

## LOKA ASHWOOD'S CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

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- 2015      Ph.D., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2009      M.Litt., Geography, University of Galway. First Class Honors.
- 2007      B.S., Journalism and Political Science, Northwestern University.

### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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- 2020- current    Assistant (2020) to Associate Professor (2022), Department of Sociology,  
University of Kentucky.  
Affiliate, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, Auburn  
University.  
Affiliate, Appalachian Center, University of Kentucky.  
Member, UK Energy Research Priority Area.
- 2015 - 2020    Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology,  
Auburn University.

### HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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#### External

- 2021      Rural Sociological Society's Fred Buttel 2020 Outstanding Scholarly  
Achievement Award, for *For-Profit Democracy* (Yale 2018).
- 2019      Finalist, Carnegie Fellowship.  
• Selected as junior faculty member to represent Auburn University.  
• Then selected as finalist among 300 nominees from universities, think tanks,  
publishers, and non-profits nationally.
- 2015      Best Paper Award. *Rural Sociology*, **L. Ashwood**, N. Harden, M. Bell, and W.  
Bland.
- 2015      University of California-Davis Chancellor Postdoctoral Fellowship. Declined.

- 2015 United States Department of Agriculture. National Institute for Food and Agriculture Postdoctoral Fellowship Grant. \$146,910. Declined.
- 2014 Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship.
- 2011 Philanthropic Educational Organization Scholar Award, \$15,000.  
Co-Winner of Society for Agriculture, Human Values, and Society (AHVS) Graduate Student Paper Competition: Harden, N. and **L. Ashwood**.
- 2011 Co-Winner of International Symposium on Society and Natural Resources Doctoral Student Paper Competition: Harden, N. and **L. Ashwood**.
- 2009 Winner of 2009 European Society for Rural Sociology Fred Buttel Award: Best graduate student paper.

### Internal

- 2024 University of Kentucky “Teacher Who Made a Difference” award.
- 2018 Auburn University College of Agriculture Junior Researcher Award, for high merit of scholarship and research performance in first eight years.
- 2018 Auburn University College of Agriculture Dean’s Grantsmanship Award, for success in obtaining extramural grants.
- 2014 University of Wisconsin-Madison’s College of Letters and Science Early Teaching Excellence Award.
- 2014 Mellon-Wisconsin Summer Fellowship.
- 2014 Raymond J. Penn Scholarship for Research in Development, Resource Conservation

### **PUBLICATIONS**

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(\*denotes graduate student co-author)

#### Books

- 2023 **Ashwood, L.**, A. Imlay\*, L. Kuehn, A. Franco and D. Diamond. [\*Empty Fields, Empty Promises: A State-by-State Guide to Understanding and\*](#)

[Transforming the Right to Farm](#). Chapel Hill, North Carolina: The University of North Carolina Press.

- Covered by [NPR via Harvest Public Media](#), [Here & Now](#), and [Science Friday](#) in 2023.
- Author meets critics panel, *Rural Sociological Society* (August 2023).
- Findings included in Investigate TV's December 19, 2023 nationally syndicated broadcast: "[Secret Acres: Boom or Bubble? High Farmland prices encourage investors, concern farmers.](#)"
- Featured on [Barn Raiser](#).
- Podcast on the [New Books Network](#).
- Review published in [Library Journal](#).

2021 Bell, M., **L. Ashwood**, I. Leslie\*, L. Hanson Schlachter\*. *An Invitation to Environmental Sociology*. 6<sup>th</sup> Edition. Thousand Oaks, California: Pine Forge Press.

Under Contract Bell, M., **L. Ashwood**, and J. Orne. *Of Blood: The Social Experience of Heritage*. University of Chicago Press.

2018 **Ashwood, L.** *For-Profit Democracy: Why the Government is Losing the Trust of Rural America*. Yale University Press. Agrarian Studies Series.

- Fred Buttel 2020 Outstanding Scholarly Achievement Award.
- Starred review, [Publishers Weekly](#) (June 2018).
- Reviewed by [Front Porch Republic](#) (March 2019).
- Coverage on [C-Span](#) (October 2018), [Against the Grain](#) (April 2019).
- Author meets critics panel, *Rural Sociological Society* (August 2019).
- Review published in [The Journal of Southern History](#) (August 2019).
- Review published in [Social Anthropology](#) (August 2019).
- Review published in [American Journal of Sociology](#) (October 2019).
- Two reviews (one [comparative](#) and one [singular](#)) published in *Rural Sociology* (December 2019).

2016 Bell, M. M. and **L. Ashwood**. *An Invitation to Environmental Sociology*. 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. Thousand Oaks, California: Pine Forge Press.

#### Special Issue Editor/Introduction

2016 *Journal of Rural Studies*, Special Issue "Rural as a Dimension of Environmental Injustice." Volume 47 A. Co-editor with Kate MacTavish.

2016 **Ashwood, L.** and Kate MacTavish. “Tyranny of the Majority and Rural Environmental Injustice.” *Journal of Rural Studies* 47(A): 271-277.

#### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

2023 **Ashwood, L.**, Vick, KC\*, C. Hiatt, M. Lee and N. Damova. “Rural and Community-Based Cancer Cluster Research.” *Environmental Justice* 16(4).

- [University Kentucky press release](#) covered by [CBS 42, Birmingham](#); the [Daily Mail](#); and [Rick and Bubba](#).

2023 Ruiqing, M., J. Penn, and **L. Ashwood**. “How to Thrive in Agricultural Economics PhD Programs: SAEA Emerging Scholar Award Winner’ Experience and Advice.” *Applied Economics Teaching Resources* 5(2): 24-43.

2022 **Ashwood, L.**, A. Pilny, J. Canfield\*, M. Jamila, and R. Thomson. “From Big Ag to Big Finance: A Market Network Approach to Power in Agriculture.” *Agriculture and Human Values* 39(4): 1421-1434.

- Covered by [Ambrook Research](#) in February 2023.
- Covered by [Civil Eats](#) in June 2023.

2022 **Ashwood, L.**, J. Canfield\*(co-first author), M. Fairbairn, K. De Master. “[What owns the land: the corporate organization of farmland investment.](#)” *Journal of Peasant Studies* 49(2): 233-262.

- Lead Article.
- Covered by [Investigate Midwest](#). Broadcasted across the country through local TV station affiliates of InvestigateTV in 2022.

2021 **Ashwood, L.** “[No matter if you’re a Democrat or a Republican or neither’: pragmatic politics in opposition to industrial animal production.](#)” *Journal of Rural Studies* 82: 586-594.

- Covered and hyperlinked to by [The Los Angeles Times](#) in 2022.

2021 Fairbairn, M. J. LaChance\*, K. De Master, and **L. Ashwood**. “[In vino veritas, in aqua lucrum: Farmland investment, environmental uncertainty, and groundwater access in California’s Cuyama Valley.](#)” *Agriculture and Human Values* 38: 285-299.

2019 **Ashwood, L.**, D. Diamond, and F. Walker\*. “Property Rights and Rural Justice: A Study of U.S. Right-to-Farm Laws.” *Journal of Rural Studies* 67: 120-129.

