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PROFILE

Current Position: Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Bridges Humanities Corps,
The Graduate School, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

Areas of Expertise: Environmental anthropology; Science and technology studies; Political ecology; Intersectional and feminist studies; Critical public health; Ethnography and social scientific methodologies; Cultural competency

Research Interests: Collaborative research; Human-nonhuman relationships; Agriculture; Water and soil conservation initiatives; Scientific communication

EDUCATION

- 2018 **Ph.D. Anthropology**, University of South Carolina, Columbia
Dissertation: *Ground Truthing: The Politics and Culture of Soil and Water Conservation in Iowa Agriculture*
- 2013 **M.A., Anthropology**, University of South Carolina, Columbia
Thesis: *Ruminating on Ruminants: Goats and The People Who Raise Them in South Carolina*
- 2010 **B.S., Anthropology, Biology Minor**, The College of Charleston, Charleston, SC

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

- 2017 **Graduate Certificate, Women and Gender Studies**, University of South Carolina
- 2014 **Graduate Certificate, Public Health**, University of South Carolina
- 2013 Ethnographic Field School training in Community-Based Participatory Research and broad social scientific methodologies (qualitative and quantitative data collection & analysis)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Aug 2015-Sept 2016 Research Principal Investigator, University of South Carolina
Doctoral Fieldwork (Iowa)
- Designed and implemented 13-month ethnographic study of collaborative efforts aimed at nutrient reduction and water pollution related to industrial row-crop agriculture
 - Contributed critical study of circulation of scientific knowledge
 - Contributed assessment of education and outreach conservation programs
- Dec 2012- July 2014 Research Assistant, University of South Carolina
PI: Dr. James F. Thrasher, Health Promotion, Education, & Behavior Program
Project: Warning Label Out: Building evidence for effective and sustainable cigarette warning label policy
- Assisted in development of coding consensus
 - Used qualitative coding of survey responses
- Summer 2013 Field School Participant, NSF Ethnographic Field School, Tallahassee, FL
Co-led by HEAT (Health Equality Alliance of Tallahassee) and University of Florida
- Collaborated and engaged in group and community-driven interview project
 - Attended advanced methodological training classes using quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis
 - Engaged in participant observation in community (e.g. volunteer work, town halls, community activism)
- Summer 2012 Research Principal Investigator, University of South Carolina
Masters Fieldwork (South Carolina)
- Designed and implemented 5-month ethnographic study of people raising meat and dairy goats
 - Contributed multispecies perspective to understudied domestic relationships

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Products

- 2015 Little, Tariana, Farber, Brianna, and Shaikha Al-Kuwari
“Becoming Ethnographers: Social (Re)Positionings in the Field.” *Practicing Anthropology* 37(4): 14-17.

Public Products

- 2016 Farber, Bri “Thinking Out Loud in Trump’s Iowa.” *Unsweetened*.
<http://unsweetenedmagazine.com/mag/thinking-out-loud-in-trumps-iowa/>
- 2016 Farber, Bri “Out in the Field in the Miller Creek Watershed.” *Iowa Water Center H2 in the KnOw Blog*.
<https://iawatercenter.wordpress.com/2016/11/21/out-in-the-field-in-the-miller-creek-watershed/> .

In Preparation

- 2019 “Pollution Made By Nature: The Circulation of Nitrate Knowledge in Iowa Agriculture and Conservation.” Journal article.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2018 Bridges Humanities Corps Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow
University of South Carolina
- 2018 Rappaport Student Paper Prize Finalist
AAA Anthropology and Environment Section
- 2016 Departmental nomination for Bilinski Dissertation Fellowship
University of South Carolina
- 2016 Departmental nomination for Graduate Student Teaching Award
University of South Carolina
- 2016 Departmental nomination for Trustee Fellowship
University of South Carolina
- 2015 Domestic Research Grant
Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina (\$1000)
- 2013 Selection for NSF-funded HEAT Ethnographic Field School
- 2012 Domestic Research Grant
Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina (\$750)

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Conference Sessions Organized

- 2016 Session Co-organizer (with Andrea Rissing), “Economic and Environmental Negotiations in Contemporary U.S. Agriculture” at the 115th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota. November 16-20.

Papers Presented

- 2018 “Pollution Made by Nature: The Circulation of Nitrate Knowledge in Iowa Agriculture and Conservation.” Paper presented at the 117th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA. November 20-25.
- 2016 “Revitalizing the soil and water: Conservation in Iowa industrial agriculture.” Paper presented at the 115th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis Minnesota. November 16-20.
- 2016 “A Prairie Home Revival.” Pecha Kucha presented at 12th Annual Ethnographic Praxis in Industrial Contexts Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota. August 29-September 1.
- 2015 “From the Dead Zone, Up the Mississippi: The Social Worlds of Hypoxia.” – Paper presented at the 5th Annual Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Lexington, KY. February 26-28.
- 2014 “Becoming Ethnographers: Learning and Negotiating Identities in the Field.” Co-authored and presented with Tarianna V. Little (University of Massachusetts Medical School) and Shaikha Al-Kuwari (University of Florida) - Part of Lessons from 2013 Ethnographic Field School in Tallahassee Florida Panel. Presented at 74th Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Albuquerque, NM. March 18-22.
- 2013 “Ruminating on Ruminants: Goats and the People Raising Them in South Carolina.” Paper presented at the 73rd Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Denver, CO. March 19-23.
- 2013 “Ethnography, Intersectionality, and Sustainable Agriculture.” Paper presented at the USC Women’s and Gender Studies 2013 Conference, Columbia, SC. February 28- March 1.
- 2012 “Ruminating on Ruminants: Goats and the People Raising Them in South Carolina.” Paper presented at 111th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA. November 14-18.
- 2012 “Ruminating on Ruminants: Goats and the People Raising Them in South Carolina.” Paper presented at 10th Annual South Carolina Anthropology Student Conference, Clemson, SC. April 29.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

SAEL Social Advocacy and Ethical Life Spring 2019; Fall 2018 (3:3)

ANTH Gender and Culture	Summer 2017
ANTH Understanding Other Cultures	Summer 2015; Fall 2014; Summer 2014; Fall 2013
Teaching Assistant	
ANTH Understanding Other Cultures	Spring 2018; Fall 2017; Spring 2017; Spring 2015; Spring 2014; Spring 2013; Spring 2012; Fall 2011

SELECTED INVITED TALKS

2018 “Culturing Soil.” Guest lecture for Jessica Barnes’ ENVR 201: Environmental Science and Policy, October 31.

2018 “Breaking Down the Gender Binary.” Guest lecture for Amy Mills’ Geography 311 Cultural Geography. April 17.

2017 “Who Needs Gender?” Guest lecture for Kyunghee Ma’s Social Work 331: Diversity & Social Justice in Contemporary Society, October 9.

SERVICE

Professional Service

January 2019 – present Anthropology Environment & Society Program Co-Chair

Fall 2012 – Spring 2013 AGORAE Co-president & Conference Co-Organizer
USC Anthropology Graduate Organization for Research, Action, and Ethics

Community Service

January 2019 – present Girls Rock Columbia Board Co-Vice President
Dec 2018 – present Girls Rock Columbia Board Member
July 2017 – present Girls Rock Columbia Volunteer

Fall 2014 – May 2018 Office of Multicultural Student Affairs Peer Educator
University of South Carolina