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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2021- Postdoctoral Research Associate in Food Systems, University of New Hampshire

## EDUCATION

2020 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Dissertation: “Building Alternative Food Economies for Justice and Sustainability: Organic and Agroecological Agriculture in Argentina”  
Exams: Environmental Sociology, Economic Change & Development (distinction)  
Ph.D. Minor: International Environmental Law  
Committee: Jane Collins and Monica White (co-chairs), Michael Bell, Steph Tai, Pinar Batur

2016 M.A., Sociology, University of New Hampshire

2016 M.S., Natural Resources, University of New Hampshire

2014 Professional Teaching License, Eagle Rock Professional Development Center

2010 B.A., International Studies & Music, Vassar College (honors)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development, Environment, Food Systems, Gender & Sexuality, Law & Policy

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

2021 Bell, Michael Mayerfeld, Loka L. Ashwood, Isaac Sohn Leslie, and Laura Hanson Schlachter. *An Invitation to Environmental Sociology*. 6<sup>th</sup> edition. Thousand Oaks, CA, and London, UK: Sage.

### Special Issue Editor

2019 Leslie, Isaac Sohn, Jaclyn Wypler, and Michael Mayerfeld Bell. “Relational Agriculture: Gender, Sexuality, and Sustainability in U.S. Farming.” *Society & Natural Resources* 32(8):853-74.

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

2019 Leslie, Isaac Sohn. “Queer Farmland: Land Access Strategies for Small-Scale

Agriculture.” *Society & Natural Resources* 32(8):928-46.

Covered in Civil Eats

Rural Sociological Society Olaf Larson Graduate Student Paper Award

University of Wisconsin-Madison Genevieve Gorst Herfurth Award for Outstanding Research in the Social Sciences

Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society Graduate Student Research Paper Award Honorable Mention

2019 Crowley, Morgan, Kara E. Shannon, Isaac Sohn Leslie, Andrea Jilling, Cameron D. McIntire, and Emily Kyker-Snowman. “Sustainable Beef Production in New England: Policy and Value Chain Challenges and Opportunities.” *Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems* 43(3):274-98.

2017 Leslie, Isaac Sohn. “Improving Farmers Markets and Challenging Neoliberalism in Argentina.” *Agriculture and Human Values* 34(3):729-42.

2017 Leslie, Isaac Sohn. “Queer Farmers: Sexuality and the Transition to Sustainable Agriculture.” *Rural Sociology* 82(4):747-71.

Covered in The Jewish Telegraphic Agency, The Bangor Daily News, and the Keene Sentinel.

### **Book Chapters**

2018 Leslie, Isaac Sohn and Monica M. White. “Race and Food: Agricultural Resistance in U.S. History.” Pp. 347-64 in *Handbook of the Sociology of Racial and Ethnic Relations*, edited by Pinar Batur and Joe Feagin. New York: Springer.

### **Policy Briefs**

2021 Carson, Jess, Analena Bruce, and Isaac Sohn Leslie. “Half of New Hampshire Residents Buy Local Farm Food at Least a Few Times a Month, But Engagement Varies by County.” *Carsey School of Public Policy*, Regional Issue Brief #65: 1-4.

Covered on New Hampshire Public Radio

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS**

### **External**

2020 Rural Sociological Society Dissertation Research Award

2019-20 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship in Argentina

2017 Fulbright Study/Research Award in Argentina

2015 Rural Sociological Society Master’s Thesis Research Award

### **Internal**

2020 University of Wisconsin-Madison Crowe Dissertation Research Award

2020 Mellon-Wisconsin Fellowship

2018-20 University of Wisconsin-Madison Sociology Department Small Grant

2018 University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems Mini-Grant

- 2017 University of Wisconsin-Madison Crowe Pre-Dissertation Research Award
- 2016 University of New Hampshire Kidder Fund Award
- 2015 Vassar College Research Grant
- 2014 Eagle Rock School & Professional Development Center Exceptional Instructor Award
- 2013 Vassar College Fellowship for Graduate Study
- 2013 Honda Motor Company Educational Assistance Program
- 2013 Berklee City Music Network Emerging Service Leader Award
- 2011 AmeriCorps Education Award
- 2010 Vassar College International Studies Glen Johnson Prize
- 2010 Vassar College Departmental Honors in International Studies and in Music