- PlumX Metrics: [Top Social Media Article](#).

- Opinion-Editorial, Environmental Health Network, “[Right-to-Farm laws run counter to rural culture and property rights.](#)”
  - Coverage in *Huffington Post*, *Pacific Standard Magazine*, *Pew Charitable Trusts*, and others.
- 2018                    **Ashwood, L.** “Rural Conservatism or Anarchism? The Pro-State, Stateless and Anti-State Positions.” *Rural Sociology* 83(4): 717-748.
- Lead Article.
  - Top 20 downloaded articles, 2017-2018
- 2017                    **Ashwood, L.** and M.M. Bell. “Affect and Taste: Bourdieu, Traditional Music, and the Performance of Possibilities.” *Sociologia Ruralis* 57(S1): 622-640.
- 2016                    **Ashwood, L.** and Steve Wing. “Exposure and Compensation for Nuclear Weapons Workers.” *New Solutions* 26(1): 55-71.
- 2014                    **Ashwood, L.**, N. Harden, M. M. Bell, and W. Bland. “Linked and Situated: Grounded Knowledge.” *Rural Sociology* 79(4): 427-452.
- *Rural Sociology* 2015 Best Paper Award.
  - Lead Article.
- 2014                    **Ashwood, L.**, D. Diamond, and K. Thu. “Where’s the Farmer? Limiting Liability in Midwest Industrial Hog Production.” *Rural Sociology* 79(1): 2-27.
- Lead Article.
  - Covered by [The Daily Yonder](#) and the Open Markets Institute’s [Food & Power](#).
  - In 2022, covered by *Civil Eats*, in one article on [worker conditions](#) in industrial animal facilities and another on [federal OSHA protections](#).
  - Covered by [Wisconsin Watch](#) in 2023.
- 2013                    Harden, N., **L. Ashwood**, M. M. Bell, and W. Bland. “For the Public Good: Weaving a Multifunctional Landscape in the Cornbelt.” *Agriculture and Human Values* 30(4): 525-537.
- Early Version Winner of 2009 Agriculture, Human Values, and Society Graduate Student Paper Competition.
  - Early Version Winner of 2009 International Symposium on Society and Natural Resources Doctoral Student Paper Competition.

### Book Chapters

- 2024 Robinson, Margaux\* and **L. Ashwood**. 2024. "Financialization." Pp. 290-297 in the *Elgar Encyclopedia of Environmental Sociology*." Edited by Christine Overdeest. Elgar Publishing: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
- 2024 Imlay, Aimee\* and **L. Ashwood**. "Social and Community Impacts." Eds. James Merchant and Robert Martin. *Public Health Impacts of Industrial Farm Animal Production*. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press.
- Forthcoming Vick, K.C.\* and **L. Ashwood**. "Towards a Social-Ecology of Rural Public Health." Edited by Kenneth Robinson, Mark Harvey, Angie Carter and Keiko Tanaka. *Race & Racism in Rural America*. Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press.
- Under Contract Rockett, Maria\*, Abe Neis-Eldridge\*, Jimmy Robinson\* and **L. Ashwood**. "Liberatory Environmental Justice: Understanding Rural Domination, Empowerment, and Cross-Species Coalition Building." Edited by Ann Tickamyer and Carolyn Sachs. *Research Handbook of Rural Sociology*. Elgar Publishing: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
- 2020 Canfield, J.\*, K. Galloway\*, and **L. Ashwood**. "Rural Estrangement: Roadblocks and Roundabouts to Justice." *Cambridge Handbook of Environmental Sociology*. Eds. Katharine Legun, Julie Keller, Michael Carolan and Michael Bell. Cambridge University Press.
- 2019 **Ashwood, L., (co-first author)**, K. MacTavish (co-first author), and D. Richardson\*. "Legal Enforcement of Spatial and Environmental Injustice: Rural Targeting and Exploitation." *Routledge Companion to Rural Planning*. Eds. M. Scott, N. Gallent, and M. Gkartzios.
- 2016 **Ashwood, L.** and M.M. Bell. "The Rural-Agriculture Power Play." Pp. 650-660 in *The International Handbook of Rural Studies*. Eds., D. Brown and M. Shucksmith. UK: Francis and Taylor.
- 2011 **Ashwood, L.** and J. Liu. Student Resource Section and Case Studies for Michael M. Bell's 2013 textbook edition, *An Invitation to Environmental Sociology*.
- 2010 **Ashwood, L.** "Without Categories and Classifications: 'Rural' as a Social Expression." Pp. 113-124 in *From Community to Consumption: New and Classical Themes in Rural Sociological Research*. Rural Sociology and Development Series. Eds., A. Bonanno, H. Bakker, R. Jussaume, Y. Kawamura and M. Shucksmith. Bingley. UK: Emerald Publishing.

- Winner, European Society for Rural Sociology, Fred Buttel Award for best graduate student paper, 2009.

### Law Review Article

- 2022 Diamond, D., **L. Ashwood**, A. Franco, A. Imlay\*, L. Kuehn, and C. Boutwell. 2022. “Farm Fiction: Agricultural Exceptionalism, Environmental Injustice and U.S. Right-to-Farm Laws.” *Environmental Law Reporter*, 52: 10727-10748.
- [Covered and hyperlinked](#) to by Harvest Public Media in 2023.
  - Winner of 2023 Environmental Law and Policy Annual Review Award, [top twenty article](#).

### Book Review

- 2012 **Ashwood, L.** “Daniel Imhoff: The CAFO Reader: The Tragedy of Industrial Animal Factories.” *Agriculture and Human Values*, 29: 427-428.

### Policy, Feature or Community Report

- 2023 **Ashwood, L.** and P. Howard. “[Sorting out the Ownership Question: The Ultimately Unclear Beneficiaries of Power in Industrial Agriculture.](#)” February 21. *Institutional Landscapes*.
- 2022 Diamond, D. and **L. Ashwood** “Defenders of Rural Illinois’ Communities and Environment.” In: Ramos et al. (eds.), [Policy Matters. Special Issue on Environmental Defenders](#). Gland, Switzerland: IUCN. 22(1): 114-116.
- 2021 One Rural Collective. University of Kentucky. [Fifty State Specific Summaries of Right-to-Farm Laws](#). Story featuring project [here](#).
- 2021 Video. [Community-Based Survey Research in Rural Alabama Shows Elevated Cancer Rates](#). January.
- 2018 **Ashwood, L.** Cleburne Cancer Concerns, Kenzley Defler\*, Christy Hiett, Ming-Kuo Lee. “Questions and Answers: Fruithurst and Muscadine Cancer Concerns.” Forty-three page public document distributed January 20, 2018. (\*Note: authorship joint, listed alphabetically).
- 2011 **Ashwood, L.**, N. Harden, M. Bell, and W. Bland. *The Green Action Plan: Real Problems, Real Solutions*. Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs and UW-Madison.

