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EDUCATION

- 2022 - Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology**
Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado
Areas of Specialization: Environment & Natural Resources, Food, Agriculture, & Development
- 2018 – 2020 Master of Science, Sociology**
Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois
Thesis Topic: Consumer perceptions of food cooperatives in the Midwestern United States
- 2013 – 2017 Bachelor of Arts, Sociology & Anthropology**
Salve Regina University, Newport, Rhode Island
Minor: Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

TEACHING & RESEARCH POSITIONS

- 2023** Graduate Research Assistant, Prison Agriculture Lab, Colorado State University
- 2023** Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Sociology
- 2023** Colorado State University Extension Internship, “Exploring Value-Added Food Security Partnerships on the Western Slope”: Tri River Area (Delta, Mesa, Montrose, and Ouray Counties), Colorado
- 2022 -** Graduate Teaching Assistant, Colorado State University
Social Problems - SOC 105 (Fall 2022, Spring 2023)
Water and Social Justice - SOC 461 (Spring 2023)
Food, Environment, and Social Justice - SOC 220 (Fall 2022)
- 2018 – 2020** Graduate Teaching Assistant, Illinois State University
Social Statistics – SOC 275 (Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2020)
Introduction to Sociology – SOC 106 (Fall 2018, Spring 2019)
- 2019** Graduate Research Assistant, The RESIST LAB, Illinois State University School of Biological Sciences

2017 Undergraduate Research Assistant, Newport Health Equity Zone (HEZ) Initiative: Newport, RI.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Manuscripts in Progress

Forsythe, R.M. and Brehm, J.M. “They know what you did”: Influence of Organizational Decision Making and Community Investment on Stakeholder Perceptions at a Midwest Food Cooperative. In preparation for *Food, Culture & Society*.

Projects in Progress

Project examining effects of within- and between-country inequality on eco-powerlessness, a dimension of eco-habitus, using ISSP cross-sectional data and hierarchical linear modeling (with Dr. Anthony Roberts and km barnhardt).

Project exploring best practices for service learning in Sociology undergraduate courses using content analysis of journal articles published between 1994-2023.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2020** ASA/ISU Distinguished Sociology Graduate Student Award (\$250)
- 2020** Midwest Sociological Society Student Travel Award (\$150)
- 2020** Association for the Study of Food and Society Conference Travel Grant (\$250)
- 2020** Scott Elliot Award, Illinois State University Department of Sociology (\$636)
- 2020** Student Symposium Grant, Illinois State University Graduate School (\$300)
- 2017** Student Travel Grant, Salve Regina University Office of the Provost (\$200)
- 2017** Student Travel Grant, Salve Regina University Department of Cultural, Environmental, and Global Studies (\$100)

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2020** “Perceptions of a Small Midwestern Food Cooperative: A Case Study” *The Association for the Study of Food and Society Annual Meeting* – Athens, GA, Paper; Cancelled – Covid-19

- 2020** “Perceptions of a Small Midwestern Food Cooperative: A Case Study” *Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting* – Omaha, NE, Paper; Cancelled – Covid-19
- 2020** “Perceptions of a Small Midwestern Food Cooperative: A Case Study” *University Research Symposium* – Illinois State University, Normal, IL, Poster; Cancelled – Covid-19
- 2020** “Perceptions of a Small Midwestern Food Cooperative: A Case Study” *College of Arts and Sciences Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition* – Illinois State University, Normal, IL, Paper
- 2017** “Food: A Case for Interdisciplinary Studies and Civic Engagement” *The Association for Interdisciplinary Studies Annual Conference* – Baltimore, MD, Panel
- 2017** “College-Aged Women and Swearing: Negotiating Identity” *Pop Culture Association National Conference* – San Diego, CA, Paper
- 2017** “Food Matters: Newport HEZ Initiative Strategies” *Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting* – Philadelphia, PA, Poster
- 2017** “College-Aged Women and Swearing: Negotiating Identity” *SRYou Undergraduate Conference* – Salve Regina University, Newport, RI, Paper
- 2017** “Food Matters: Newport HEZ Initiative Strategies” *SRYou Undergraduate Conference* – Salve Regina University, Newport RI, Poster

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2018** “Food Matters” Civic Engagement Alumni Panel – Department of Cultural, Environmental, and Global Studies, Salve Regina University, Newport, RI

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE

- 2023 -** Graduate Student Social Committee Representative, Department of Sociology, Colorado State University
- 2022 -** Council Member, Colorado State University Food Security Advisory Council, Fort Collins, CO
- 2021 – 2022** Student Operations AmeriCorps VISTA, Heartland Community College Office of Student Engagement, Campus Compact, Normal, IL

- 2020 – 2021** Marketing and Outreach Volunteer, reImagine Bloomington-Normal, Bloomington, IL
- 2020 – 2021** Community Engagement AmeriCorps VISTA, McLean County Community COMPACT, McLean County Chamber of Commerce, Bloomington, IL
- 2018 – 2020** Bargaining Committee Member, Illinois State University Graduate Workers Union (SEIU Local 73), Normal, IL
- 2017 – 2018** Campus Compact AmeriCorps VISTA, Salve Regina University Center for Community Engagement and Service, God’s Community Garden, Newport, RI

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- 2020 -** American Sociological Association, Section on Environmental Sociology, Sociology of Consumers and Consumption
- 2019-2020** Midwest Sociological Association
- 2019-2020** Association for the Study of Food and Society
- 2017-2018** Association for Interdisciplinary Studies
- 2016-2017** Eastern Sociological Association
- 2016-2017** Pop Culture Association

TECHNICAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Statistical Software - R, SPSS
Qualitative Data Software - NVivo
Audio Editing – Audacity
Social Media Management - Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, Twitter
Marketing – Branding, Marketing Material Design, Canva
Website Management/Editing - WordPress, Wix, Weebly, Independently Developed Platforms
Microsoft Excel, Word, PowerPoint

REFERENCES

- Dr. Laura O’Toole** Retired Professor of Sociology, Senior Faculty Fellow for Civic Engagement
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