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Invited (selected)**

- 2021 Queering Qualitative Research on the Farm (with Michaela Hoffelmeyer)  
Beloit College (McNair Scholars Program course), Beloit, WI
- 2021 Argentinian Alternative Food Movements: Climate, Biodiversity, Toxics, and Food Insecurity  
University of New Hampshire (B.A. in Women's and Gender Studies course), Durham, NH  
University of New Hampshire (B.A. in International Affairs course), Durham, NH
- 2021 Queering Movements for Racial Justice in Agriculture  
Vassar College (B.A. in Environmental Studies course), Poughkeepsie, NY
- 2020 Organics, Gene Modification, and Food Movements in Argentina (with Pablo Lapegna)  
University of Wisconsin-Madison (B.A. in Community & Environmental Sociology course), Madison, WI
- 2020 Gender, Sexuality, and Food Access  
Bennington College (B.A. in Advancement of Public Action course), Bennington, VT
- 2019 Queering Food Systems for the Climate  
Vassar College (B.A. in Sociology course), Poughkeepsie, NY  
Vassar College (B.A. in Environmental Studies course), Poughkeepsie, NY
- 2019 What Are We Missing by Leaving LGBTQIA\* Out of Natural Resource Management Research?  
International Symposium on Society & Resource Management (panel), Oshkosh, WI
- 2018 Harvesting as Researchers and Farmers: Farming while Queer  
Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting (panel), Portland, OR
- 2016, '18 Sexuality and Sustainable Agriculture  
University of Wisconsin-Madison (M.S. in Agroecology seminar), Madison, WI

University of Wisconsin-Madison (B.A. in Community & Environmental Sociology course), Madison, WI

University of New Hampshire (B.A. in Women's and Gender Studies course), Durham, NH

### **Conference (selected)**

- 2019 Constructing a Sustainable Food System? Alternative Food Networks in Buenos Aires, Argentina (with Clara Craviotti)  
Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting (regular session), New York, NY  
Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting (regular session), Boston, MA
- 2018 Queer Farmland: Land Access Strategies for Small-Scale Agriculture  
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Environmental Sociology section session), Philadelphia, PA  
Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting (regular session), Portland, OR
- 2017 Improving Farmers Markets and Challenging Neoliberalism in Argentina  
Latin American Studies Association International Congress (regular session), Lima, Peru
- 2016 Struggling in the New England Countryside: Is CSA Farming a Form of Dissent? (with Danielle Falzon & Pinar Batur)  
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (roundtable session), Seattle, WA  
Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting (regular session), Boston, MA
- 2016 The Co-Construction of Outness: Conducting Qualitative Research with Queer Farmers  
Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting (regular session), Toronto, Canada
- 2015-16 Queer Farmers: Sexuality and the Transition to Sustainable Agriculture  
International Rural Sociology Association World Congress (regular session), Toronto, Canada  
Transecting Society Conference (regular session), Durham, NH

### **Public (selected)**

- 2020 Gender, Agriculture, and Food Access (with Tatiana Abatemarco and students)  
Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont ([webinar](#)), Richmond, VT
- 2020 Queering Climate Activism  
Vassar College Urban Education Initiative (presentation), Poughkeepsie, NY
- 2019 Farming for Justice: Queering Sustainable Agriculture (with Michaela Hoffelmeyer & Jaclyn Wypler)  
Groundswell: Center for Local Food & Farming ([webinar](#)), Ithaca, NY
- 2018 Sexuality and the Sustainable Agriculture Movement (with Jaclyn Wypler)  
F.H. King: Students for Sustainable Agriculture (presentation), Madison, WI