## GRANTS

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### External

- 2023 Woods, M., PI, with **Ashwood, L.** (Partner, Senior Staff, University of Kentucky), and R. Weichelt (Partner, Senior Staff, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire). “Rural Discontent, Spatial Justice and Disruptive Politics in the Twenty-first Century.” European Research Commission. €2,500,000.
- 2023 **Ashwood, L.** Book Subvention. Farm Aid. \$5,000.
- 2021 **Ashwood, L.** PI with Co-PIs Mary Hendrickson, Phil Howard, and Andy Pilny. 2021. “Spiders in the Web: A Social Network Analysis of Dependency in U.S. Industrial Agriculture.” Economic Security Project. \$46,500.
- 2018 **Ashwood, L.,** PI with Co-PIs S. Carlson and A. Shier. “The Right-to-Farm for Small and Medium-Sized Farmers: A National Legal Analysis.” USDA NIFA. \$499,564.
- 2018 **Ashwood, L.,** PI with Co-PI Ming Kuo Lee. “Assessing Socio-Environmental Factors in the Cleburne County, Alabama, Childhood Leukemia Cluster.” Alabama Water Resources Research Institute. State Water Resources Competitive Grants Program. United States Geological Survey. \$24,989.
- 2017 **Ashwood, L.,** PI. “Rural Protest that Works: The Tenets of Emancipatory Politics.” Emancipatory Rural Politics Initiative. International Institute of Social Studies in The Hague, Netherlands. \$2,500.
- 2017 PI Fairbairn, M. with Co-PIs **Ashwood, L.,** and K. DeMaster. “The Financialization of U.S. Farmland: The Effects of Changing Landownership on Small and Mid-Sized farms.” USDA NIFA. \$149,920.
- 2017 Mentor with PI A. Wilson. “REU Site: Warm-water aquatic ecology.” National Science Foundation. \$116,000.
- 2016 PI D. Fields with Co-PIs **Ashwood, L.,** and R. Miao. “Establishing and Promoting Regional and Farm-Specific Brands for Specialty Crops in Alabama,” Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industry. \$25,000.
- 2013 Rural Sociological Society Dissertation Research Grant, \$2,500.
- 2010 M. Bell PI, and **L. Ashwood,** Co-PI: Landscape Agroecology –



Linking Socio-Environmental Action for Multifunctionality. Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs. \$65,681.

Internal

- 2023 **Ashwood, L.**, A. Pilny, and M. Cromer. “Energy Ownership and Organizational Structures in the Just Transition: Reclamation, Remediation and Rejuvenation for Eastern Kentucky.” University of Kentucky Energy Research Priority Area. \$33,000.
- 2022 Ashwood, L. Just in Time Award. Center for Health Equity Transformation. University of Kentucky. \$2,000.
- 2020 Ashwood, L. Dr. John Zinda’s visiting lecture on environmental authoritarianism. University of Kentucky Confucius Institute Virtual Speakers Series. \$1,500.
- 2018 Chae, D. PI with Co-PIs **L. Ashwood**, M. Brown, D. Cheng, and R. Deshpande. “Rural African American Aging Research.” Auburn University Presidential Awards for Interdisciplinary Research. \$255,000.
- 2018 **Ashwood, L., PI** with Co-PIs A. Furr, C. Hiatt, and M.K. Lee. “Achieving Action in Community Based Research: Clean Water for Cleburne Cancer Concerns.” AU Competitive Outreach Scholarship Grant. Office of Faculty Engagement. \$25,000.
- 2016 **Ashwood, L., PI.** Auburn University College of Agriculture. Agricultural Research Enhancement, Exploration and Development Grant. “A Socio-Historical Analysis of Right-to-Farm and Preservation Laws in Alabama and the Nation.” \$50,000.
- 2015 Vilas Conference Presentation Award. \$600. Declined.
- 2010-2014 Crowe Travel Scholarship: Awarded travel scholarship from Dept. of Community and Environmental Sociology’s Crowe Scholarship Committee, \$2,100.
- 2013-2014 Department of Sociology, UW-Madison Small Research Grant, \$100; Travel Fund, \$350.
- 2012 Center for Culture History and the Environment Research Grant, \$2,000.  
Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies Research Travel Grant, \$1,000.
- 2008 Arts Faculty Travel Bursary: Awarded bursary from NUIG, €700 (\$940).  
Social Science Research Centre Grant: Awarded funds based on outstanding qualification, and opportunity at NUIG, €700 (\$940).  
Dean of Arts and Sciences Bursary, €700 (\$940).

2006 Northwestern University Undergraduate Research Grant: Researched influences of Common Agricultural Policy in Co. Galway, Ireland, \$2,000.

## **TEACHING**

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2023 University of Kentucky, Sociology, Social Investigation, Graduate.

2020-2023 University of Kentucky, Sociology, Undergraduate, Environmental Sociology.

2022-2023 University of Kentucky, Sociology, Undergraduate, Public Sociology.

2022 University of Kentucky Sociology, Graduate, Rural Social Ecology.

2021 University of Kentucky, Sociology, Graduate, The State of Nature.

2021 University of Kentucky, Sociology, Undergraduate, Environmental Justice.

2020, 2021 University of Kentucky, Sociology, Undergraduate, Research Methods.

2018-2019 Auburn University, Rural Sociology, Research Methods, Graduate. (Co-taught with Drs. Furr and Worosz).

2016-2019 Auburn University, Rural Sociology, Undergraduate, Community Organization.

2016-2018 Auburn University, Rural Sociology, Graduate, Political Economy of Development.

2017 Auburn University, Rural Sociology, Graduate, Qualitative Research Methods.

2016 Auburn University, Rural Sociology, Graduate, American Political Thought and Neoliberalism.

2015 UW-Madison, Sociology, Undergraduate, Classical Sociological Theory.

2013 UW-Madison, Sociology, Undergraduate, Classical Sociological Theory.

### Teaching Assistant

2014 UW-Madison Community and Environmental Sociology, *Nature, Faith and Community*, Undergraduate.

- 2011-2012 UW-Madison Sociology, *Racial and Ethnic Minorities*, Undergraduate.
- 2008 NUIG Geography, *Methods in Physical Geography*, Undergraduate.
- NUIG Political Science and Sociology, *Methods of Sociology and Political Science*, SPSS Lab Instructor, Undergraduate.

#### Other

- 2008 NUIG Geography, *Fieldtrip on Geographies of Rural Development*; and fieldtrip on *Environment and Landforms*, Undergraduate
- 2007 NUIG Geography, Lab Assistant, Galway, Ireland, *Biogeography*, Undergraduate.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

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(\*denotes graduate student co-author)

#### External Invited

- 2024 **Ashwood, L.** Guest Speaker. “Empty Fields, Empty Promises: Disrupting Dispossession to Achieve Agricultural, Rural and Environmental (ARE) Justice.” Cornell Perspectives in Global Development Speaker Series. Cornell University. February 28.
- 2024 **Ashwood, L.** Discussant. “Energy, Climate and Federal Investments Reshaping Rural North America.” Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference. Lexington, Kentucky. February 24.
- 2023 **Ashwood, L.** Panel Speaker. “Book publication and the Rural Studies Series.” *Rural Sociological Society*. Burlington, Vermont. August 5.
- 2023 **Ashwood, L.** Respondent. “More than a Sheen of Green: Organizing Agroecological Transformation – Lessons from the Grassland 2.0 Project.” *Rural Sociological Society*. Burlington, Vermont. August 4.
- 2023 **Ashwood, L.** Panel Speaker. “Community Perspectives: Representing Lived Experiences in the Climate and Economic Justice Screen Tool (CEJST).” *National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine*. Washington D.C. June 5.

