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***Curriculum vitae***

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# EDUCATION

2012–Present PhD (pursuing), Sociology, University of Oregon

Dissertation: “On the Logics of Investigating Social and Ecological Change: From the Asian Carp Invasion to the Reversing of the Chicago River”

Committee: Richard York (advisor and chair), John Bellamy Foster, James R. Elliott (Rice University), Marsha Weisiger (UO History)

2012 M.A., Urban and Regional Geography, SUNY Buffalo

Advisor: Marion Werner

2006 B.A., Journalism, Fordham University

Alpha Sigma Nu, The Jesuit Honor Society

Alpha Sigma Nu Magis Award (2015)

**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**

In Process Besek, Jordan Fox. “Invasive Species.” *Humans and Animals: A Geography of CoExistence*.

**Manuscript in Submission**

In Review Besek, Jordan Fox and Richard York. “Theorizing Biodiversity Loss: On the Relationship Between Social and Biophysical Contexts*.*” *Theory and Society*.

In Review Besek, Jordan Fox and John Bellamy Foster. “Subverting Ecology in the Name of Society: The Peculiar Return of Human Exemptionalism*.*” *Environmental Sociology*.

**Manuscripts in Preparation**

Drafted Besek, Jordan Fox*. On the Logics of Investigating Social and Ecological Change: From the Asian Carp Invasion to the Reversing of the Chicago River*.

Outlined Besek, Jordan Fox. *Novel Science Across Environments: How Political Context Modifies the Scientific Legitimacy of Environmental DNA.*

Outlined Cunningham, Jeanine and Jordan Fox Besek. *Rural Communities and Ecological Transformation: Lessons from the Redneck Fishing Tournament.*

Outlined Besek, Jordan Fox. *On Stability and Scale in Contemporary Socio-environmental Dynamics.*

**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**

2016-17 General University Scholarship, University of Oregon.

2016 Wasby-Johnson Dissertation Award, Department of Sociology, University of Oregon.

2016 Small Grants Award, Department of Sociology, University of Oregon.

2015-16 General University Scholarship, 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.

2015 Small Grants Award, Department of Sociology, University of Oregon.

2014-15 General University Scholarship, University of Oregon.

2014 Research Award for Data Collection and Presentation, University of Oregon.

2014 Travel Grant, Pacific Sociological Association.

2014 Small Grants Award, Department of Sociology, University of Oregon.

2013 Marquina Research Award, Department of Sociology, University of Oregon.

2013 Small Grants Award, Department of Sociology University of Oregon.

2012 Environmental Justice Fellow, Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Conference Activity/Participation**

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-Presider (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:**

Development of Sociological Theory (2014)

Animals and Society (2016)

**Graduate Teaching Fellowships**

Introduction to Sociology (2012; 2013; 2014)

Development of Sociological Theory (2013; 2014; 2015)

Environment, Community, Society (2013; 2016)

Quantitative Research Methods (2014)

Social Movements (2015)

The Sociology of Work (2015)

Social Psychology (2016)

Social Inequality (2016)

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Research Assistantships**

2014-2016 Research Assistant and Copy-Editor, Monthly Review Magazine

**SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

**Reviewer**

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; Law; Urban and Community Sociology; Animals and Society.*

2011-2013 American Association of Geographers

**Officer Position**

2016-Present American Sociological Association

*Graduate Student Representative to the Council of the Environment and Technology Section (elected position)*

**DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

2012-2014 Graduate Student Forum Representative, Department of Sociology,

University of Oregon (elected position)

2013-Present University of Oregon Human/Animal Research Interest Group

Contributing member

**NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2012-Present Center for Sustainability Law

*President of the Board of Directors*

2010-2012 The Lexington Co-operative Market, Buffalo, NY

*Staff Representative to the Board of Directors*

2007-2009 The American Civil Liberties Union, New York, NY

*Media Relations Liaison and Researcher, Youth Outreach Coordinator*

2006-2007 Amnesty International Czech Republic, Prague, Czech Republic

*Researcher, Copywriter and Event Organizer*

2006-2007 Lingua Viva Language School, Prague, Czech Republic

*English as a Second Language Instructor*

**REFERENCES**

**Richard York**

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