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EDUCATION

- In process PhD Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2013 M.S. Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2008 B.A. Politics and Environmental Studies, Messiah College, Pennsylvania.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journals

- 2015 McMillan Lequieu, Amanda. “Keeping the farm in the family name: Patrimonial narratives and negotiations among German-heritage farmers,” March 2015, *Rural Sociology* 80(1).

Book Reviews

- 2017 *In the Blood: Understanding America’s Farm Families*, by Robert Wuthnow, (Princeton University Press: Princeton, NJ), *Journal of American Studies* 51(2).

Manuscripts in Submission

- 2017 McMillan Lequieu, Amanda. ““We made the choice to stick it out”: Negotiating a stable home in the rural, American Rust Belt.” *Journal of Rural Studies*.

Manuscripts in Preparation

- 2017 McMillan Lequieu, Amanda. “From paternalism to precarity: Living the end of the blue-collar, middle-class.”

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

External

- 2016 Rural Sociology Society Dissertation Award. \$2,500.
- 2015 Social Science Research Council Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, Alternate.
- 2012 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention.
- 2007 Marshall Scholarship finalist.

2007 Morris K. Udall Undergraduate Scholar, \$5,000.

Internal

2016 Mellon-Wisconsin Summer Fellowship (declined).

2016 Louis and Elsa Thomsen Wisconsin Distinguished Graduate Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison. \$24,810.

2016 Baldwin Wisconsin Idea Endowment mini-grant, 2016. \$4,000.

2015 University Fellowship, Sociology Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison. \$19,710.

2015 Crowe Fund Dissertation Award, Community and Environmental Sociology Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison. \$2,000.

2015 Center for Culture, History, and Environment Summer Research Grant, University of Wisconsin-Madison. \$1980.

2015 Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies Summer Research Grantee, University of Wisconsin-Madison. \$850.

2014 Crowe Fund Graduate Student Conference Grantee, Community and Environmental Sociology Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison. \$700.

2014 Sewell Small Research Grant, Sociology Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison. \$200.

2013 Center for Culture, History, and Environment Summer Research Grantee, University of Wisconsin-Madison. \$2500.

2012 Sewell Summer Research Grantee, Sociology Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison. \$1500.

2011 University Fellow, Sociology Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison. \$18,500.

2010 Messiah College Young Alumnus of the Year.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited talks

2016 “From Paternalism to Precarity: Living the Decline in the (Aspirational) Middle Class,” Money, Markets, and Governance Workshop, University of Chicago.

- 2016 “Globalization through the lens of environmental sociology,” Wheaton College, in Sociology capstone course.
- 2015 “Agricultural commodity chains,” University of Wisconsin-Madison, in People, Land, and Food (GEOG 309).
- 2014 “Globalization and agricultural commodities,” University of Wisconsin-Madison, in Environmental Sociology (CES 248), and InterAg 165.

Conference activity

- 2016 “Globalized rock: A century of local negotiations of a (formerly) extractive landscape.” Social Science History Association meetings, Chicago, IL.
- 2016 “New forms of remote: rural and urban isolation in post-industrial America.” XIV World Congress of Rural Sociology, hosted by the International Rural Sociological Association, Toronto, CA.
- 2016 “A deindustrialized home? Rural experiences of home without its ‘raison d’etre.’” XIV World Congress of Rural Sociology, hosted by the International Rural Sociological Association, Toronto, CA.
- 2015 “Lived experiences of land tenure: law, culture, and social organization.” Rural Sociology Society annual meeting, Madison, WI.
- 2014 “Cultural Narrative and Negotiations: Prairie Patrimony, thirty years later.” American Sociological Association, Rural Sociology Section, San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 “Losing place: Experiencing a sense of “home” in the face of internal displacement.” American Sociological Association Community and Urban Sociology Section round table, San Francisco, CA.
- 2013 “Ghosts of Farmers Past: Narrative and the graying of agriculture.” Midwest Sociological Society annual meeting, Chicago, Illinois.

