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### **Academic Positions**

- 2014-present Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology, University of the Pacific
- 2012-2014 Assistant Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology, University of the Pacific
- 2008-2012 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of the Pacific

### **Areas of Interest**

Food Justice, Urban Sociology, Sustainability, Environmental Justice, Place and Community, Political Ecology

### **Education**

- 2008 PhD Sociology, University of California Davis.  
Dissertation: *Black, White and Green: A Study of Farmers Markets*
- 2003 MA Sociology, UC Davis.
- 1999 BA Political Science, Emory University.

### **Books**

- 2012: *Black White and Green: Race, Farmers Markets and the Green Economy* University of Georgia Press
- 2011: *Cultivating Food Justice: Race, Class and Sustainability*. MIT Press.  
co-edited with Julian Agyeman
- 2016: *The New Food Activism*. UC Press Co-edited with Julie Guthman
- In process *Whose food, Whose City: Gentrification and Urban Agriculture*

### **Peer Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters**

- Alkon, Alison.** Forthcoming. "Food and Policy." In Wallach, Jennifer Lindsey Swindall and Michael Wise (eds). Routledge History of American Foodways. Accepted pending revisions.
- Alkon, Alison** and Dena Vang (University of the Pacific Alum, 2014). Forthcoming. "The Stockton Farmers Market: Racialization and Sustainable Food Systems" *Food and Foodways*.
- Alkon, Alison.** 2014. "Food Justice and the Challenge to Neoliberalism." *Gastronomica*. 14(2): 27-40.
- Cadji, Joshua **and Alison Hope Alkon.** 2014. "'One day, the white people are going to want these houses again:' Understanding gentrification through the North Oakland Farmers Market." In Zavatowski, Steven and Julian Agyeman (eds). *Incomplete Streets*. MIT Press.
- Alkon, Alison,** Daniel Block, Kelly Moore, Catherine Gillis and Nicole DiNuccio. 2013. "Foodways of the Urban Poor." *Geoforum*. 48: 126-135.
- Alkon, Alison,** 2013. Marisol Cortez and Julie Sze. "What's in a Name?: Language, Framing and Environmental Justice Activism in California's Central Valley." *Local Environment*. 18(10): 1167-1183.
- Alkon, Alison.** 2012. "The Socionature of Local Organic Food." *Antipode*. 45(3): 663-680.
- Alkon, Alison.** 2012. "Food justice: an overview." In Ken Albala (ed) *Handbook of Food Studies*. NY: Routledge.
- Alkon, Alison.** 2012. "Food Politics and Nutrition: A conversation with Navina Khanna and Hank Herrera." In *Doing Nutrition Differently*. edited by Jessica Hayes-Conroy and Allison Hayes-Conroy. London: Ashgate.
- Alkon, Alison** and Teresa Mares. 2012. Food Sovereignty in US Food Movements: Radical Visions and Neoliberal Constraints. *Agriculture and Human Values*. 29(3): 347-359.
- Mares, Teresa and **Alison Alkon.** 2012: Mapping the Food Movement: Inequality and Neoliberalism in Four Food Discourses. *Environment and Society*. 2(1):68-86.
- Alkon, Alison.** 2011. Resisting Spatial Injustice Through Sustainable Agriculture: Some Examples From Latin America in *Environmental Inequalities Beyond Borders*. Julian Agyeman and JoAnn Carmin (eds). MIT Press. 2011.

- Alkon, Alison.** 2011: Reflexivity and Environmental Justice Scholarship: A Role for Feminist Methodology. *Organization & Environment*. 24(2): 130-149.
- Alkon, Alison** and Christie McCullen. 2010. Whiteness and Farmers Markets. Performances, Perpetuations Contestations? *Antipode*. 43(4): 937-959.
- Alkon, Alison** and Kari Norgaard. 2009. Breaking the Food Chains: An Investigation of Food Justice Activism. *Sociological Inquiry*. 79(3): 289-305.  
Reprinted in King, Leslie and Deborah McCarthy. Forthcoming. *Environmental Sociology: From Analysis to Action*. 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. NY: Rowman & Littlefield.
- Alkon, Alison.** 2008. From Value to Values: Sustainable Consumption at Urban Farmers Markets. *Agriculture and Human Values*. 25:487-498
- Alkon, Alison Hope.** 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
- Alkon, Alison Hope and Michael Traugot.** 2008. Place Matters, But How? Rural Identity, Environmental Decision Making and the Social Construction of Place. *City & Community*. 7(2): 97-112.
- Alkon, Alison Hope.** 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): 93-99.
- Alkon, Alison Hope.** 2004. Place, Stories and Consequences: Heritage Narratives and the Control of Erosion on Lake County, CA Vineyards. *Organization and Environment*. 17: 145-169.