- 2023 **Ashwood, L.** Keynote. Rural Planning and Energy Keynote Panel. *International Academic Association on Planning, Law and Property Rights*. University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, Michigan. May 2.
- 2023 **Ashwood, L.** Haller Lecture. “Ending the Enclosure of the Enclosed: How to Disrupt Dispossession in Farm Country Today.” April 12. University of Wisconsin-Madison Agroecology Symposium. Memorial Union.
- 2023 **Ashwood, L.** Keynote. “Growing Just & Democratic Rural Communities & Regions: Opening a Generative Dialogue.” Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion. Rural Geography Special Group. *American Association of Geographers*. March 25.
- 2022 **Ashwood, L.** Welcome Speaker. Dimensions of Political Ecology (DOPE). March 24.
- 2021 **Ashwood, L.** Panelist. “Panel: Debating From the Inside Out: An Author Meets Critic Panel with Jill Harrison.” *Rural Sociological Society*. June 17.
- 2021 **Ashwood, L.** Panelist. “Plenary Panel: Raj Patel, Documentary Film Talk Back – *The Ants and the Grasshopper*.” *Rural Sociological Society*. July 30.
- 2021 **Ashwood, L.,** A. Imlay, C. Boutwell, D. Diamond, A. Franco, and L. Kuehn. “The Mid(Burden): Battles over the Right-to-Farm in the Heartland.” Rural Reconciliation Project, University of Nebraska School of Law. April 21.
- 2021 **Ashwood, L.,** A. Imlay, C. Boutwell, D. Diamond, A. Franco, and L. Kuehn. “The Mid(burden): Right-to-Farm’s Right-to-Rob in the Heartland.” *American Association of Geographers*. Panel on Access to Farmland in the American Midwest and Canadian Prairie. April 11.
- 2020 Ashwood, L. Panelist. *Lead for America*. Tips and Tools for Getting Proximate. August 9.
- 2019 **Ashwood, L.** Plenary Speaker. Rural Studies Conference. Pennsylvania State University.
- 2019 **Ashwood, L.** Freie Universität Berlin. Research Group, Global Change-Local Conflicts (GLOCON). “Structural Transformation of the Countryside.” Invited panelist on rural politics and the impact on social relations. October 24-25. Berlin, Germany.

- 2019 **Ashwood, L.** University of Georgia. Dirty History Workshop in Agriculture, Environment, and Capitalism. Invited author for critique and reading of paper in progress. September 6. Athens, GA.
- 2019 **Ashwood, L.** “Debating For-Profit Democracy: An Author Meets Critics Panel with Loka Ashwood.” *Rural Sociological Society*. August 8. Richmond, WV.
- 2019 **Ashwood, L.** Panelist, organized by Mildred Warner. “Collaborative Ethnography – Lifting up Local Perspectives.” *Rural Sociological Society*. August 9. Richmond, WV.
- 2019 **Ashwood, L.** Featured Speaker. Missouri CAFO Summit. Missouri Rural Crisis Center. January 27. Columbus, MO.
- 2018 **Ashwood, L.** “[Democracy and Rural America](#).” Southern Festival of Books. October 12. Nashville, TN.
- 2018 **Ashwood, L.** “[Land, Rights, and Justice: Why the Government is Losing the Trust of Rural America](#).” Book Talk. Prairie Festival. The Land Institute. August 28. Salina, KS.
- 2018 **Ashwood, L.** “The Pro-State, Anti-State, and Stateless Interplay: Rural Protest Against Industrial Agriculture.” Invited Paper Panel. Emancipatory Rural Politics II: Resisting, Mobilizing and Creating Alternatives. *American Association of Geographers*. April 10. New Orleans, LA.
- 2016 **Ashwood, L.** “Right to-Farm Laws.” Invited panel. Socially Responsible Agricultural Project. September 11. Green Bay, WI.
- 2016 **Ashwood, L.** Invited panel on “The Justice of Agroecology: Practice and Politics.” *International Rural Sociological Association*. August 12. Toronto, Canada.
- 2016 **Ashwood, L.** “The Moral Economy of Democracy and the Decline of the People’s Right to Private Property.” Invited paper session on Redress. *Law and Society*. June 2. New Orleans, LA.
- 2015 **Ashwood, L.** Invited paper panel on neoliberalism. “Pulling the Liberalism from the Neo: The Moral Economy of Private Property.” *Rural Sociological Society*. August 8. Madison, WI.
- 2014 **Ashwood, L.** Section on Sociology of Law Invited Session. Invited paper session on Law, Ethics, Policy and Manners in the Surveillance Society. “Nuclear

Surveillance in a Corporate-State.” *American Sociological Association*. August 19. San Francisco, CA.

- 2014 **Ashwood, L.** Invited paper session on multifunctionality. “Integrating Multifunctional Landscape Design into Agricultural Policy.” *Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences*. June 12. New York, NY.
- 2013 **Ashwood, L.** and F. Iutzi. Invited paper talk for Sustainability Brown Baggers Series. “Grounded Knowledge: Using a Participatory Process to Address Environmental Problems in the Spring Lake Watershed.” Western Illinois University. March 5. Macomb, IL.
- 2009 **Ashwood, L.** Western Illinois University. Invited talk on masters research. Sustainability Brown Baggers Series. February 10. “The Sustainability of the Rural Identity.” Macomb, IL.

#### Paper Presentations

- 2023 “Authors Meet Critics: Empty Fields, Empty Promises: A Guide to Understanding and Transforming the Right to Farm.” *Rural Sociological Society*. Burlington, Vermont. August 3.
- 2023 **Ashwood, L.**, A. Pilny, M. Hendrickson, P. Howard, and M. Jamilia. 2023. “Typologies of Power in Global Agribusiness Networks.” *Rural Sociological Society*. Burlington, Vermont. Burlington, Vermont. August 3.
- 2022 Imlay, A. and **L. Ashwood**. “The Lives of Property: A Hierarchical Analysis of Forms, Rights, and Owners.” *Rural Sociological Society*. Westminster, CO. August 5.
- 2022 **Ashwood, L.**, A. Pilny, J. Canfield, M. Jamila, and R. Thompson. “From Big Ag to Big Finance: A Market Network Approach to Power in Agriculture.” The Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society. May 18<sup>th</sup>. (Virtual).
- 2021 **Ashwood, L.**, Ryan Thompson, J. Canfield, and M. Jamila. “[Corporate Tied and Credit Bound: The Powering of Pork Production](#).” Big Ag & Antitrust Conference. Yale University. January 21<sup>st</sup>. (Virtual).
- 2021 Franco, A., D. Diamond, **L. Ashwood**, C. Boutwell, and L. Kuehn. “[Farm Fiction: How U.S. Right-to-Farm Laws Advance Injustices in Rural Areas](#).” Big Ag & Antitrust Conference. Yale University. January 21<sup>st</sup>. (Virtual).
- 2020 **Ashwood, L.** and J. Canfield. “What Owns the Land: The Corporate Organization of Farmland Investment.” *Sociology of Economic Change and Development*

Brownbag. Department of Sociology. University of Wisconsin-Madison. September 11. (Virtual).

