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Curriculum vitae

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PROFESSIONAL POSITION

2017 - Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY

EDUCATION

2017 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Oregon
2012 M.A., Urban and Regional Geography, SUNY Buffalo
2006 B.A., *alpha sigma nu*, Journalism, Fordham University

SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Environmental Sociology; Historical Sociology; Social Theory; Philosophy, History, and Sociology of Science; Animal Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

2015 Besek, Jordan Fox. "Neoliberal Niagara? The Political History of Fish Consumption Advisories in New York State." *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 33 (2): 281-295.
(Recipient of the 2015 Graduate Student Publication Award, Department of Sociology, University of Oregon).

2015 McGee, Julius Alexander; Matthew Thomas Clement and Jordan Fox Besek. "The Impacts of Technology: A Reevaluation of the STIRPAT model." *Environmental Sociology* 1 (2): 81-91.

- 2014 Besek, Jordan Fox and Julius Alexander McGee. "Introducing the Ecological Explosion: A Cross-National Analysis of Invasive Species and Economic Development." *International Journal of Sociology* 44 (1): 75-93.

Book Review

- 2014 Besek, Jordan Fox. "Review of Elizabeth Kolbert's *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History*." *Human Ecology Review* 20 (2): 185-188.

Encyclopedia Entry

- 2017 Besek, Jordan Fox. "Invasive Species." *Humans and Animals: A Geography of CoExistence*. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO.

Manuscript in Submission or in Preparation

- In Review Besek, Jordan Fox and Richard York. "Theorizing Biodiversity Loss: On the Relationship Between Social and Biophysical Contexts."
- In Review York, Richard and Jordan Fox Besek. "Fear Not the Spectre of Geographic Determinism: Why Sociology Needs Explanative Pluralism."
- Drafted Besek, Jordan Fox. *On the Historicity of Social and Ecological Systems: From the Asian Carp Invasion to the Reversing of the Chicago River*.
- Outlined Cunningham, Jeanine and Jordan Fox Besek. *Rural Communities and Ecological Transformation: Lessons from the Redneck Fishing Tournament*.
- Outlined Besek, Jordan Fox. *The Duel Nature of Invasive Species Science: How Political Context Modifies the Scientific Legitimacy of Environmental DNA*.
- Outlined Besek, Jordan Fox. *What Did Chicago School Sociologists Mean When They Said a Theory is 'Ecological', and Why Does It Matter Today?*

Technical Report

- 2016 Spacapan, Molly; Jordan Fox Besek and Greg G. Sass. "Perceived Influence and Response of River Users to Invasive Bighead Silver Carp in the Illinois River." *Illinois Natural History Survey Technical Report INHS* (2).

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2014-17 General University Scholarship, University of Oregon.

- 2016 Wasby-Johnson Dissertation Award, Department of Sociology, University of Oregon.
- 2015 Research Award for Data Collection and Presentation, University of Oregon. (Shared with co-investigator Jeanine Cunningham.)
- 2015 Graduate Student Publication Award, Department of Sociology, University of Oregon.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Activity/Participation

- 2017 Presenter (with Jeanine Cunningham). "You Get It Taken Away, You Strike Back: Responding to the Presence of Invasive Species." American Sociological Association annual meeting, Montreal, QC.
- 2016 Presenter. "On the Relationship Between Social Contexts and Biophysical Contexts." American Sociological Association annual meeting, Seattle, WA.
- 2016 Panel Organizer. "Bridges and Barriers Between the Social and Ecological Sciences." Society for Human Ecology annual meeting, Santa Ana, CA. *(Recipient of the "Best Conference Session Organized by a Student" Award)*
- 2015 Presenter. "Away from a Theory of Biodiversity Loss: Seeing the Biodiversity Loss Crisis in Concert with Social History." American Sociological Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 Presenter. "Confronting the Complexity of Life: How to think about Biodiversity from A Sociological Perspective." Pacific Sociological Association annual meeting, Long Beach, CA.
- 2015 Discussant. Undergraduate roundtable session "Environmental Sociology." Pacific Sociological Association annual meeting, Long Beach, CA.
- 2015 Presider. Panel session "The Global Food & Agriculture System versus Local Identity." Pacific Sociological Association annual meeting, Long Beach, CA.
- 2014 Presenter. "Latent Ecologies: The Connections Between Invasive Species, Habitat Destruction and Social Processes." American Sociological Association annual meeting, San Francisco, CA. *(Included in an Environment and Technology sponsored open topic panel session.)*
- 2014 Presenter. "The Trouble with Fish: Examining the Political History of Fish Consumption Advisories in New York State." American Sociological Association annual meeting, San Francisco, CA.

