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Academic Appointments

- 2023 – Present** Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Grinnell College
2018 – 2023 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Grinnell College
2016 – 2017 Instructor, Social Sciences Department, Chadron State College

Education

- 2018** Ph.D. Environmental Sciences, Studies, and Policy / Sociology, University of Oregon
*Producing, Maintaining and Resisting Colonial Ecological Violence:
Three Considerations of Settler Colonialism as Eco-Social Structure*
2014 M.S. Sociology, University of Oregon
2009 M.A. English, Oregon State University

Areas of Research and Teaching Interest

Environmental sociology, environmental justice, Indigenous studies, sociology of emotions, social movements, qualitative methods

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2024** "Backfire: The Settler-Colonial Logic and Legacy of Smokey Bear." *Environmental Politics*. 1-26. (with K. Vinyeta)
2021 "'Who Had to Die so I Could Go Camping?': Shifting non-Native Conceptions of Land and Environment through Engagement with Indigenous Thought and Action", *Ethics, Policy & Environment* 24(3): 250-265.
2020 "Dangerous Pipelines, Dangerous People: Colonial Ecological Violence and Media Framing of Threat in the Dakota Access Pipeline Conflict." *Environmental Sociology* 6(2): 142-153.
2019 "Colonial America Today: US Empire and the Political Status of Native American Nations." *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 61(2):301-331. (with M. Norton)
2018 "Settler colonialism as eco-social structure and the production of colonial ecological violence." *Environmental Sociology* 5(1):59-69.
2018 "Recovery Related Group Homes and Disproportionate Environmental Hazard Impacts." *Environmental Justice* 11(3):109-113. (with S. M. Cumming)
2017 "'A lot of catching up', knowledge gaps and emotions in the development of a tactical collective identity among students participating in solidarity with the Winnemem Wintu." *Settler Colonial Studies* 7(4):441-455

- 2017** "Environmental Decline and Changing Gender Roles: What Happens to Karuk Masculinity When There Are No Fish?" *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*. 4(1):98-113. (with Kari M. Norgaard and Ron Reed)

Book Chapters

- Forthcoming** "Environmental Sociology and Settler Colonialism" in *Environmental Sociology Now*. University of California Press.
- 2016** "Rush Limbaugh and the Expanding Culture War: Whiteness, Masculinity and Conservative Media Denials of Climate Change and Sexism." Pp. 36-47 in *Systemic Crises of Global Climate Change: Intersections of race, class and gender*. Godfrey and Torres eds. New York: Routledge.

Textbook Chapters

- 2024** "Chapter 14 The Environment" in *Investigating Social Problems 4th edition*. Sage Publications. ed. A. J. Trevino
- 2021** "Chapter 3 Environmental Problems" in *Investigating Social Problems 3rd edition*. Sage Publications. ed. A. J. Trevino
- 2020** "Chapter 7 Emotions of Environmental Justice" (with Kari M. Norgaard) *Lessons in Environmental Justice: From Civil Rights to Black Lives Matter*. Sage Publications. ed. Michael Mascarenhas
- 2020** "Chapter 52 Environmental Decline and Changing Gender Roles: What Happens to Karuk Masculinity When There Are No Fish?" (with Kari M. Norgaard and Ron Reed) *Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Social Class: Dimensions of Inequality*. Sage Publications. ed. Susan J Ferguson

Book Review

- 2018** "Book Review: The Rise of the American Conservation Movement: Power, Privilege, and Environmental Protection by Dorceta E. Taylor." *Critical Sociology* 44(4-5):827-829.

Works in Progress

- "Birds of Many Feathers: A Multispecies Justice Analysis of Shifting Environmental and Social Values among US Birders," (with K. Vinyeta, G. Ward, and J. Rowley) *Currently under review*
- "Pagan Polarizations: Post-Trump Shifts in Pagan Practices and Politics" (with J. Snook)
- "Locating the Web of Indigenous-Environmental Solidarity: Social Networks, Indigenous Peoples, and the Big Ten Environmental Organizations" (with G. Ward and E. Widmann)
- "Place Attachment and Emotion Among Irish Language and Culture Practitioners"

Grants and Awards

- 2020** Environmental Sociology Early Career Prize
- 2019** Summer Gaeltacht Award Ireland-United States Commission for Educational Exchange
- 2018** National Science Foundation Workshop Grant: "Bridging the Gap: A Mini-Conference on Race and the Environment" (\$19,227). Team members: Michael Mascarenhas, Jennifer Carrera, Raoul S. Liévanos, Lauren Richter, Elisabeth Wilder, and J.M. Bacon.
- 2015** Marquina Faculty-Graduate Student Collaboration Award (Matt Norton)
- 2014** University of Oregon Environmental Studies Outstanding Teaching Award

