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## EDUCATION

- Current Ph.D., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
2016 M.A., Sociology, University of New Hampshire  
2016 M.S., Natural Resources, University of New Hampshire  
2014 Professional Teaching License, Eagle Rock School & Professional Development Center  
2010 B.A. (Honors), International Studies & Music, Vassar College

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

## PUBLICATIONS

### 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.  
\*University of Wisconsin-Madison Genevieve Gorst Herfurth Award for Outstanding Research in the Social Sciences (2018-19)  
\*Rural Sociological Society Olaf Larson Graduate Student Paper Award (2018)  
\*Agriculture, Food & Human Values Society Graduate Student Research Paper Award Honorable Mention (2017)
- 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.

## **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.

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

### **External**

- 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**

- 2018 University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems Mini-Grant  
2018 University of Wisconsin-Madison Sociology Department Small 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 and 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

## **PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY**

### **Media Coverage**

- 2017 Engel-Smith, Liora. "Weekend Summit Offers Rural LGBTQ Community a Chance to Strengthen Bonds." *The Keene Sentinel*, October 26.  
2017 Curtis, Abigail. "LGBT Farmers Find Opportunity, Adversity in Rural Maine." *The Bangor Daily News*, June 23.

### **Presentations**

- 2018 Leslie, Isaac Sohn and Jaclyn Wypler. "Sexuality and the Sustainable Agriculture Movement." F.H. King: Students for Sustainable Agriculture, Madison, WI.  
2016 Leslie, Isaac Sohn. "Sexuality and Sustainable Agriculture." Northeast Organic Farming Association New Hampshire Winter Meeting, Concord, NH.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Invited

- 2019 “What Are We Missing by Leaving LGBTQIA\* Out of Natural Resource Management Research?”  
International Symposium on Society & Resource Management, Oshkosh, WI
- 2018 “Harvesting as Researchers and Farmers: Farming while Queer”  
Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting Mini-Conference: “Rural Queer Voice in Science and Practice,” Portland, OR
- 2016, ‘18 “Sexuality and Sustainable Agriculture”  
University of Wisconsin-Madison M.S. in Agroecology Seminar: “The Multifunctionality of Agriculture,” Madison, WI  
University of Wisconsin-Madison B.A. in Community & Environmental Sociology Course: “Issues in Food Systems,” Madison, WI  
University of Wisconsin-Madison B.A. in Community & Environmental Sociology Course: “Intro to Community & Environmental Sociology,” Madison, WI  
University of New Hampshire B.A. in Women’s Studies Course: “Queer Sustainability,” Durham, NH
- 2013 “Implementing PULSE in Various Settings”  
Berklee College of Music PULSE Training Institute, Boston, MA
- 2013 “Using PULSE with Limited Resources”  
Berklee College of Music PULSE Training Institute, Boston, MA
- 2012 “Assessing Your Students”  
Berklee College of Music PULSE Training Institute, Boston, MA

### Conference

- 2018-19 “Constructing a Sustainable Food System? Alternative Food Networks in Buenos Aires, Argentina” (with Clara Craviotti)  
Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA  
University of Wisconsin-Madison Sociology of Economic Change and Development Seminar, Madison, WI
- 2018 “Queer Farmland: Land Access Strategies for Small-Scale Agriculture”  
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Environmental Sociology Section Panel), Philadelphia, PA  
Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Portland, OR
- 2016-17 “Improving Farmers Markets and Challenging Neoliberalism in Argentina”  
Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Lima, Peru  
University of Wisconsin-Madison Sociology of Economic Change and Development Seminar, Madison, WI