### **Community Oriented Publications**

- Alkon, Alison.** Forthcoming. “Race and Agriculture,” “West Oakland,” “North Berkeley Farmers Market” and “Mandela Marketplace.” Critical Sustainabilities. Online mapping project.
- Alkon, Alison.** 2014. “Man Can Cook: Michael Pollan, the Food Movement and Feminism 101” <http://community.feministing.com/2013/05/01/man-can-cook-michael-pollan-the-food-movement-and-feminism-101/>
- Alkon, Alison.** Forthcoming. Contributing author to *The American Sociological Association’s Climate Change Task Force report*.

- Alkon, Alison.** 2013. "Food Justice." in *Handbook to Food Studies*. edited by Ken Albala. NY: Routledge.
- Alkon, Alison.** 2013. "Food Insecurity." in *Handbook to Food Studies*. edited by Ken Albala. NY: Routledge.
- Alkon, Alison.** 2012. Farm Protesters' Land Seized Back by UC Berkeley. Civil Eats. <http://civileats.com/2012/05/14/farm-protesters-land-seized-by-uc-berkeley/>
- Gall, Briana and **Alison Hope Alkon.** 2011. Whose Misery: White Privilege in Stockton, CA. *Sociological Images*. <http://thesocietypages.org/socimages/2011/04/06/whos-misery-white-privilege-in-stockton-ca/>
- Alkon, Alison.** 2010. "Food Security/Food Justice." In *Green Food, An A-to-Z Guide*. Edited by Dustin Mulvaney. NY: Sage.
- Alkon, Alison.** 2010. "Food First." In *Green Food, An A-to-Z Guide*. Edited by Dustin Mulvaney. NY: Sage.
- Harper, Alethea, Annie Shattuck, Eric Holt-Giminez, **Alison Alkon** and Francis Lambrick. 2009. "Food Policy Councils: Lessons Learned. *Food First*. Policy Report.
- Alkon, Alison Hope.** Local Flavor: Alternative Agriculture in the San Francisco Bay Area. *Footnotes: Newsletter of the American Sociology Association*.
- Alkon, Alison Hope.** 2008. Environmental Justice in the Central Valley: An Annotated Bibliography. Environmental Justice Project, John Muir Institute for the Environment. <http://ej.ucdavis.edu/>.
- Alkon, Alison Hope.** 2007. Food Justice Activism in West Oakland, California. Poverty and Race Research Action Council. Report published in funder's newsletter.
- Alkon, Alison Hope.** 2002. The Hoesdown Festival. In Putah and Cache: A Thinking Mamal's Guide to the Bioregion. Available at [bioregion.ucdavis.edu](http://bioregion.ucdavis.edu).

### **Grants, Honors and Awards**

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| 2015 | Pacific Fund Grant: Decolonizing Foodways   |
| 2014 | Pacific Fund Grant, Beyond Black and White: The Social World of the Stockton Farmers Market |

- 2011 Hoefffer Prize in Experiential Learning, University of the Pacific
- 2009 Pacific Fund Grant, Environment and Society: Crafting Sustainable Solutions.
- 2007-2008 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.
- 2006-2008 University of California Davis Department of Sociology Block 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.

### **Invited Presentations**

- 2014 Sociology Department Colloquium Series, UC Santa Cruz
- 2014 Institute of Gender, Race, Sexuality and Social Justice (GRSJ) and the Ecologies of Social Difference, University of British Columbia
- 2014 Food Justice and the Challenge of Neoliberalism: American Sociology Association, San Francisco, CA
- 2013 Food Justice, Food Sovereignty and the Challenge of Neoliberalism. Food Sovereignty: A Critical Dialogue. Yale University.
- 2012-2013 Black White and Green: Farmers Markets, Race and the Green Economy. University of Vermont, September 2013.  
Tufts University, September 2013.  
UC Davis, Environmental Justice Project Annual Book Lecture, May 2013.  
Goucher College. Baltimore MD. March 2013  
The New School. New York. March 2013.  
The North Oakland Farmers Market. Oakland CA. March 2013.  
University of Texas, Austin. March 2013.  
University Press Books, Berkeley CA. November 2012.
- 2013 Beyond Food. Association of American Geographers. April 2013. LA.

