Teaching Assistant Departments of Sociology and American Studies

Publications

Peer Reviewed:

- Forthcoming: Whiteness and Farmers Markets. Performances, Perpetuations... Contestations? With Christie McCullen as second author. Submitted to Antipode, a Radical Journal of Geography.
- Forthcoming Resisting Spatial Injustice Through Sustainable Agriculture: Some Examples From Latin America in *Environmental Justice Beyond Borders*. Julian Agyeman and JoAnn Carmin (eds). MIT Press.
- 2009 Breaking the Food Chains: An Investigation of Food Justice Activism. With Kari Norgaard. *Sociological Inquiry*. 79(3): 289-305.
- 2008 From Value to Values: Sustainable Consumption at Urban Farmers Markets. *Agriculture and Human Values*. 25:487-498
- 2008 Paradise or Pavement: The social constructions of the environment in two urban farmers markets and their implications for environmental justice and sustainability." *Local Environment: The Journal of Justice and Sustainability*. 13(3): 271-289
- 2008 Place Matters, But How? Rural Identity, Environmental Decision Making and the Social Construction of Place. *City & Community*. (with Michael Traugot as second author). 7(2): 97-112.
- 2004 Place, Stories and Consequences: Heritage Narratives and the Control of Erosion on Lake County, CA Vineyards. *Organization and Environment*. 17: 145-169.

Non peer reviewed:

- In process Food security/ Food justice. In J. Geoffrey Golson, Paul Robbins, Dustin Mulvaney. *Green Food*. NY: Sage.
- In process Food First! In J. Geoffrey Golson, Paul Robbins, Dustin Mulvaney. *Green Food*. NY: Sage.
- 2009 Local Flavor: Alternative Agriculture in the San Francisco Bay Area. In Footnotes: Newsletter of the American Sociology Association. February 2009.
- 2008 Environmental Justice in the Central Valley: An Annotated Bibliography.

Environmental Justice Project, John Muir Institute for the Environment.
Will be available online.

- 2008 Food Justice Activism in West Oakland, California. Poverty and Race Research Action Council. Report published in funder's newsletter.
- 2007 Growing Resistance: Food, Culture and the West Oakland Farmers' Market. *Gastronomica: The Journal of Food and Culture*, Special issue on Race and Food. 7(3).
- 2002 The Hoesdown Festival. In Putah and Cache: A Thinking Mamal's Guide to the Bioregion. Available at bioregion.ucdavis.edu.

Conference Presentations

- 2009 The Green Economy: Consequences for Environmental Justice and Environmentalism. American Sociology Association. San Francisco, CA.
- 2009 The Taste of Place: Local History and Local Food. Tasting Histories, Invited interdisciplinary conference on food and culture. UC Davis, Davis CA.
- 2008 "We Don't Call it That": Frame Resonance in Environmental Justice Activism. Paper written with Marisol Cortez. Society for the Study of Social Problems, Boston, MA.
- 2007 Farmers Markets and the Green Economy. California Sociology Association. Berkeley, CA.
- 2007 Paradise or pavement? The social constructions of the environment in two urban farmers markets. American Sociology Association. NY, NY.
- 2007 Place matters, but how? Rural identity, environmental decision-making and the social construction of place. American Sociology Association. NY, NY.
- 2007 Beyond community: Farmers markets and the politics of race and class. Association of American Geographers. San Francisco, CA.
- 2006 Race, class and the alternative foods movement. Environmental affairs symposium. Portland, OR.
- 2006 Where we live, work EAT and play: Framing sustainable agriculture as an environmental justice issue. Association for the Study of Food and Society. Boston, MA.

- 2006 Race, class and the environment. International Sociology Association mini-conference on Sustainable Consumption. Madison, WI.
- 2004 Place, community and identity. American Sociology Association. San Francisco, CA.
- 2004 Urban theory, rural cases. Rural Sociological Society. Sacramento, CA.
- 2004 Narrative, community and environment. International Sociology Association mini-conference on Community and Environment. San Francisco, CA.

Honors and Awards

- 2007-2008 University of California Floyd and Mary Schwall Dissertation Fellowship.
- 2006-2007 Poverty and Race Research Action Center, Research and Advocacy Grants Program.
- 2006 University of California Davis Institute for Governmental Affairs, Dissertation Grant.
- 2003 University of California Davis Public Service Research Project, Interdisciplinary Bioregional Research Grant.
- 2001 University of California Davis Department of Geography, Small Grants for Tourism Research.

Academic Service

- 2008 Facilitator, Greening the ASA.
- 2007-2008 Participant, Environmental Justice Project.
- 2007-2008 Reviewer, *Organization and Environment, Agriculture and Human Values, Social Forces, Sustainability, Science, Practice & Policy*.
- 2005-2008 Participant, Critical Studies in Food and Culture Research Group.
- 2005-2006 Teaching Assistant Coordinator, UC Davis Department of Sociology.
- 2002 Graduate Student Association, Sociology Department Representative.
- 2000-2002 Participant, Putah-Cache Bioregion Project.

2001-2002 Admissions Committee, Graduate Student Member.

2000-2001 Undergraduate Program Committee, Graduate Student Member.

Professional Affiliations

2002-2008 American Sociological Association.
Section on Environment and Technology.
Section on Community and Urban Sociology.

2007-2008 Pacific Sociology Association.

2007-2008 American Association of Geographers.

2005-2008 Association for the Study of Food and Society.

2004-2005 Rural Sociological Society.