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EDUCATION

2016 Ph.D. Sociology. University of Missouri.
2012 M.A. Sociology. University of Missouri.
2010 B.A. Interdisciplinary Studies. University of Missouri.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2022 – Present, Associate Professor of Sociology, Mississippi State University.
2016 – 2022, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Mississippi State University.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING AREAS

Environmental Sociology, Gender, Masculinities, Research Methods, Rural Sociology.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Books

Leap, Braden T. 2019. *Gone Goose: The Remaking of an American Town in the Age of Climate Change*. Philadelphia: Temple UP.
• Reviewed in *American Journal of Sociology*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Men & Masculinities*, *Rural Sociology*, *Social Forces*, and *Symbolic Interaction*.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Leap, Braden T., Kimberly Kelly, and Marybeth C. Stalp. Forthcoming. “Me? A Hero?: Gendered Work and Attributions of Heroism Among Volunteers During the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Sociology*.

Leap, Braden T., Marybeth C. Stalp, and Kimberly Kelly. 2022. “Reorganizations of Gendered Labor During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Review and Suggestions for Further Research.” *Sociological Inquiry*.

Leap, Braden T., Marybeth C. Stalp, and Kimberly Kelly. 2022. “Raging Against the ‘Neoliberal Hellscape’: Anger, Pride, and Ambivalence in Civil Society Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic in the United States.” *Antipode* 54(4): 1166-1187.

Leap, Braden T., Kimberly Kelly, and Marybeth C. Stalp. 2022. “Choreographing Social Reproduction: Making Personal Protective Equipment and Gender During a Neoliberal Pandemic” *Gender, Work & Organization* 29(3): 758-777.

Avery, Eileen E., Michele D. Baumer, Joan M. Hermsen, **Braden T. Leap**, Jill R. Lucht, James S. Rikoon, and Sonja A. Wilhelm Stanis. 2022. "Measuring Place of Residence across Urban and Rural Spaces: An Application to Fears Associated with Outdoor Recreation." *The Social Science Journal* 59(2):208-220.

Leap, Braden T., and Courtney Heath. 2021. "Disconnected, Not Polarized: Four Decades of the Rural-Urban Interface in Mainstream Country Music." *Social Currents* 8(2): 107-125.

- Lead article of issue.

Leap, Braden T. 2020. "A New Type of (White) Provider: Shifting Masculinities in Mainstream Country Music from the 1980s to the 2010s." *Rural Sociology* 85(1): 165-189.

- Featured by *The Economist*, *Pacific Standard Magazine*, and the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

Leap, Braden T. 2020. "Seasonal Masculinities: The Seasonal Contingencies of Doing Gender." *Men & Masculinities* 23(2): 348-367.

Leap, Braden T., and Diego Thompson. 2018. "Social Solidarity, Collective Identity, Resilient Communities: Two Case Studies from the Rural U.S. and Uruguay." *Social Sciences* 7(12): 250.

Leap, Braden T. 2018. "Not a zero-sum game: Inequalities and resilience in Sumner, Missouri, the Gooseless Goose Capital of the World." *Gender, Place & Culture* 25(2): 288-308.

Leap, Braden T. 2017. "Survival Narratives: Constructing an Intersectional Masculinity Through Stories of the Rural/Urban Divide." *Journal of Rural Studies* 55: 12-21.

Leap, Braden T. 2015. "Redefining the Refuge: Symbolic Interactionism and the Emergent Meanings of Environmentally Variable Spaces." *Symbolic Interaction* 38(4): 521-538.

Leap, Braden T. 2014. "Collective Troubles: Transforming Neoliberalism through Interactions with Nonhumans." *Geoforum* 56(9): 182-191.

- Recipient of 2015 American Sociological Association Animals and Society section award for distinguished graduate student scholarship.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

Braden T. Leap, Margaret A. Hagerman, Courtney Heath, and Kelli J. Russell. Forthcoming. "From Studying White People to Studying Whiteness: A Critical Whiteness Studies Agenda for Rural Sociology." In the Rural Sociological Society's edited volume on *Race and Racism in Rural America*.

Leap, Braden T. Forthcoming. "Interactionist Tools for Assessing Community Resilience." In *The Oxford Handbook of Symbolic Interaction*. Eds. Wayne Brekhus, Thomas DeGloma, and William Force. Oxford: Oxford UP.