- 2016 Integrating LGBTQ+ Topics into the Curriculum (with Tamsin Whitehead & Mark Anthony)  
University of New Hampshire (workshop), Durham, NH
- 2016 Sexuality and Sustainable Agriculture  
Northeast Organic Farming Association New Hampshire Winter Meeting (workshop), Concord, NH
- 2013 Queer! Facilitating Real Conversations  
Coalition of Essential Schools Fall Forum (workshop), San Francisco, CA
- 2013 Using PULSE (Pre-University Learning System Experience) with Limited Resources  
Berklee College of Music PULSE Training Institute (workshop), Boston, MA
- 2013 Staff and Student Community Development (with Dan Condon)  
Big Picture Learning (workshop), South Burlington, VT
- 2012-13 Proficiency-Based Graduation Requirements (with Michael Soguero)  
Big Picture Learning (workshop), South Burlington, VT
- 2012 Expanding Partnerships: Teachers as Learners, Students as Teachers (with Helen Beattie)  
Youth and Adults Transforming Schools Together Conference (conference co-organizer), Montpelier, VT
- 2012 Assessing Your Students  
Berklee College of Music PULSE Training Institute (workshop), Boston, MA
- 2012 Curriculum Development (with Michael Soguero)  
Big Picture Learning (workshop), South Burlington, VT

## **TEACHING**

### **Graduate Courses**

University of New Hampshire, Postdoctoral Research Associate

- 2021 U.S. Food Systems: Political Economy, Governance, and Social Movements

### **Undergraduate Courses**

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Teaching Assistant

- 2018 Introduction to Community & Environmental Sociology (Michael Bell)  
2016 Issues in Food Systems (Monica White)

University of New Hampshire, Teaching Assistant

- 2016 Global Social Change (Tom Safford)  
2014-15 Sociology of Sexual Behavior (Nena Stracuzzi)  
2014-15 Sociology of the Family (Nena Stracuzzi)

### **High School Courses (selected)**

Eagle Rock School & Professional Development Center, Instructional Specialist

- 2012-14 Theater & Society
- 2013 Community Problem Solving
- 2012 Digital Music & the Environment

Eagle Rock School & Professional Development Center, AmeriCorps/Public Allies Teaching Fellow

- 2011 Soil, Society, & Sustainability
- 2011 Improvisation
- 2010 Race, Class, & Gender in Jazz History

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

**Service to Academic Associations**

American Sociological Association

- 2019-20 Graduate Student Representative, Environmental Sociology Section Teaching & Outreach Committee

Rural Sociological Society

- 2018-19 Graduate Student Representative, Publications Committee
- 2017-18 Graduate Student Assistant, Gender and Sexualities Research Interest Group
- 2016-17 Graduate Student Representative, Development Committee

**Service to Department**

University of Wisconsin-Madison

- 2018 Graduate Student Representative, Department of Community & Environmental Sociology
- 2018 Graduate Student Representative, Department of Sociology Evaluation and Improvement of Instruction Committee

University of New Hampshire

- 2014-16 Facilitator, President's Commission on the Status of LGBTQ+ People Professional Development Working Group
- 2014-16 Director & President, Stonewall Grads
- 2015-16 Member, President's Commission on the Status of LGBTQ+ People

Eagle Rock School & Professional Development Center

- 2011-14 Founder & Director, Berklee City Music Network Site
- 2011-14 Co-founder & Advisor, Spectrum (LGBTQ+ discussion group)
- 2013-14 Facilitator, Diversity & Inclusion Critical Friends Group
- 2011-13 Member, Professional Development Critical Friends Group

**Manuscript Reviews**

- Agriculture and Human Values* (1)
- Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems* (1)

*Journal of Rural Studies* (1)

*Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies* (1)

*Rural Sociology* (4)

*Sexuality Research & Social Policy* (1)

**Professional Affiliations**

Agriculture, Food & Human Values Society

American Sociological Association

Eastern Sociological Society

International Association of Society & Natural Resources

Latin American Studies Association

Rural Sociological Society

Society for the Study of Social Problems

**Languages**

English (native)

Spanish (fluent)