- 2014 Presenter. "Reworking Nature: Analyzing the Social Drivers of Invasive Species." Pacific Sociological Association annual meeting, Portland, OR.
- 2013 Presenter. "From Resource to Hazard: A Critical Human Ecology of the Asian Carp Invasion." American Sociological Association annual meeting, New York, NY.
- 2013 Presenter. "Neoliberal Niagara? The Neoliberalization of Fish Consumption Advisories for the Upper Niagara River." American Association of Geographers annual meeting, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2012 Presenter. "Post-Industrial Marginalization Among Subsistence Anglers in Buffalo, New York." American Association of Geographers annual meeting, New York, NY.
- 2011 Co-President (with Miriam Katz). "Economy, Environment, and Crisis." North East Regional Space-Time Conference, Toronto, ONT.

Campus/Departmental Talks

- 2016 Presenter. "Examining Biodiversity Loss on a Social Scale: From Context to Structure." Guest Presentation to the University of Oregon Human/Animal Research Interest Group.
- 2016 Presenter. "The Sociology of Environmental Change: A Multi-Scalar Exploration of the Asian Carp Invasion." Colloquium presentation to the University of Oregon Department of Sociology.
- 2015 Presenter. "Undoing the Richness of Life: Baselines for Interrogating the Social Processes that lead to Biodiversity loss." Panel Presentation to the University of Oregon Interdisciplinary Discussion Group.
- 2014 Presenter. "On the Banality of Environmental Inequality." Guest Presentation to the University of Oregon Human/Animal Research Interest Group.
- 2014 Co-presenter (with Julius McGee). "The Dialectic of Invasion: Putting Invasive Species Events into Socio-Historical Global Context." Included in the University of Oregon Symposium on Animal Vulnerability.
- 2014 Presenter. "Conserving Marginalization: Interrogating Environmental Inequalities at the Nexus of Neoliberalism, the Conservation Movement and Fish Consumption Advisories." Colloquium presentation to the University of Oregon Department of Sociology.
- 2014 Panel Moderator. "Wake Up Before Its Too Late, GMO's Don't Feed the World, Small and Organic Farmers Do: Oregon Perspectives." Included in the University of Oregon Public Interest Law Conference.

2013 Panelist. "The Emancipated City: A discussion with Carolyn Steele about her book "Hungry City: How food Shapes our Lives". Included in HOPES19: A Conference for Collaborative Futures.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

Classical Social Theory (2017 – SUNY Buffalo, Graduate)
 Organizational Sociology (2017 – SUNY Buffalo)
 American Society (2017 – University of Oregon)
 Complex Organizations (2017 – University of Oregon)
 Animals and Society (2016 – University of Oregon)
 Development of Sociological Theory (2014 - University of Oregon)

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Reviewer

International Journal of Comparative Sociology; Ecological Economics; Environment and Planning D: Society and Space; Environmental Sociology; Human Ecology Review; Ethics, Policy, and Environment.

Professional Associations

2013-Present Society for Human Ecology

2012-Present American Sociological Association
 Section Memberships: *Environment and Technology; Theory; Science, Knowledge and Technology; Comparative Historical; Animals and Society.*

2011-2013 American Association of Geographers

Officer Position

2016-2019 American Sociological Association
Graduate Student Representative to the Council of the Environment and Technology Section (elected position)