

# **DIEGO THOMPSON**

Curriculum Vitae

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## **EDUCATION**

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### **DEGREES**

Ph.D. Sociology & Sustainable Agriculture. 2014. Department of Sociology. Iowa State University.

Concentration Areas of Sociology: Social Change & Development  
Food Systems, Agriculture, & the Environment

M.S. Sociology & Sustainable Agriculture. 2010. Department of Sociology. Iowa State University.

B.S. (*Licenciatura*) Social and Cultural Anthropology. 2006. Department of Anthropology. College of Humanities and Education. University of the Republic of Uruguay.

### **Graduate Certificates**

Graduate Certificate of Social Justice in Higher Education. 2012. Department of Education, Leadership, and Policy Studies. Iowa State University.

## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

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August 2024- Present. Associate Professor. Department of Sociology. Mississippi State University (MSU).

Areas of Expertise: Rural and community development; agri-food systems; environmental change and resilience; and immigration in rural communities.

August 2017- 2024. Assistant Professor. Department of Sociology. Mississippi State University.

2015-2017- Visiting Assistant Professor. Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Middlebury College.

2014 (Fall)- Visiting Research Scholar. Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Middlebury College.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES (\* indicates graduate student coauthor)

**Thompson, Diego.** “Rural Changes, Countryside-Urban Divide, and Social Mobilization in Uruguay’s Countryside.” Forthcoming in *Canadian Journal of Developmental Studies*. DOI:10.1080/02255189.2026.2668441

**Thompson, Diego** and Silvina Lopez Barrera. “Rural Communities Transformed by Immigration Raids: A Community Capitals Perspective.” Forthcoming in *Journal of Rural Social Sciences*.

Daniel Egerson,\* Bradly S. Thornton, **Diego Thompson**, Shannon M. Westlake, Mark D. McConnell, and Kristine O. Evans. 2025. “A Rapid Mapping Review of Studies on the Motivations and Barriers to Participation in the Conservation Reserve Program.” *Society & Natural Resources*, 1-23. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08941920.2025.2512540>

Ermagun, Alireza, **Diego Thompson**, Farshid Vahedifard, and Roxane Cohen Silver. 2025. “Emergency Managers’ Challenges with Wildfires and Related Cascading Hazards in California.” *Journal of Environmental Management* 374. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jenvman.2024.124008>

**Thompson, Diego.** 2024. “Community Resilience and Intersections Between Sociopolitical and Racial Relations in the Aftermath of Immigration Raids in Mississippi.” *Community Development*. DOI: 10.1080/15575330.2024.2388080

**Thompson, Diego.** 2023. ““Keeping Things Under the Rug”: Racial Dynamics in The Context of Large Immigration Raids in Rural Mississippi.” *Rural Sociology* 88 (4): 1193-1217. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ruso.12515>

**Thompson, Diego** and Angie Carter. 2022. “Intersections Between Rural Studies and Food Justice in the U.S.: Some Implications for Today and the Future.” *Food, Culture & Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15528014.2022.2138319>

**Thompson, Diego** and Silvina Lopez Barrera. 2022. “Community Resilience, Governance, And [In]Justice in The Context of Informal Housing After an F3 Tornado.” *Local Development & Society* 4 (1): 172-192. <https://doi.org/10.1080/26883597.2022.2082881>

**Thompson, Diego.** 2022. “From Invisible to Structural Power to Address Immigrant Farmworkers’ Challenges Through New Assemblages in the U.S. Dairy Industry.” *Social Currents* 9 (6): 592–610. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F23294965221105661>

**Thompson, Diego.** 2020. “Building and Transforming Collective Agency and Collective Identity to Address Latinx Farmworkers’ Needs and Challenges in Rural Vermont.” *Agriculture and Human Values* 38 (1): 129-143. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10460-020-10140-7>