Book Reviews

Leap, Braden T. Forthcoming. "Book Review: Community Media Representations of Place and Identity at Tug Fest: Reconstructing the Mississippi River." *Men & Masculinities*.

Leap, Braden T. 2019. "Book Review: Moral Entanglements: Conserving Birds in Britain and Germany." *Acta Sociologica* 62(3): 352-354.

Technical Reports

Rikoon, J.S., Hermsen, J.M., Bjornstrom, E.E.S., Wilhelm Stanis, S.A., **Leap, B.T.**, Lucht, J.R., & Bacon, R. 2015. "Conservation Information Sources and Perceptions of Missouri Department of Conservation." *Supplement to your ideas count!: Report of results of the 2013 conservation opinion survey for the Missouri Department of Conservation*. Report prepared by the University of Missouri for the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Shireman, E., Bjornstrom, E.E.S, Hermsen, J.M., **Leap, B.T.**, Lucht, J.R., Rikoon, J.S., & Wilhelm Stanis, S.A. 2015. "Cluster Analysis Summary, 2003 & 2013. Report prepared by the University of Missouri for the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Leap, Braden T., Eileen Bjornstrom, Joan Hermsen, Jill Lucht, Sandy Rikoon, Sonja Wilhelm Stanis. 2014. "Missourians' Perceptions of the Missouri Department of Conservation: 1990, 2003, 2013." Report prepared by the University of Missouri for the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Leap, Braden T., Eileen Bjornstrom, Joan Hermsen, Jill Lucht, Sandy Rikoon, Sonja Wilhelm Stanis. 2014. "Missourians' Obstacles to Participation in Outdoor Activities: 2003, 2013." Report prepared for the Missouri Department of Conservation at the University of Missouri.

Leap, Braden T., Eileen Bjornstrom, Joan Hermsen, Jill Lucht, Sandy Rikoon, Sonja Wilhelm Stanis. 2014. "Missourians' Participation in Outdoor Activities: 1990, 2003, 2013." Report prepared for the Missouri Department of Conservation at the University of Missouri.

Leap, Braden T., Eileen Bjornstrom, Joan Hermsen, Jill Lucht, Sandy Rikoon, Sonja Wilhelm Stanis. 2014. "Missourians' Perceptions of State Conservation Issues: 1990, 2003, 2013." Report prepared for the Missouri Department of Conservation at the University of Missouri.

Rikoon, Sandy, Joan Hermsen, Eileen Bjornstrom, Sonja Wilhelm Stanis, **Braden T. Leap**, Jill Lucht, and Ray Bacon. 2014. *Your Ideas Count!: Report of Results of the 2013 Conservation Opinion Survey for the Missouri Department of Conservation*. Volume I, 717 pages.

Rikoon, Sandy, Joan Hermsen, Eileen Bjornstrom, Sonja Wilhelm Stanis, **Braden T. Leap**, Jill Lucht, and Ray Bacon. 2014. *Your Ideas Count!: Report of Results of the 2013 Conservation Opinion Survey for the Missouri Department of Conservation*. Volume II, 697 pages.

Manuscripts in Development

Leap, Braden T., Marybeth C. Stalp, and Kimberly Kelly. "He Does (Not) Care: Hybrid Masculinity and Citizens' Assessments of Right-Wing Populists." Under review.

Marybeth C. Stalp, **Braden T. Leap**, and Kimberly Kelly. "'This Was Like Some *Little House on the Prairie* Shit': The Intensive Care(Work) of Making PPE during COVID-19." Under review.

Kimberly Kelly, **Braden T. Leap**, and Marybeth C. Stalp. "Pitching In and Helping Out: Gendered Grassroots Responses to COVID-19." Under review.

GRANTS

2019. Co-PI, Strategic Research Initiative Seed Funding Program grant awarded by the Mississippi State University College of Arts and Sciences. "Rural Consciousness, Polarization, and Heterogeneity in Mississippi Communities." (\$9,859)

2015-2016. Raymond White Dissertation Fellowship awarded by the University of Missouri. (\$6,100)

2015. Robert W. Habenstein Dissertation Fellowship granted by the University of Missouri Department of Sociology. (\$2,000)

AWARDS AND HONORS

2022. Mississippi State University Alumni Association Graduate Teaching Excellence Award.

2019. Mississippi State University Department of Sociology Graduate Faculty Mentor Award.

2015. American Sociology Association Animals and Society Section award for distinguished graduate student scholarship.

2013. Passed comprehensive exams with distinction.

2010. Graduated Summa Cum Laude with honors from the University of Missouri.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Braden T. Leap, Marybeth C. Stalp, and Kimberly Kelly. 2022. "Reorganizations of Gendered Labor During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Review and Suggestions for Further Research." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Southern Sociological Society. Birmingham, AL.