- 2013 Tackling Sustainability during the Food, Financial and Environmental Crises. Association of American Geographers. April 2013. LA.
- 2013 Interracial Interaction in Urban Agriculture (discussant). Association of American Geographers. April 2013. LA.
- 2013 From Sustainable Agriculture to Food Justice: An Autoethnography, UC Davis, Davis, CA, February 2013.
- 2012 The Sociology of Urban Agriculture. University of Wisconsin. October 2012.
- 2011-2012 Cultivating Food Justice: Race, Class and Sustainability  
 Tufts University: November 2011  
 UC Berkeley: December 2011  
 University of Oregon: March 2012  
 Portland State University: March 2012  
 People's Food Coop, Portland OR: March 2012  
 Lewis and Clark College: March 2012  
 Pomona College: April 2012  
 Mandela Food Coop: June 2012
- 2012 Hunger in the Bay Area. Share Our Strength. August 2012. San Francisco CA
- 2012 Environmental Privilege in the Food Justice Movement. American Sociological Association. August 2012. Denver CO
- 2012 Food Justice and Farmers Markets. ASFS/AHV. New York.
- 2012 The Socionature of Local Organic Food. UC Berkeley Workshop on Environmental Politics
- 2012 Theorizing Food Justice, Association of American Geographers, Feb 2012, NYC
- 2012 Author Meets Critics Session, Cultivating Food Justice, Feb 2012, NYC
- 2012 Assessing the Place of Race in Geography, Feb 2012, NYC
- 2011 Food Justice Research Forum, Community Food Security Coalition Annual Conference, October 2011, Oakland CA
- 2011 Reflexivity and Environmental Justice Scholarship, Association of American Geographers, Seattle Washington.

- 2011 Race, Farmers Markets and the Green Economy. Stanford University. Stanford, CA
- 2010 The Fertile Field of Food Justice. American Sociology Association. Atlanta, GA.
- 2010 Food, Political Ecology and Environmental Justice. UC Berkeley. Berkeley, CA.
- 2010 Just Food in the Just City. Planners Network. Toward a Just Metropolis: From Crisis to Possibilities. Berkeley, CA.
- 2010 A Fertile Field: Cultivating Space for Food Justice. Pacific Sociology Association. Oakland, CA.
- 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. 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.

**Service**

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- 2012-present co-chair, Department of Sociology
- 2012-present search committee chair, Department of Sociology
- 2011-present Advisor, Pacific Sociology Society
- 2011-present Member, Pacs 1 Committee
- 2010-present Member, Faculty Advisory Committee, Robb Garden
- 2013 Ethnic Studies Awards Committee, presenting Outstanding Research Paper/Project on Diversity presented at PURCC, 2013.
- 2013 Organizer and facilitator: Say YES to Environmental Health and Justice. April 2, 2013. Stockton CA.
- 2005-2012 Participant, UC Multicampus Research Group on Food and the Body.
- 2012 Evaluator, undergraduate research proposals, University of the Pacific
- 2012 Moderator, Women in Environmental Justice, Women as History Makers in California, University of the Pacific
- 2009-2011 Faculty representative, Community Involvement Program Committee, University of the Pacific
- 2007-2012 Reviewer, National Science Foundation, MIT Press, Routledge, Antipode, Sociological Inquiry, Organization and Environment, Agriculture and

Human Values, Social Forces, Qualitative Sociology, Sustainability, Science, Practice & Policy.

- 2011-2013 Discussant, various panels on food justice, Association of American Geographers.
- 2011 Discussant, Race, Space and Nature, Berkeley, CA
- 2011 Discussant, National Science Foundation mini-conference on environmental, reproductive and genomic justice, SF, CA
- 2010 Presider, Special topics in Environment and Technology, American Sociology Association, Atlanta GA
- 2009 Organizer and Facilitator, Round Table Session, Section on Environment and Technology, American Sociology Association, Atlanta GA
- 2008 Facilitator, Greening the ASA.

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- 2013 Co-PI for small research project investigating food system employers' views on immigration in conjunction with the Food Chain Workers' Alliance and Restaurant Opportunity Center.
- 2013- present Advisory board member, Phat Beets Produce, Oakland, CA.
- 2008-present Facilitator for various service learning projects including internships, student conference participation and field trips.
- 2011 Local Host Organizing Committee, Community Food Security Association annual conference, October 2011, Oakland, CA.
- 2011 Organizer, Food Justice Research Forum, Community Food Security Association annual conference, October 2011, Oakland, CA.
- 2007-2009 Board Member, Oakland Food Connection.
- 2007-2010 Volunteer contributor to various documents, Food First!
- 2008-2012 Volunteer, Western Farm Workers Association.