Departmental talks

- 2017 “Spatial comparisons in the Rust Belt.” Weekly Colloquium, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2017 “Class change in rural and urban post-industrialism.” Sociology of Economic Change and Development workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2017 ““Are we even on the map?”: Rural and urban experiences of connection and disconnection in the American Rustbelt.” Center for Culture, History, and Environment graduate student conference workshop paper, Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

- 2016 “Stabilizing landscapes: Negotiating narratives of a (former) company town.” Center for Culture, History, and Environment graduate student conference workshop paper, Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2014 “A Place for Home: War, Identity, and Rural Recuperation.” The Center for Culture, History, and Environment graduate student conference, Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2013 “Motivation or Justification: Decision-making among Midwestern German-heritage farmers.” Presented at the Culture, History, and Environment graduate student symposium, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2017 Part-time Lecturer. “Introduction to Sociology,” North Central College, Naperville, Illinois.
- 2012 Directed Study Instructor, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Sociology 699, “Rustbelt Research Assistantship.”
- 2016 Awardee, Special Citation for Teaching Excellence in the Departments of Sociology and Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2015 Co-Instructor. Graduate-level seminar: “Cultural Sociology.” University of Wisconsin-Madison, SOC 901.
- 2015 Teaching Assistant. Writing Intensive Course: “Survey of Sociology.” University of Wisconsin-Madison, SOC 210 with Dr. Joe Conti.
- 2014 Teaching Assistant. “Agriculture and Social Change in Western History.” University of Wisconsin-Madison, CES 230 with Dr. Jess Gilbert
- 2014 Teaching Assistant. “International Issues in Agriculture, Environment and Life Sciences.” University of Wisconsin-Madison, InterAg 165 with Dr. John Ferrick.
- 2013 Teaching Assistant. “People, Land, and Food.” Geography/ Environmental Studies 309 with Dr. Holly Gibbs, through an Office of Sustainability SIRE grant.
- 2013 Project Assistant. Environmental Studies graduate course development. University of Wisconsin-Madison, with Dr. Adrian Treves, through an Office of Sustainability SIRE grant.
- 2012 Teaching Assistant. “Social Justice and the Environment: Nature, Faith, and Politics.” University of Wisconsin-Madison. Community and Environmental Sociology 541 with Dr. Michael Bell.
- 2012 Directed Study Instructor, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Sociology 199/699, “Farmland Transfer Research Assistantship.”

FIELDWORK

- 2015-2018 *Community futures after deindustrialization*. Dissertation research affiliated with the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Chicago. Multimethod, qualitative research on economic, environmental, and cultural futures of low-income, rural and urban deindustrialized communities in the Midwestern Rust Belt. Awarded \$40,000 in research grants.
- 2013 *Land tenure and social structure*. Exploratory research affiliated with the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Conducted interviews with Bugandan and Acholi residents in Gulu, Uganda about the gendered dilemmas of traditional land tenure and repatriation in post-civil war villages. Awarded \$3,000 in research grants.
- 2012 *Intergenerational farmland transfer*. Master's research affiliated with the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Conducted interviews among agricultural experts and dairy farmers in Dodge County, Wisconsin to probe the legacy and future of inter-generational farmland transfer, exploring farmers' narratives of decision-making about the future of their farmland in light of economic pressures on agriculture. Awarded \$2,500 in research grants.
- 2009 *Wetland restoration*. Conducted field measurements and literature reviews on the carbon sequestration potential of wetland restoration in Arles, France, on behalf of the European environmental organization A Rocha's wetland restoration project.
- 2007 *Land law and monarchy*, senior thesis research affiliated with Messiah College. Conducted interviews in urban and rural settings among a cross-section of Swazis regarding traditional land tenure and implications of democratization.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2015-current Manuscript reviewer for journals, *Rural Sociology* and *Rural Studies*
- 2015-current Graduate student listserv moderator, Rural Sociological Society
- 2014-2015 Colloquium coordinator, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2012-2013 Conference co-organizer, Center for Culture, History, and Environment graduate student conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Professional Affiliations: American Sociological Association; Rural Sociological Society; Social Science History Association; The Center for Culture, History, and Environment, Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, UW-Madison