- 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), Seattle, WA  
Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA  
University of New Hampshire Graduate Research Conference, Durham, NH
- 2016 “The Co-Construction of Outness: Conducting Qualitative Research with Queer Farmers”  
Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada
- 2016 “Coastal Tourism and Polluted Water: Risk Communication and Business Community Engagement in Beach Management in York, Maine” (with Charlotte Thompson & Tom Safford)  
Maine Sustainability & Water Conference, Augusta, ME
- 2015-16 “Queer Farmers: Sexuality and the Transition to Sustainable Agriculture”  
International Rural Sociology Association World Congress, Toronto, Canada  
Transecting Society Conference, Durham, NH  
University of New Hampshire Sociology Department Colloquium, Durham, NH
- 2013 “Queer! Facilitating Real Conversations”  
Coalition of Essential Schools Fall Forum, San Francisco, CA
- 2013 “Staff and Student Community Development” (with Dan Condon)  
Big Picture Learning, South Burlington, VT
- 2013 “Expanding Partnerships: Teachers as Learners, Students as Teachers” (Conference Organizer with Helen Beattie)  
Youth and Adults Transforming Schools Together Conference, Montpelier, VT
- 2012-13 “Proficiency-Based Graduation Requirements” (with Michael Soguero)  
Big Picture Learning, South Burlington, VT
- 2012 “Curriculum Development” (with Michael Soguero)  
Big Picture Learning, South Burlington, VT

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2019-20 Researcher, National Scientific and Technical Research Council (CONICET), Argentina  
Grant: Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship  
Project: “Alternative Agriculture as a Development Strategy: Certified Organic and Agroecological Food Systems in Argentina”
- 2018 Associate Research Specialist (Revel Sims), University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Grant: University of Wisconsin-Madison Transportation Services  
Project: “A Qualitative Study of Transportation Challenges in Dane County”
- 2016, '18 Research Assistant (Monica White), University of Wisconsin-Madison

Grant: Community and Environmental Sociology Research Assistantship  
Project: "Freedom Farmers: Agricultural Resistance and the Black Freedom Movement" (book by Monica White)  
Grant: United States Department of Agriculture #2012-68004-20028  
Project: "Examining Disparities in Food Access of Underserved Populations in Michigan"

- 2017 Researcher, Latin American School of Social Sciences (FLACSO), Argentina  
Grant: Fulbright Study/Research Award  
Project: "Sustaining Family Farms and Farmers Markets in the Rural Pampas"
- 2015-16 Research Assistant (Tom Safford), University of New Hampshire  
Grant: National Science Foundation EPSCoR Award #IIA-1330641  
Project: "Science and Coastal Management in New England"
- 2015-16 Research Assistant (Pinar Batur), Vassar College  
Grant: Vassar College Research Grant  
Project: "Farmer Participation in CSAs and Incentives for Alternative Food Networks"

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2016, '18 Teaching Assistant (Michael Bell & Monica White), University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Introduction to Community & Environmental Sociology (Fall 2018)  
Issues in Food Systems (Fall 2016)
- 2014-16 Teaching Assistant (Tom Safford & Nena Stracuzzi), University of New Hampshire  
Global Social Change (Spring 2016)  
Sociology of Sexual Behavior (Fall 2014, Spring 2015)  
Sociology of the Family (Fall 2014, Spring 2015)
- 2011-14 Music & Performance Instructional Specialist, Eagle Rock School & Professional Development Center  
\*Selected:  
Theater & Society (Summer 2012, Spring 2013, Summer 2013, Spring 2014)  
Community Problem Solving (Fall 2013)  
Digital Music & the Environment (Spring 2012)
- 2010-11 AmeriCorps/Public Allies Teaching Fellow in Music, Eagle Rock School & Professional Development Center  
\*Selected:  
Soil, Society, & Sustainability (Summer 2011)  
Improvisation (Spring 2011)  
Race, Class, & Gender in Jazz History (Fall 2010)

## **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

### **Professional Associations**

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

**Manuscript Reviews**

*Journal of Rural Studies* (1), *Rural Sociology* (2)

**SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT & UNIVERSITY**

**University of Wisconsin-Madison**

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

**University of New Hampshire**

- 2014-16 Facilitator, Professional Development Working Group, President’s Commission on the Status of LGBTQ+ People
- 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 Founder & Advisor, Spectrum (LGBTQ+ discussion group)
- 2013-14 Facilitator, Diversity & Inclusion Critical Friends Group
- 2011-13 Member, Professional Development Critical Friends Group

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- American Sociological Association
- Rural Sociological Society
- Eastern Sociological Society
- Society for the Study of Social Problems
- Agriculture, Food & Human Values Society
- Latin American Studies Association
- International Association of Society & Natural Resources

**LANGUAGES**

- English (native)
- Spanish (fluent)