- 2019 **Ashwood, L.** “The Justice and Institutional Interplay: Bringing the Local into the Theoretical Fold of Communicative Action.” Section on Environmental Sociology, Roundtables. *American Sociological Association*. Paper. August 11. New York, NY.
- 2019 Boutwell, C.\*, **L. Ashwood**, L. Kuehn, K. Bousquet, and A. Franco. “Protections for Whom? What Right-to-Farm Laws Mean for Rural People.” *Rural Sociological Society*. August 8. Richmond, West Virginia.
- 2019 Bousquet, K., **L. Ashwood**, C. Boutwell, L. Kuehn, K. Bousquet, and A. Franco. “Right-to-Farm Laws in Action: Winners and Losers in the Courtroom and Implications For Rural Justice.” *Rural Sociological Society*. August 9. Richmond, West Virginia.
- 2019 Canfield, J.\*, **L. Ashwood**, K. De Master, M. Fairbairn, and A. Kumar. “Location, Obfuscation, and Financialization: A New Method to Explore Farmland Ownership.” *Rural Sociological Society*. August 8. Richmond, West Virginia.
- 2019 Bell, M. M., **L. Ashwood**, Jason Orne. “Country Blood: The Naturalized Experience of Rural Descent.” *Rural Sociological Society*. August 8. Richmond, West Virginia.
- 2019 De Master, K., J. LaChance\*, **L. Ashwood**, and M. Fairbairn. June 28. “Rewilding, Regenerative Farming, and New Land Investments: Accumulation by Conservation or New Ecological Paradigm?” *Agriculture and Human Values* Annual Meeting. Anchorage, AK.
- 2019 Canfield, J.\*, **L. Ashwood**, K. De Master, and M. Fairbairn. June 28. “Not Who, But What, Owns the Land: Credit and Corporations as the Conduits of Financialization.” *Agriculture and Human Values*. Anchorage, AK.
- 2019 Fairbairn, M., J. LaChance\*, K. De Master, and **L. Ashwood**. April 6. “Farmland Investment and Groundwater in California.” *American Association of Geographers*. Washington, D.C.
- 2019 Canfield, J.\*, **L. Ashwood**, K. De Master, and M. Fairbairn. April 3. “Piercing the Corporate Veil: Exploring Farmland Financialization in McDonough and Fulton Counties, Illinois.” *American Association of Geographers*. Washington, D.C.
- 2018 Canfield, J.\*, **L. Ashwood**, K. De Master, and M. Fairbairn. “The (Not) So Great Transformation: Corporate Land Grabs and Fictitious Commodities.” *Southern Rural Sociological Society*. February 4, 2018. Birmingham, AL.

- 2018 Stonecypher, K., M. Lee, **L. Ashwood**, A. Furr, C. Hiatt, N. Dimonva, P. Majokweni, D. Montiel, C. Sutton. "Assessing Socio-Environmental Factors for a Childhood Leukemia Cluster in Cleburne County, Alabama." *American Geophysical Union*. December 10. Washington, D.C.
- 2018 Canfield, J.\*, **L. Ashwood**, K. De Master, Madeleine Fairbairn, and Anand Kumar. "Land Financialization in McDonough and Fulton Counties, Illinois." *Rural Sociological Association*. July 28. Portland, OR.
- 2018 Lachance, J.\*, V. Butsic, K. De Master, M. Fairbairn, and **L. Ashwood**.. "Farmland of the Middle: Questions of Ownership and Access." *Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society*. June 15. Madison, WI.
- 2018 De Master, K., **L. Ashwood**, and M. Fairbairn. "New Inquiries into the Agriculture of the Middle: Contemporary Land Questions." *Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society*. June 15. Madison, WI.
- 2018 Bell, M., **L. Ashwood**, and V. Stull\*. "Justice and the Rural Question." *Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society*. June 15. Madison, WI.
- 2018 Canfield, J.\*, K. Demaster, **L. Ashwood**, and M. Fairbairn. "Buying the Farm: Farmland Financialization in McDonough County, Illinois." *American Association of Geographers*. April 13. New Orleans, LA.
- 2016 **Ashwood, L.** "The Rural Agricultural Power-Play." In Session "Emerging Ruralities in Deagrarized Worlds." *International Rural Sociological Association*. September 12. Montreal, Canada.
- 2016 **Ashwood, L.** "The Rural Rebel." In Session "Rural Radicals: Exploring Radical Community Organising in Rural Areas." *International Rural Sociological Association*. August 11. Montreal, Canada.
- 2016 **Ashwood, L.** "The Moral Economy of Property." Mini-Conference Moral Economies of Sovereignty. *Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics*. June 25. Berkeley, CA.
- 2014 **Ashwood, L.** "A Tocquevillian Framework for Environmental Injustice." *Rural Sociological Society*. August 2. New Orleans, LA.
- 2013 **Ashwood, L.** "Injustice in the Georgia Countryside: The Moral Economy of Land Loss." *North Carolina Environmental Justice Network*. October 18. Whitackers, NC.



- 2013 **Ashwood, L.** “For Love of the Land: The Moral Economy of Land Loss.” *Rural Sociological Society*. August 9. New York, NY.
- 2013 **Ashwood, L.** “Land for the Taking.” Section on Environment and Technology Roundtable: Critical Perspectives. *American Sociological Association*. August 13. New York, NY.
- 2013 **Ashwood, L.,** D. Diamond, and K. Thu. “Where’s the Producer? Limiting Liability in Midwest Industrial Hog Production.” *Rural Sociological Society*. August 7. New York, NY.
- 2012 **Ashwood, L.,** N. Harden, M. Bell and W. Bland. “Linked and Situated: Grounded Knowledge.” Paper presented at *Rural Sociological Society*. July 27. Chicago, IL
- 2011 Harden, N., and **L. Ashwood.** “For the Public Good: Weaving a Multifunctional Landscape in the Corn Belt.” *International Symposium on Society and Natural Resources*. June 3. Madison, WI.
- 2011 Harden, N., **L. Ashwood,** M.M. Bell, and W. Bland. “Landscape Agroecology: A Multifunctional Approach to Nonpoint Source Pollution.” *International Association of Landscape Ecology*. April 4. Seattle, WA.
- 2010 **Ashwood, L.** “Landscape Agroecology: Socio-Environmental Action for Multifunctionality.” *Rural Sociological Society*. Aug. 14. Atlanta, GA.
- 2010 Bell, M. and **Ashwood, L.** “Beyond Class: Traditional Music and the Social Relations of Taste.” *Rural Sociological Society*. Aug. 13. Atlanta, GA.
- 2008 **Ashwood, L.** “Immigration and Emigration: The Difference of the Rural Locality.” *International Rural Sociology Association*. XII Congress. July 11. Seoul, Korea.
- 2008 **Ashwood, L.** “The Social Expression of the Rural: A Case Study of Four Irish Social Representative Groups.” *American Association of Geographers*. April 15-19. Boston, MA.
- Other
- 2024 **Ashwood, L.** Guest Speaker. “*Empty Fields, Empty Promises: A Guide to Understanding and Transforming the Right to Farm.*” Food Policy Course. Syracuse University. February 14. Virtual.