- Braden T. Leap**, Kimberly Kelly, and Marybeth C. Stalp. 2021. "Choreographing Social Reproduction: Making Personal Protective Equipment and Gender During a Neoliberal Pandemic" Regular Session for the Section on Sex and Gender, Paper Presentation, American Sociological Association Annual Meetings. Online due to COVID.
- Kelly, Kimberly, **Braden T. Leap**, and Marybeth C. Stalp. 2021. "Pitching In and Helping Out: Gendered Grassroots Responses to COVID-19." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Southern Sociological Society. Online due to COVID.
- Stalp, Marybeth C., **Braden T. Leap**, and Kimberly Kelly. 2021. "Intensive Care(Work): Covid, Making PPE, and Carework for the Self." Paper presented at the winter meetings of Sociologists for Women in Society. Online due to COVID.
- Leap, Braden T.**, and Diego Thompson. 2018. "Social Solidarity, Collective Identity, Resilient Communities." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Rural Sociological Society. Portland, OR.
- Leap, Braden T. 2018. "Grab a Drink and a (White) Girl: Shifting Masculinities in Mainstream Country Music from the 1980s through the 2010s." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA.
- Leap, Braden T. 2017. "The Complexities of Inequalities and Power: Intersectionality and Socio-Ecological Resilience." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association. Montreal, Quebec.
- Leap, Braden T. 2016. "Survival Narratives: Constructing a Hegemonic Masculinity Through Stories of the Rural/Urban Divide." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction. Seattle, WA.
- Leap, Braden T. 2016. "Seasonal Masculinities: Doing Gender at the Intersection of Society and Environment." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association. Seattle, WA.
- Leap, Braden T. 2015. "Redefining the Refuge: Rearticulating the Meanings of Environmentally Variable Spaces." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL.
- Leap, Braden T. 2014. "Redefining the Refuge: Cultural Adaptations to Climate Change at a National Wildlife Refuge." Paper presented at the annual Pathways Conference: Integrating Human Dimensions into Fisheries and Wildlife Management. Estes Park, CO.
- Lucht, Jill, **Braden T. Leap**, Eileen Bjornstrom, Joan Hermsen, Sandy Rikoon, and Sonja Wilhelm Stanis. 2014. "Fear as an obstacle to participation in outdoor activities in Missouri." Paper presented at the annual Pathways Conference: Integrating Human Dimensions into Fisheries and Wildlife Management. Estes Park, CO.

- Leap, Braden T. 2014. "The Wild Goose Capital of the World: An Ethnography of Climate Change." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society. Omaha, NE.
- Leap, Braden T. 2014. "Collective Troubles: Transforming Neoliberalism Through Interactions with Nonhumans." Paper presented at the annual Chicago Ethnography Conference. Chicago, IL.
- Leap, Braden T. 2013. "Stupid Snows: Mid Continent Lesser Snow Geese and Accounting for Supra-Local Environmental Processes." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association. New York, NY.
- Leap, Braden T. 2012. "Empowering Marginalized Groups by Embedding Meta-Circuits of Bureaucratic Agency." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association. Denver, CO.
- Leap, Braden T. 2012. "Corruption: Embedding Meta-Circuits of Agency within the Macroized Local." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society. Minneapolis, MN.
- Bjornstrom, Eileen, and **Braden T. Leap**. 2011. "A Comparison of Explanations of Public Expenditures on Corrections and Education in U.S. States" The annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology. Washington, D.C.
- Leap, Braden T. 2011. "Challenging the Assumed Necessity of Low Levels of Governmental Corruption: An Examination of Corruption's Relation to Gender Inequality." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society. St. Louis, MO.
- Leap, Braden T. 2010. "Governmental Corruption's Relationship to Development: New Evidence Supporting a Renewal of Debate." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society. Chicago, IL.

INVITED LECTURES

External Lectures

2021. "Country Music's America: A Divided Country?" Online lecture presented to Introduction to the Social Sciences at Troy University.
2021. "Country Music's America: A Divided Country?" Online lectured presented to the Department of Psychology and Sociology at the University of North Alabama.

