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EDUCATION

- 2016 Ph.D., Sociology, Washington State University, (expected)
2012 M.A., Sociology, Washington State University
2010 B.S., Sociology, specialization in Social Inequality, Women's Studies, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, *cum laude*

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Adjunct Professor, Marylhurst University, 2016

AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTEREST

In the broadest sense, my research interests revolve around developing a deeper understanding of power and knowledge production in our social institutions. Particularly, I am interested in the intersections of political sociology and environmental sociology as they relate to labor and social inequality outcomes.

- Environmental Sociology
- Social Movements
- Political Economy
- Sociology of Agriculture & Food Systems
- Social Networks

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Publications

- Frickel, Scott, Rebekah Torcasso, and Annika Anderson. 2015. "The Organization of Expert Activism: Shadow Mobilization in Two Movements." *Mobilizations* 20(3): 305-323.
- Torcasso, Rebekah. 2015. "Pesticides." in *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Food Issues*, edited by Ken Albala. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Torcasso, Rebekah. 2014. Review of *Corporate Crops: Biotechnology, Agriculture, and the Struggle for Control*, Gabriela Pechlaner (University of Texas Press, 2012). *Rural Sociology*.

In-Progress Publications

- Torcasso, Rebekah and Jessica Goldberger. "Factors Influencing Adoption of Knowledge Intensive Biological Controls."

Research Experience

2013. Research Assistant, Jessica Goldberger. Crop & Soil Science Department.

Conference Presentations

2016. Torcasso Sanchez, R. "En el Vientre de la Bestia: the campesin@ struggle in the U.S. context." XIV World Congress of Rural Sociology. Toronto, Canada.
2014. Frickel, S., Torcasso, R. and A. Anderson. "The Organization of Expert Activism: Shadow Mobilization in Two Social Movements." Topics in Science, Knowledge, and Technology Studies, American Sociological Association, San Francisco, California, USA.
2013. Frickel, S., Torcasso, R. and A. Anderson. "Shadow Mobilization: The Organization of Expert Activism." Annual Meeting for the Society for Social Studies of Science, San

Diego, CA.

2013. Astorino, J., Torcasso, R. and J. Goldberger. "The Influence of Social Networks, Environmental Consciousness, and Farm Structure on the Adoption of a Sustainable Agriculture Practice." Joint Meeting of the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society and the Association for the Study of Food and Society, East Lansing, MI.
2012. "Shadow Mobilization: an analysis of biotechnology and the alternative-agriculture movement." Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego, California, USA.
2010. "Perceptions of Sexuality After Sexual Assault." ACC Meeting of the Minds, Atlanta, Georgia, USA.
2010. Women and Gender Studies Conference. Planning Committee, Coordinator and Presenter. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.
2009. "The Race, Class & Gender Politics of the Presidential Election Roundtable." Planning Committee, Coordinator and Presenter. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Teaching Experience

2016. Instructor, FSS 560: Gender and Food Justice *Online Graduate Seminar*
- 2015-2016. Instructor, Sociology 102: Social Problems *Online*
Instructor, Sociology 101: Introduction to Sociology *Online*
2014. Instructor, Sociology 101: Introduction to Sociology
- 2013-2014. Instructor, Sociology 102: Social Problems
2012. Teaching Assistant, Sociology 102.; Social Problems *Online*
- 2010-2011. Teaching Assistant, Sociology 101: Introduction to Sociology

Technical Skills

- Training in regression analysis using STATA and SPSS.
- Training in Social Network Analysis using PAJEK.
- Training in survey research through the Social and Economic Sciences Research Center (SESRC).
- Online Course Development: using the Angel and Blackboard platforms.

SERVICE AND RECOGNITIONS

2015. Volunteer and research service with the Rural Coalition.
2015. Volunteer and research service with the Farmworker Association of Florida.
2015. 33rd National Pesticide Forum volunteer. (Co-hosted by the Farmworker Association of Florida, Beyond Pesticides, and Florida A&M School of Law.)
2015. Campesino A Campesino Agroecology Encuentro Facilitator and Planning Committee Member. (Co-Sponsored by La Via Campesina, the Farmworker Association of Florida and Rural Coalition).
2014. American Sociological Association Roundtable Discussion Moderator. Annual Conference, 2014, San Francisco CA.
2014. Joseph R. DeMartini Departmental Grant
- 2012-2014. Member of the University Health & Safety Committee.
- 2012-2013. Officer. Environment, Agriculture, Resources and Technology (EARTHs).
- 2012-2013. EARTHs First Annual Conference. Co-Chair and coordinator. Pullman, WA.
- 2012-2013. Officer. Graduate Pride Alliance at Washington State (GPAWS).
- 2012-2013. Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program Student Mentor.
2012. Thomas S. Foley Institute Summer Fellowship.
2012. Volunteer for Pullman Chamber of Commerce.
- 2011- 2014. Senator, Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA).
- 2011- 2013. Member of the GPSA Climate Committee.

2011- Current. EARTHs Group Member, WSU Department of Sociology.
2011- 2012. Organizer, The Sociology of Agriculture Reading Group.
2011- 2013. Volunteer, McNair Scholars Program Recruitment—WSU, Pullman.
2011- 2012. Department of Sociology Graduate Student Mentor.
2009-2010. Virginia Tech Undergraduate Diversity Research Grant recipient.
2008-2010. The Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program.

Editorial Boards: Social Problems (Student Editor January 2013- June 2014)

Occasional Reviewer: Social Problems; Humboldt Journal of Social Relations

Professional Associations (Membership): Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP); American Sociological Association (ASA); Pacific Sociological Association (PSA); Agriculture, Food & Human Values Association (AFHVS).

M.A. Thesis Committee:

Dr. Scott Frickel (Chair)
Dr. Erik Johnson
Dr. Gregory Hooks

Comprehensive Exam Committee:

Dr. Scott Frickel (Chair)
Dr. Gregory Hooks
Dr. Erik Johnson

Dissertation Committee:

Dr. Jennifer Sherman (Chair)
Dr. Scott Frickel (Chair)

Dr. Jessica Goldberger
Dr. Emily Kennedy

References:

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