- 2023 **Ashwood, L.** Invited Participant. “IPES-Food Regional Dialogue on Land Access and Food Sovereignty.” International panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems. October 25. Online.
- 2023 Panel on “Engaging with Law and Rural Policy.” *Rural Sociological Society*. Burlington, Vermont. August 3.
- 2022 **Ashwood, L.** Rice University. Dr. Jeremy Field’s Sociology 101 course. Guest Lecture on Rural Distrust. Wednesday, November 2.
- 2019 De Master, K., J. LaChance\*, M. Fairbairn, **L. Ashwood**. Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management Faculty Seminar Series talk. University of California. “Revisiting the ‘Land Question’: Emerging U.S. Farmland Transitions for Small and Mid-sized Farms.” April 11. Berkeley, CA.
- 2018 **Ashwood, L.** Discover Auburn Lecture Series. Book Talk. August 20. “For-Profit Democracy: Why the Government is Losing the Trust of Rural America.” Auburn, AL.
- 2017 **Ashwood, L.** Santa Cruz Environmental Studies Seminar Series. Book Talk. “For-Profit Democracy: The Rise of Environmental Injustices, and the Decline of Governmental Authority in Rural America.” November 6. Santa Cruz, CA.
- 2017 Galloway, K.\* and **L. Ashwood**. Alabama Farm Expo. “Property and Farm Rights in Alabama and the Nation: How Right-to-Farm Laws Impact property and Agriculture.” August 5.
- 2017 **Ashwood, L.** and K. Galloway\*. Auburn University Faculty Research Symposium. “Property and Farm Rights in Alabama and the Nation: How Right-to-Farm Laws Impact Property and Agriculture. September 22.
- 2014 **Ashwood, L.** Unitarian Universalist Church. “Cracks in the Nuclear State: Rebellion and Resistance in the Georgia Countryside.” Invited talk on book project. April 27. Macomb, IL.
- 2012 **Ashwood, L.** Holtz Center for Science and Technology. Invited research talk for award recipients. “Land for the Taking: Oppression and Resistance in the Georgia Countryside.” December 13. Madison, WI.
- 2011 Harden, N. and **L. Ashwood**. Rock River Educational Forum. “Bringing Together Farmers, Landowners, Communities, Government, and Scientists to Develop Creative Strategies to Reduce Runoff Pollution in Two Small Watersheds in Wisconsin and Illinois.” April 14.

- 2009      **Ashwood, L.** SociETAS Seminar. University of Wisconsin, Madison.  
 “Social Expression of the Rural: A Narrative of Rural Meaning.” Oct. 19.  
 Madison WI.
- 2008      **Ashwood, L.** “Changing Rural Identities: A Case Study of Four Irish Social  
 Representative Groups.” Geography Seminar Series. National University of  
 Ireland Galway. Jan. 24. Galway, Ireland.

## **STUDENT TRAINING**

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### Completed, Primary or Co-Advisor:

Aimee Imlay, PhD, Sociology, University of Kentucky. Co-Chair. “Placing Rural Poverty in the  
 Political Economy: Farm Policy in the American Midwest.”

Crystal Boutwell, Masters, Rural Sociology, Auburn University, completed. “Right-to-Farm  
 Laws: Dispossession of Community in Rural America.” (Graduated 2020).

- Honorable Mention, Sociology of Agriculture and Food Research and Interest Group.

John Canfield, Masters, Rural Sociology, Auburn University, completed. “The Corporation and  
 the DNA of Farmland Financialization.” (Graduated 2019).

- Won Auburn University Graduate Council Master’s Thesis Award.

Karl Galloway, Masters, Rural Sociology, Auburn University, completed. “Policing Poultry:  
 State and Market Interplay and its Ramifications in the Rural South.” (Graduated 2018).

Dalton Richardson, Masters, Rural Sociology, Auburn University, completed. “God Bless the  
 Farmer: Community Perceptions of Legal Challenges to Hog Farming Operations in  
 North Carolina.” (Graduated 2018).

- Won Rural Sociological Society’s Master’s Thesis Award.

Fiona Walker, Masters, Rural Sociology, Auburn University, completed. “Right-to-Farm Laws:  
 A Thematic Analysis.” (Graduated 2017).

### Completed, Committee Member, Masters:

Connor Cain, Geoscience, Auburn University.

Taylor Franklin, Natural Resources, Auburn University

Abhimanyi Gopaul, Rural Sociology, Auburn University.

John Gunn, Rural Sociology, Auburn University.

Lindy Olive, Rural Sociology, Auburn University.

James Patterson, Rural Sociology, Auburn University.

Pilela Majokweni, Rural Sociology, Auburn University.

Mary Schelley, Rural Sociology, Auburn University.  
Amanda Stitt, Rural Sociology, Auburn University.

#### Current, Masters Committee

Lindsay Windland, Community and Leadership Development, University of Kentucky.

#### Current, PhD Advisees

Mohammad Khalilian, Sociology, University of Kentucky. Co-Chair.  
Abraham Neis-Eldridge, Sociology, University of Kentucky.  
Jimmy Robinson, Sociology, University of Kentucky.  
KC Vick, Sociology, University of Kentucky. Co-Chair.

#### Current, PhD Committee

John Canfield, Sociology, University of Wisconsin.  
Margaux Crider, Sociology, University of Kentucky.  
Allan Day, Anthropology, University of Kentucky.  
Alessandra Del Brocco, Sociology, University of Kentucky.  
John Gunn, Adult Education, Auburn University.  
Anaya Hall, University of California-Berkeley.  
Maria Rockett, Sociology, University of Kentucky.

#### Undergraduate Research Fellowship Advisor

Kenzley Defler: Fruithurst, Alabama, Cancer Cluster Study, Auburn University.

#### University Reader

Arnold Brodbeck, Forestry, Auburn University.  
Alex Chan, Human Development and Family Studies, Auburn University.

#### External Reader

Isaac Hughes, Honors Project, Department of Environmental Studies, Knox College

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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#### Professional Service

#### **Committees and Representation**

- 2023-2024 Rural Sociological Society Program Chair
- 2019-2022 Council Member, *Rural Sociological Society* Land Grant Representative. (Elected).
- 2019-2022 Publications Committee, Chair and Co-Chair.
- 2013-2018 Diversity Committee, *Rural Sociological Society*. Chair, 2017-2018.
- 2013-2016 Chair and Co-Chair, Rural Studies Group, *Rural Sociological Society*.
- 2013-2015 Student Council Representative, *Rural Sociological Society*. (Elected).
- 2015 Program Committee, *Rural Sociological Society*.
- 2013-2014 Social Committee, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2012 *Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society* Student Paper Prize Judge.
- 2009-2011 UW-Madison Sociology Department Mentorship Committee Member.
- 2010-2011 Graduate Student Representative, Dept. of Community and Environmental Sociology.
- 2011 Poster Judge. *International Symposium on Society and Natural Resources*. June 2.

