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**EDUCATION**

PhD in Progress (ABD), Sociology, North Carolina State University, expected June 14th, 2019

Concentrations in Food and the Environment, and Inequality: Race, Class, Gender

*Dissertation Title*: Reaching Across the Table: Commensality and Community Food Efforts. Committee: Sarah K. Bowen (chair), Michaela DeSoucey, Annie Hardison-Moody, Michael Schwalbe, Jessi Streib (Duke University)

M.S., Sociology. North Carolina State University, 2015

B.A., Media, Society and the Arts, Purchase College, 2012

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Sociology of Food and the Environment, Symbolic Interactionism, Public Health and Nutrition, Community Development, Women and Gender Studies, Sociology of the Family, Social Stratification, Feminist Theory, Mixed Methods, Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Refereed Journal Articles**

Mycek, Mari Kate. 2018. "Meatless Meals and Masculinity: How Veg\* Men Explain Their Plant-Based Diets." *Food and Foodways* 26(3): 223-45.

**Under Review**

Mycek, Mari Kate, Annie Hardison-Moody, J. Dara Bloom, Sarah Bowen, and Sinikka Elliott. “Learning to Eat the “Right” Way: Examining Nutrition Socialization from the Perspective of Immigrants and Refugees.” *Food, Culture, and Society.*

**Edited Volumes and Book Chapters**

Martin, Blake, Mari Kate Mycek, Sinikka Elliott, and Sarah Bowen. 2019 (forthcoming). "Low-Income Mothers and the Alternative Food Movement: An Intersectional Approach." in *Feminist Food Studies: Intersectional Perspectives*, edited by B. Parker, J. Brady, E. Power, and S. Belyea: Women's Press.

Moore, Lisa Jean, and Mari Kate Mycek. 2014. "Body Image, Gender and Food." in *Encyclopedia of Food and Agricultural Ethics*, edited by Paul B. Thompson and David Kaplan: Springer.

**Other Academic Publications**

Mycek, Mari Kate. "Developing a Sociological Imagination through Americanah: by Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche." Assignment published in TRAILS: Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology. Washington DC: American Sociological Association. (http://trails.asanet.org)

Mycek, Mari Kate. 2017. "Book Review: Can’t Catch a Break: Gender, Jail, Drugs, and the Limits of Personal Responsibility." *Teaching Sociology* 45(3):292-94.

**Popular Press**

Mycek, Mari Kate. 2018. “Homeless Women Say Me Too but No One is Listening.” *The Huffington Post.* <https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/opinion-mycek-me-too-> homeless\_us\_5aa6c75ee4b03c9edfae87f1

Mycek, Mari Kate. 2012. “Man V. Food: Media Representations of Meat and Masculinity.” *The Feminist Wire.*  http://thefeministwire.com/2012/04/man-v-food-representations-of-meat- and-masculinity/

**Manuscripts in Preparation**

Mycek, Mari Kate. “Feeding the community: Investigating the (invisible) costs of building relationships”

Mycek, Mari Kate. “Grief and Fear: Dealing with Difficult Emotions in Field Work”

Mycek, Mari Kate, Martin, Blake, Simpson, Chaniqua, Bowen, Sarah and Sinikka Elliott. “Organic is just a label: Boundary Work and Food Identity Among Low-income Mothers”

**AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

* SAGE Award: Section on Teaching and Learning, 2018
* Himes Outstanding Graduate Student Sociology Paper Award, 2016
* North Carolina State University Graduate Fellowship, 2013

**TEACHING**

**Courses Taught**

Principles of Sociology

Women and Men in Society

**Teacher Training**

ASA 2018 Pre-conference on Teaching and Learning – “Using Technology to Improve our Teaching”

Course in Teaching Sociology (NC State)

Seminar in Democratic Teaching Methods (Sociologists for Women in Society, Winter Meeting 2017)

Seminar in Addressing Privilege in the classroom (Sociologists for Women in Society, Winter Meeting 2017)

**Teaching Assistant Experience**

International Development

Women and Men in Society

Sociology of Jobs and Work

Advanced Special Topics in Sociology (Animal Studies)

**PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES**

**Panels Organized**

Feminists in the Field, Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting, 2018

**Papers Presented**

“Dealing with Assumptions and Challenges in Ethnography”

Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting, 2018

“The Double Bind? Marriage, Family, and Low-income Women’s “Choices”

Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting, 2017

“Challenging Assumptions: Healthy Food from the Immigrant and Refugee Perspective” Rural Sociology Annual Meeting, 2017

(with Dara Bloom, Annie Hardison-Moody, Sarah Bowen, and Michael Schulman)

“Invisibility in the Fields: The Subordinate Position of Migrant Farm Working Women in Their Work and Ours”

Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting, 2016

“Meatless Meals and Masculinity: An Examination of Men’s Use of Rationality and Scientific Research to Explain Their Plant-based Diets.”

North Carolina Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 2016

“Voices into Action” Graduate Sociology Student Research Symposium, 2016

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2018-Present: “Food and Safety Survey” - Sociology Department, NC State University

Co-PIs: Sarah Bowen and Mari Kate Mycek

Created, constructed, and distributed survey instrument to evaluate the experiences of people experiencing food insecurity and homelessness; centered on questions to better understand harassment, safety, and perceived threats within emergency food providers. Developed relationships with local shelters, emergency food providers, and other resource officers to recruit service participants. Trained an undergraduate research assistant to help collect data and work on all subsequent facets of the project.

2018- Present: Sociology Department, Duke University

PI: Christopher Bail

Conducted phone interviews for a longitudinal research project about social media use and political ideology.

2018-Present: Karen Peterman Consulting

Collected evaluative data to better understand informal learning. Engaged with different communities to learn how they understood, processed, and sustained information. Evaluated informal learning at STEM Science Festivals aimed at reaching young and underrepresented people in the STEM field.

2017-2018: Agricultural and Human Sciences Department

Co-PIs: Annie Hardison-Moody and J. Dara Bloom, NC State

Coded interviews with immigrants about food and health using NVivo software and worked to develop manuscripts and conference presentations detailing the findings.

2014-2017: Voices into Action: The Family, Food and Health Project

Co-PIs: Sarah Bowen and Sinikka Elliott, NC State

Worked in a variety of capacities, including: data collection, planning, analysis, and assistance with outreach. These tasks included ethnographic data collection (in-home observations with families), in-depth semi-structured interviews with caretakers and children, developing and implementing community feedback sessions, and mini-grant site visits. Helped create interview guides and codebooks, quality controlled transcripts, coded transcripts, and collected demographic data to supplement qualitative data collection. Administered the survey portion of the project in year 3 of data collection.

2015-2016: College to Work Study

PI: Jessi Streib, Duke University

Collected ethnographic data at job presentations, career fairs, and interviewed seniors in a university business school. Followed the progress of the students into their lives after college through additional phone interviews.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

* American Sociological Association
* Eastern Sociological Society
* Sociologists for Women in Society

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

* Food and Housing Security Steering Committee Member, NC State
* “Hunger in the Land of Plenty” Panelist, Raleigh NC – 9.21.18
* “What Really is Food Insecurity?” Public Lecture, Raleigh NC – 6.28.18
* Certified in Mental Health First Aid
* Neighbor 2 Neighbor youth mentor, Raleigh NC

**REFERENCES**

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