Internal Lectures

2021. "Gone Goose: The Remaking of an American Town in the Age of Climate Change." Online lecture presented to the Climate Reality Project at Mississippi State University.
2020. "Gone Goose: The Remaking of an American Town in the Age of Climate Change."

Lecture presented as part of the Mississippi State University College of Arts & Sciences and Shackouls Honors College Book Talk Series.

2017. “Integrating Social Inequalities into Socio-Ecological Resilience Theory.” Lecture presented to the Department of Biology at Mississippi State University.

2017. “What’s Good for the Goose is Good for the Gander?: Rearranging Gender Inequalities in Response to Shifting Trans-National Goose Migration Patterns.” Lecture presented to the Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures at Mississippi State University.

COURSES TAUGHT

2021. Honors 3143: Country Music’s America. Mississippi State University.

2020-2022. Sociology 1103: Contemporary Social Problems. Mississippi State University.

2019-2022. Sociology 8453: Masculinities. Mississippi State University.

2019. Sociology 8990: Rural Environments. Mississippi State University.

2018. Sociology 4990/6990: Sociology Field School: Fieldwork in Rural Sociology. Mississippi State University.

2018-2020. Sociology 4173: Environment and Society. Mississippi State University.

2017-2020. Sociology 1003: Introduction to Sociology. Mississippi State University.

2017. Sociology/Gender Studies 8990: Rural Sociology. Mississippi State University.

2016-2021. Sociology 3213. Introduction to Social Research. Mississippi State University.

2016-2022. Sociology 8213. Research Design. Mississippi State University.

2016. Sociology 1000H – Honors Introduction to Sociology. The University of Missouri.

2015. Sociology 1650 – Social Deviance. The University of Missouri.

2014-2016. Sociology/Black Studies 2200 Online – Social Inequalities. The University of Missouri.

2014-2017. Peace Studies 2250 Online – Human Rights, Law, War, and Peace. The University of Missouri.

2013. Sociology 1000 – Introduction to Sociology. The University of Missouri.

2012. Sociology 3430 – Sociology of Sport. The University of Missouri.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Graduate Students

2022-Present. Heather-Ann Layth. Committee Member, Dissertation Committee. Department of Sociology. Mississippi State University.

2022-Present. Gbenga Elufisan. Committee Member, Thesis Committee. Department of Sociology. Mississippi State University.

2021-Present. Brian Tesch. Committee Member, Dissertation Committee. Department of Sociology.

2021-Present. Kelli Russell. Major Professor, Dissertation Committee. Department of Sociology. Mississippi State University.

2021-Present. Jennifer Carruth. Committee Member, Dissertation Committee. Department of Sociology. Mississippi State University.

2020-Present. Courtney Heath. Committee Member, Dissertation Committee. Department of Sociology. Mississippi State University.

2020-Present. Darren Kwong. Committee Member, Dissertation Committee. The Graduate Center. City University of New York.

2020-2022. Michael Moore. Committee Member, Thesis Committee. Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures. Mississippi State University.

2020-2022. Izzy Thornton. Committee Member, Dissertation Committee. Department of Sociology. Mississippi State University.

2019-2021. Ben Walker. Committee Member, Dissertation Committee. Department of Sociology. Mississippi State University. Degree conferred 2021.

2018-2020. Sarah Rogers. Committee Member, Dissertation Committee. Department of Sociology. Mississippi State University. Degree conferred 2020.

2018-2020. Adriene Davis. Committee Member, Dissertation Committee. Department of Sociology. Mississippi State University.

2018-2019. Taylor Dawson. Committee Member, Thesis Committee. Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures. Mississippi State University.

2018-2019. Kelli Russell. Committee Member, Thesis Committee. Department of Sociology. Mississippi State University. Degree conferred 2019.

2017-2019. Shannon Westlake. Committee Member, Dissertation Committee. Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Aquaculture. Mississippi State University. Degree conferred 2019.

2017-2019. Courtney Heath. Committee Member, Thesis Committee. Department of Sociology. Mississippi State University. Degree conferred 2019.

2017-2018. Cody Roberts. Committee Member, Thesis Committee. Department of Sociology. Mississippi State University. Degree conferred 2018.

2017-2022. Lindsey Shaw. Committee Member, Thesis Committee. Department of Sociology. Mississippi State University.

Undergraduate Students

2020-2022. Mayukh Datta. Chair, Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee. Shackouls Honors College. Mississippi State University.

2020. Emily Tingle. Committee Member, Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee. Shackouls Honors College. Mississippi State University.