### **Professional Meeting Organizing and Workshops**

- 2023 Table at Farm Aid's Homegrown Village Exhibit, featuring *Empty Fields, Empty Promises: A State-by-State Guide to Understanding and Transforming the Right to Farm*. September 23, 2023. Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 2023 Booth at National Farmers Union Convention on Right-to-Farm Laws. Distributed copies of summaries for all fifty states. March 5-7.
- 2022 Co-Organizer for "Understanding Competition and Market Power in Agricultural Markets: Cultivating New Voices and Comparative Scholarship." University of Missouri, March 16-18.

- 2021 Panelist. *Lead for America*. Invited as Facilitator Expert for Mock Community Visioning. February 6.
- 2019 Organizer, with K. De Master, A. Desmarais, and M. Fairbairn. “Rights of Ownership, Rights of Access: Land, Power, and Property.” Two paper sessions and one panel. *Rural Sociological Society*. August 8-10. Richmond, West Virginia.
- 2019 Moderator. “Rights of Ownership, Rights of Access: Land, Power, and Property.” Panel. *Rural Sociological Society*. August 9. Richmond, West Virginia.
- 2019 Moderator. “City of the Good: An Author Meets Critics Panel with Michael Bell.” *Rural Sociological Society*. August 9. Richmond, West Virginia.
- 2019 Organizer, with L. Pruitt. “Rural Lawline as Rural Lifeline.” *Rural Sociological Society*. Three paper sessions, August 9-August 10. Richmond, West Virginia.
- 2019 Moderator. “Rural Lawline as Rural Lifeline: Case-Studies in Legal Rights and Access for Those Most in Need.” *Rural Sociological Society*. August 10. Richmond, Virginia.
- 2017 Organizer. “Countering Utilitarianism and Environmental Injustice.” Diversity Mini-Conference. *Rural Sociological Society*. Columbus, Ohio. July 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 2015 Session Chair. “Value Chains III.” Paper Session. *Rural Sociological Society*. August 9. Madison, Wisconsin.
- 2015 Organizer with Jacki Hartley. Panel. “Voices in the Rural Local Food System.” *Rural Sociological Society*. August 7. Madison, Wisconsin.
- 2014 Moderator and Organizer. Panel. “Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Rural Environmental Injustice: Linking Communities and Scholars.” *Rural Sociological Society*. August 2. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2014 Organizer. Panel. “Citizens and Environmental Action: Community Resilience in the South.” *Rural Sociological Society*. August 1. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2014 Organizer. *Rural Sociological Society*. August 2. Workshop. “Theater of the Oppressed.”
- 2013 Session Chair, Discussant. *Rural Sociological Society*. August 8. “Masculinity, Farmer Identity and Land Ownership.” *Rural Sociological Society*. August 8. New York, NY.

- 2012            Session Chair. L. “Grounding Innovation.” *Rural Sociological Society*. July 27. Chicago, IL
- 2012-2014     Culture, History and Environment (CHE) working group.
- 2010            Roundtable Session Chair. *American Sociological Association*. August 14<sup>th</sup>. Environment and Technology Section.

### **Editor and Reviewer**

2020-2022       Associate Editor, *Rural Sociology*

Journal:        *Agriculture and Human Values, American Journal of Public Health, American Journal of Sociology, Annals of American Association of Geographers, Environmental Justice, Journal of Peasant Studies, Journal of Rural Studies, Social Currents, Rural Sociology, International Journal of Contemporary Sociology, Social Forces, Social Sciences, Sociologia Ruralis, Water Policy.*

Academic      Princeton University.  
Press:

Grant reviewer for National Science Foundation’s Sociology Program.

Grant reviewer for three USDA NIFA programs.

Other:            LiKEN Heirs Property Report; Green Lands Blue Waters White Paper.

### **Other Professional Work**

2010-2011     Research Assistant. Dept. of Community and Environmental Sociology. Madison, WI: Funded through Landscape Agroecology grant.

Summer        Research Associate. Value Added Sustainable Development Center. Researched 2009 implications of biofuel for rural communities.

2008-2009     Community Outreach Specialist. Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs: Full-time specialist for program designed to help revitalize rural Illinois communities.

Current and former Academic Memberships: *Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society; American Association of Geographers; American Sociological Association; Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences; International Association for Society and Natural*

*Resources; Law and Society; Native American and Indigenous Studies Association; Rural Sociological Society; Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics.*

### University Service

- 2023 University of Kentucky Presidential Safety Committee
- 2023-2025 University of Kentucky, Senate UK Core Education Committee
- 2022-2025 University of Kentucky, University Senator, College of Arts & Sciences. (Elected).
- 2022-2023 University of Kentucky, Senate Advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion.
- 2018-2021 Auburn University Salaries and Wages Committee.
- 2016-2021 Member, Center for Health Ecology and Equity Research, Auburn University.
- 2018 Faculty Research Symposium. Auburn University. September 22.

### College Service

- 2021-2023 Appalachian Center Awards Committee
- 2021 Cooperative for the Humanities and Social Sciences Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Kentucky.
- 2018-2021 Auburn University College of Agriculture York Lecture Committee.
- 2018-2021 Agricultural Communications Committee. Also served on search committee for features writer.
- 2016-2021 Diversity Committee.
- 2018 Alabama Farm Expo. Montgomery, Alabama. August 5.

### Department Service

- 2023-2024 Graduate Committee, FMER (Merit Review) Committee
- 2022-2023 Professional Development Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Kentucky.



- 2022-2024 FMER Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Kentucky.
- 2021-2022 Graduate Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Kentucky.
- 2020-2022 Member, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Kentucky; Chair (2021-222).
- 2020-2021 Undergraduate Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Kentucky.
- 2016-2019 Served or serving on 4 faculty search committees for 5 searches in College of Agriculture, Auburn University; One faculty search committee in College of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, Auburn University.
- 2016-2018 Secretary, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology.
- 2015-2019 Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology Assessment Committee, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.
- 2015-2018 Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.
- 2015-2018 Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology Assessment Committee, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

### Community Service

- 2017 Helped Cleburne Cancer Concerns (the group formed from CBR research) elicit over \$5,000 for their Go Fund Me campaign. Helped complete two other grant applications, which totaled \$8,000.
- 2017 Spoke to groups in west central Illinois about their concerns relating to the siting of large-scale hog facilities and Right-to-Farm laws in November and August.
- 2014-2015 Secretary, Illinois Stewardship Alliance.
- 2013-2015 Board of Directors, Illinois Stewardship Alliance.
- 2012-2015 Founding Board Member, Board of Directors, Rural Residents for Responsible Agriculture.
- 2014 President, Rural Residents for Responsible Agriculture.

## **MEDIA COVERAGE OF RESEARCH**

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Featherston, Emily and Madison McVan. “[Secret Acres: Boom or Bubble? High farmland prices encourage investors, concern farmers.](#)” *Investigate Midwest* and *InvestigateTV*. December 19, 2023.