2013 Marquina Faculty-Graduate Student Collaboration Award (Kari Norgaard)

Teaching

Grinnell College

2018 – Present SOC 111: Introduction to Sociology
 SOC/ANT 291: Methods of Empirical Investigation
 SOC 240: Social Movements
 SOC 272: Environmental Sociology
 SOC 273: Environmental Health
 SOC 285: Contemporary Sociological Theory
 SOC 295: Sociology of Climate Change (special topics)
 SOC 295: Sexuality, Gender, Race and Environment (special topics)
 SOC 295: Sociology of Emotions (special topics)
 SOC 295: Sociology of Food & Agriculture (special topics)
 SOC 395: Armed Conflict and the Environment (special topics seminar)
 SOC 395: Environmental Justice (special topics seminar)
 SOC 395: Decolonizing Sociology (special topics seminar)
 SOC 395: Indigenous Environmental Movements (special topics)
 SOC 499: Mentored Advanced Projects - Decolonizing Environmental Movements 1
 SOC 499: Mentored Advanced Projects - Decolonizing Environmental Movements 2
 SOC 499: Mentored Advanced Projects - Pagan Polarization
 TUT 100: Banned: Challenges to Creative Expression

Selected Talks and Presentations

2024 American Sociological Association, Montreal
 Locating the Web of Indigenous-Environmental Solidarity: Social Networks, Indigenous Peoples, and the Big Ten Environmental Organizations (with Graham Ward and Ella Widmann)

2024 American Sociological Association, Montreal
 Birds of Many Feathers: A Multispecies Justice Analysis of Shifting Environmental and Social Values among US Birders (with Kirsten Vinyeta, Jordan Rowley, and Graham Ward)

2024 Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting
 Locating the Web of Indigenous-Environmental Solidarity: Social Networks, Indigenous Peoples, and the Big Ten Environmental Organizations (with Graham Ward)

2023 American Sociological Association, Philadelphia
 Backfire: The Settler-Colonial Logic and Legacy of Smokey Bear (with Kirsten Vinyeta)

2023 Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting
 Decolonizing Environmental Organizations: Sierra Club Engagement with Indigenous Issues (with Noah Guyton, Kate Guiney, and Sydney Cohen)

2020 American Sociological Association, Online
 W(h)ither “Environmentalists”: Disidentification with Environmentalism across the Mainstream/Radical Divide (with Elizabeth Cherry)

2020 American Sociological Association, Online
 Resilience, Resistance, and the Framing of Threat in the Coverage of DAPL (with Kirsten Vinyeta)

- 2019** American Sociological Association, New York
"Who had to die so I could go camping?": Settler Reflections on Indigenous-Settler Solidarity and Environmentalism
- 2019** Canadian Sociological Association, Vancouver
"The environmental movement is kind of like a joke to me" : Changing perceptions of the environmental movement after Indigenous-Settler Solidarity.
- 2018** American Sociological Association, Philadelphia
"Feeling CO₂LONIALISM" (with Carla May Dhillon)
- 2018** American Sociological Association, Philadelphia
"Dangerous Pipelines, Dangerous People: Colonial Ecological Violence and Media Framing of Threat in DAPL Coverage"
- 2017** American Sociological Association, Montreal
"At Risk-ing and Asterisk-ing Native Peoples in Social Science Research: The Invisibilizing of Settler-Colonialism Made Visible Through Keyword Network Analysis
- 2016** American Sociological Association, Seattle
"Environmental Decline and Changing Gender Roles: What Happens to Karuk Masculinity When There Are No Fish" (with Kari Norgaard)
- 2016** American Sociological Association, Seattle
"Is the United States an Empire?: Evidence from the Political Status of Native American Nations" (with Matthew Norton)
- 2016** Teaching Effectiveness Program, Eugene, Oregon
Teaching Public Crisis and Controversy: A Panel and Discussion
- 2015** Canadian Sociological Association, Ottawa
"A lot of us had a lot of catching up to do": Knowledge Gaps and Emotions in Settler Solidarity"
- 2015** American Sociological Association, Chicago
Teaching Race, Gender and Colonialism within Environmental Sociology (with Kari Norgaard and Emily Huddart Kennedy)
- 2015** Rethinking Race in the Anthropocene, Eugene, Oregon
"Decolonization as Response & Genocide as Golden Spike: Indigenous-Settler Solidarity and the Rhetoric of Universal Risk and Responsibility"
- 2014** American Sociological Association, San Francisco
"Blame, Shame, and the Complexity of Collective Identity in Settler-Solidarity for Environmental Justice: A Case Study "

Sessions Organized

- 2021** American Sociological Association, Online
Indigenous Peoples and Native Nations Roundtable (with Carmela Roybal)
- 2020** American Sociological Association, Online
Indigenous Peoples and Native Nations Roundtable (with Carmela Roybal)

Memberships

- 2014 – Present** American Sociological Association
Sections: Environment and Technology, Sociology of Emotions, Animals and Society, Collective Behavior and Social Movements, Indigenous Peoples and Native Nations

2015 – Present Canadian Sociological Association

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advising

- 2022 Hannah Malicky "Green Isolation: Exploring the impact of green spaces during the COVID-19 pandemic on overall wellbeing."
- 2017 – 2018 Dylan Plummer "Indigenous Erasure in Coverage of Jordan Cove LNG Terminal Debate"
- 2016 – 2017 Scott Cummings "Disproportionate Environmental Impacts and Recovery Related Group Homes: Environmental Impacts on Sober Living"