GUEST LECTURES

2020. "Gone Goose: The Remaking of an American Town in the Age of Climate Change." Online lecture presented to Anthropology/Sociology 4173: Environment and Society at Mississippi State University.

2019. "Gone Goose: The Remaking of an American Town in the Age of Climate Change." Lecture presented to Sociology 1003H: Honor's Introduction to Sociology at Mississippi State University.

2017. "Thinking About Rural Inequalities through the Rural Plural." Lecture presented to Sociology 3003: Social Inequality at Mississippi State University.

2017. "Ethnographic (Mis)Fortunes: Dealing with Situated Luck During Fieldwork." Lecture presented to Sociology 8233: Qualitative Analysis at Mississippi State University.

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2021-Present. Chair, Exit Exam Committee. Mississippi State University.

2020-2021. Chair, Graduate Policies and Curriculum Committee. Mississippi State University.

2020. Participant, Fieldwork During a Pandemic Graduate Student Workshop. Mississippi State University.

2018-Present. Member, Graduate Admissions and Support Committee. Mississippi State University.

2018-2019, 2021-2022. Chair, Rural Sociology Preliminary Exam Committee. Mississippi State University.

2018. Member, Textbook Adoption Committee. Mississippi State University.

2017-2020. Member, Graduate Policies and Curriculum Committee. Mississippi State University.

2017-2022. Graduate Student Teaching Evaluator. Mississippi State University.

2017-2018. Faculty Advisor, Alpha Kappa Delta. Mississippi State University.

2016-2021, 2022-Present. Member, Rural Sociology Preliminary Exam Committee. Mississippi State University.

2016, 2022. Member, Job Candidate Search Committee. Mississippi State University.

2016-2021. Member, Qualifying Exam Committee. Mississippi State University.

2015. Graduate Student Recruitment Representative for the annual American Sociological Association meetings. University of Missouri.

2013-2014. Graduate Student Representative, Departmental Tenure Committee. University of Missouri.

2012-2013. Graduate Student Representative, Departmental Awards Committee. University of Missouri.

2011-2012. President, Sociology Graduate Student Group. University of Missouri.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2021. Departmental Representative. Athletics Department Recruit Reception. Mississippi State University.

2020-2022. Faculty Mentor. College of Arts and Sciences New Faculty Mentor Program. Mississippi State University.

2020. Judge. Gender Studies Program Graduate Student Paper Competition. Mississippi State University.

2019. Volunteer Instructor. MCAT Preparation Seminar. Mississippi State University.

2018. Discussant. Student Association Green Week Climate Talk. Mississippi State University.

2018-2019. Judge. Cowbell Classic Speech and Debate Tournament. Mississippi State University.

2016-2019. Discussant. Gender Studies Program Feminist Film Festival. Mississippi State University.

2016-2018. Departmental Representative. College of Arts and Sciences Tailgate Committee. Mississippi State University.

2015-2016. Graduate Student Representative. Planning Committee for the 2016 Life Sciences Symposium on Climate Change and the Anthropocene. University of Missouri.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2022-Present. Sociology of Disasters Session Organizer for the 2023 annual meetings for the Southern Sociological Society.

2020-2021. Rural Sociology Session Organizer for the 2021 annual meetings for the American Sociological Association.

2020. Contributing Author. Mid-South Sociological Association Newsletter.

2019. Contributing Author. Southern Sociological Society Newsletter.

2018-2019. Member. 2019 American Sociological Association Environmental Sociology Section graduate student paper award committee.

2015-2016. Member. 2016 American Sociological Association Animals and Society Section awards committee.

2014. Session Organizer at the annual meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society. Omaha, NE. "Rethinking Culture, Identity, and Interaction—Accounting for Nonhumans."

2011. Session Organizer at the annual meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society, St. Louis, MO. "Corporate Crime and Corruption: Intensifying Inequality?"

PUBLICATION AND GRANT REFEREE

Antipode

Ecology & Society

Geoforum

Men & Masculinities

New York University Press

Qualitative Health Research

The Royal Society of London APEX Awards Program

Social Currents

Sociological Forum

Sociology Compass

Symbolic Interaction

PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS

2018-Present. Southern Sociological Society.

2017-Present. Rural Sociological Society.

2012-Present. American Sociological Association.
Environmental Sociology Section
Race, Gender, and Class Section

2010-2016. Midwest Sociological Society.

References available upon request.