Goldstein, Bennet. “[The businessman: Pig farm developer gains little trust in Wisconsin town. He doesn’t particularly care.](#)” *Wisconsin Watch*. December 12, 2023.

Held, Lisa. “[Farm Credit Can Make or Break Farms. Should It Be More Equitable?](#)” *Civil Eats*. June 5, 2023.

Shaw, Samuel. “[Western legislatures take on foreign land ownership.](#)” *High Country News*. March 8, 2023.

Nargi, Lela. “[Congress Wants to Block Foreign Ownership of U.S. Farmland. Is This a Red Herring?](#)” *Ambrook Research*. February 3, 2023.

Tesfaye, Eva. “[Midwest Aims to Add Large Indoor Animal Farms, Despite Concerns.](#)” *The State of Science Series, Science Friday*. National Public Radio. February 3, 2023.

Tesfaye, Eva. “[Midwest states court indoor hog and poultry production, despite the millions of gallons of manure.](#)” *Harvest Public Media*. January 4, 2023.

Cooke, Christina. “[Animal Agriculture is Dangerous Work. The People Who Do It Have Few Protections.](#)” *Civil Eats*. November 14, 2022.

Wozniacka, Gosia. “[‘I Was Coughing So Hard I Would Throw Up’: Workers at the tens of thousands of hog, chicken, and cow CAFOs in the US face severe respiratory health burdens. The corporate response is risk Management.](#)” *Civil Eats*. November 15, 2022.

[University Kentucky press release](#) on “Rural and Community-Based Cancer Cluster Research” covered by the [Daily Mail](#); and [Rick and Bubba](#). Early October, 2022.

Rooty, Allie. 2022. “[Fruithurst community receives answers in search for cause of cancer cluster.](#)” CBS 42. Birmingham. October 2, 2022.

Minnesota Public Radio. “[Revealing the Realities of Rural America.](#)” MPR News with Kerri Miller. September 19, 2022.

Rural Assembly. “[Democratizing Our Food System.](#)” May 11, 2022.

Hiltzik, Michael. 2022. "[Pork producers are in full squeal over California's farm animal rules. You should tune them out.](#)" *The Los Angeles Times*. February 23, 2022.

Whitcomb, Theo. "[What is California's 'War on Breakfast' really about?](#)" *High Country News*. February 17, 2022.

Grey, Jamie, Emily Featherston, Cory Johnson and Lee Zurik. "[Secret Acres: Foreign-owned agricultural land inaccurately tracked by government.](#)" *Investigate Midwest*. January 26, 2022. Also broadcast across the country through local TV station affiliates of InvestigateTV.

Week, Olivia. "[Q&A: Why is the Government Losing Rural America's Trust?](#)" *The Daily Yonder*. January 14, 2022.

Daily, Malory. "[Tourism vs. CAFOs: A New Front in the Fight Against Industrial Animal Ag.](#)" *Civil Eats*. September 28, 2021.

Philpott Tom. "[Bell and Melinda Gates' Empire of Dirt: Wealthy investors are snapping up large tracts of farmland—and sowing discontent.](#)" *Mother Jones*. May 25, 2021.

Stateline. "[Lawsuits Against Pig Farms Are So Successful That These States Want to Stop Them: At Least Nine States Have Enacted or Considered a 'Right to Farm' this year.](#)" *Huffington Post*. May 22, 2019.

Simpson, April. "[Neighbors Suing Over Pig fumes Spur 'Right-to-Farm' Push.](#)" *Pew Charitable Trusts*. May 22, 2019.

Moon, Emily. "[Missouri Outlaws Rural Residents' Last Line of Protection Against CAFOs.](#)" *Pacific Standard Magazine*. May 17, 2019.

Moon, Emily. "[More States Are Restricting Who Can Sue Agriculture Operations.](#)" *Pacific Standard Magazine*. April 15, 2019.

Opinion-Editorial, Environmental Health Network. 2019. "[Right-to-Farm laws run counter to rural culture and property rights.](#)"

Kelloway, Claire. "[How a New Corporate Model in Hog Farming Puts Rural Communities at Risk.](#)" *Food & Power*. Open Markets Institute. March 15, 2019.

Pia, Brian. "[Growing Number of Cleburne County, Alabama, Cancer Cases Raising Concerns.](#)" ABC 33/40 Birmingham, February 18, 2019.

Travis, Randy. "[Researchers disagree on cancer links in rural Alabama town.](#)" Fox5. Atlanta. January 16, 2019.

Pia, Brian. "[Alabama Congressman Wants Federal Dollars to Resolve East Alabama Well Water Problem.](#)" ABC 3340 Birmingham, September 20, 2018.

McConatha, James. "[ADEM brought into Fruithurst Cancer Investigation.](#)" WAIT CBS Birmingham, February 27, 2018.

Lockette, Tim and Bill Wilson. "[ADEM to Check Fruithurst Rubber Plant After Cancer Concerns](#)": *The Anniston Star*, February 26 2018.

Editorial Board. "[Answers for Fruithurst.](#)" *The Anniston Star*, February 20 2018.

Pillion, Dennis. 2018. "[Cancer-Causing Radon Found in East Alabama Town's Well Water, Researcher Says](#)": *AL.com*, January 31 2018.

Donley, Andrew. "[Scientists: Water Contaminants Possibly Linked to Spike in City's Cancer Cases](#)": ABC 3340 Birmingham, January 30 2018.

Simon, Hillary. "[Fruithurst Residents Get Answers to Water Tests](#)": WAIT CBS Birmingham, January 30, 2018.

McConatha, James. "[Research Finds Connections Between Cancer Victims in Fruithurst](#)": WAIT CBS Birmingham, January 7, 2018.

Bivins, Brittany. "[Auburn University Investigating Fruithurst Cancer Cases Where 6 Kids Diagnosed in 14 months](#)": WAIT CBS Birmingham, March 7, 2017.

"Looking for Answers Behind Growing Number of Cancer Cases": WAIT CBS Birmingham, February 14, 2017: <http://www.wiat.com/news/cbs-42-investigates/looking-for-answers-behind-growing-number-ofcancer-cases-in-fruithurst/868041712>

"Professor shares views of 'factory farming'." *Canton Daily Ledger*. October 16, 2017. <http://www.cantondailyledger.com/news/20171016/professor-shares-views-of-factory-farming>

## **JOURNALISM AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS**

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2007            Guest columnist, *Newspaper Guild*, "Newspapers' Woes Begin in J-School."

2006            First place recipient of Society of Professional Journalists Five-State Area General News Writing Award for "While farming potatoes, they take on pollution" in *Florida Union-Times*.

Reporter of the Month, *Florida Times-Union*. Two articles used by the *Associated Press*.

Selected as senior class speaker for Freshman induction into Northwestern University Medill School of Journalism.

Second Place co-recipient of Illinois Press Association In-Depth Series Award for methamphetamine series in the *Macomb Eagle*.

2004 Third place, Society of Professional Journalists Television In-Depth Reporting Award for series on cattle market manipulation on *U.S. Farm Report*.

2003 First Place Co-Recipient of Illinois College Press Association Award for state of mind series in the *Daily Northwestern*.