- Thompson, Diego**, Kecia R. Johnson, Kenya Cistrunk, Ashley Vancil-Leap, Thomas Nyatta, Leslie Hossfeld, Gina Rico Méndez, and Claudette Jones. 2020. "Assemblage, Food Justice, and Intersectionality in Rural Mississippi: The Oktibbeha Food Policy Council." *Sociological Spectrum* 40 (6): 381-399. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02732173.2020.1801541>
- Thompson, Diego** and Silvina Lopez Barrera. 2019. "Community Resilience and Collective Agency Under Significant Changes in the Natural and Built Environment: A Community Capitals Framework Approach." *Local Environment* 24 (12): 1156-1177. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13549839.2019.1683723>
- Thompson, Diego**. 2019. "Community Identity, Governance, and Resilience under Agri-Environmental Shifts in Two Communities of Southwestern Uruguay." *Community Development* 50 (5): 497-514. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15575330.2019.1659383>
- Thompson, Diego** and Silvina Lopez Barrera. 2019. "Building Collaborative Governance and Community Resilience under Socio-spatial Rural Disparities and Environmental Challenges." *Community Development Practice* 23:8-16. [https://cdsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/CD\\_Practice\\_Fall\\_2019\\_Issue\\_23\\_Final.pdf](https://cdsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/CD_Practice_Fall_2019_Issue_23_Final.pdf)
- Leap, Braden and **Diego Thompson**. 2018. "Social Solidarity, Collective Identity, Resilient Communities: Two Case Studies from the Rural U.S. and Uruguay." *Social Sciences* (7) 250: 1-19. <https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci7120250>
- Thompson, Diego**. 2016. "Community Adaptations to Environmental Challenges under Decentralized Governance in Southwestern Uruguay." *Journal of Rural Studies* 43: 71-82. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jrurstud.2015.11.008>
- Carter, Angela, Claudia Marcela Prado-Meza, Jessica Soulis, and **Diego Thompson**. 2014. "Students Creating Curriculum Change: Sustainable Agriculture and Social Justice." *Journal of Critical Thought and Praxis* 3 (5). <https://doi.org/10.31274/jctp-180810-27>. Authors are listed alphabetically and were equal contributors.
- Thompson, Diego**. 2013. "Governance under Sociopolitical Decentralization Efforts and Local Adaptive Actions to Disturbances and Increasing Environmental Risks among Rural Communities; Four Case Studies from Southwestern Uruguay." *Agrarian Frontiers: A Rural Studies Review* 1 (1): 55-74. <https://mospace.umsystem.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/10355/35700/AgrarianFrontiersV1No1.pdf?sequence=1#page=58>
- Flora, Jan L., Mary Emery, **Diego Thompson**, Claudia M. Prado-Meza, and Cornelia Flora. 2012. "New Immigrants in Local Food Systems: The Case of Central Iowa." *International Journal of the Sociology of Agriculture and Food* 19 (1): 119-134. <https://doi.org/10.48416/ij saf.v19i1.240>
- Thompson, Diego**. 2011. "'Somos del Campo': Latino and Latina Gardeners and Farmers in Two Rural Communities of Iowa. A Community Capitals Framework Approach." *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development* 1(3): 1-16. <https://doi.org/10.5304/jafscd.2011.013.001>

## Under Review

Egerson, Daniel,\* Bradly S. Thornton, Sathishkumar Samiappan , Amanda L. Sesser, **Diego Thompson**, Shannon M. Westlake, Mark D. McConnell, and Kristine O. Evans. “Prioritizing Early Stakeholder Engagement in the Development of Decision Support Tools: Lessons from an Agri-Environmental Program in the U.S.” *Environment Systems and Decisions*.

Egerson, Daniel,\* Shannon M. Westlake, **Diego Thompson**, Mark D. McConnell, Amanda L. Sesser, and Kristine O. Evans. “Understanding Information Asymmetry and Knowledge Gaps in Landowner Participation in the Conservation Reserve Program.” *Environmental Management*.

Egerson, Daniel,\* Shannon M. Westlake, **Diego Thompson**, Mark D. McConnell, Amanda L. Sesser, Kristine O. Evans “Evaluating Decision Support Tools for Conservation Program Participation: A Stakeholder Assessment of the CRP Menu Tool.” *Environmental Management*.

## In Progress

**Thompson, Diego**. “Rural Challenges of Vulnerable Communities with Wildfires: A Case Study from California.” Prepared for *Journal of Rural Studies*.

Elufisan, Gbenga,\* **Diego Thompson**, Xiaofei Li, and Cindy Bathel. “Social Studies of Agricultural Autonomy (A<sup>2</sup>) on Farms: Status and Recommendations.” Prepared for *Agricultural Systems*.

Egerson, Daniel,\* Shannon M. Westlake, **Diego Thompson**, Mark D. McConnell, Amanda L. Sesser, and Kristine O. Evans. “Exploring Perceptual Misalignment: A Mixed-Methods Study of Practitioner Presumptions and Landowner Realities in the CRP.” Prepared for *Society & Natural Resources*.

## BOOK

D’Ambrosi, Leticia, Victoria Lembo, Blass Amato, and **Diego Thompson**. 2010. *El Mundo Sumergido .Una Investigación Antropológica de la Pesquería del Mejillón en Piriápolis y Punta del Este*. Montevideo, Uruguay: Editorial Publicaciones de Facultad de Humanidades y Ciencias de la Educación, Universidad de la República. ISBN 978-9974-0-0623-2.

## BOOK CHAPTERS (\* indicates graduate student coauthor)

**Thompson, Diego**. 2024. “Latinx Immigrant Workers’ Challenges and Collective Responses in the Rural U.S. Food System.” In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Food Studies*. Ed. Darra Goldstein. New York: Oxford University Press. Peer-reviewed. doi: 10.1093/acrefore/9780197762530.013.ORE\_FST-00059.R1

Roblero López, Carlos S.,\* María Guadalupe Ocampo Guzmán, Héctor B. Fletes Ocón, and **Diego Thompson**. 2022. “Territorio y Cambio Climático. Estrategias de Adaptación

de los Pequeños Productores de Café en Siltepec, Chiapas.” In *Teorías y Escalas Del Desarrollo Territorial: Un Acercamiento Desde la Heterogeneidad*. Pp. 194-221. Editors: María Guadalupe Ocampo Guzmán, Héctor B. Fletes Ocón, Emma Lorena Sifuentes Ocegueda, and Emilio Silva Sandes. Universidad Católica de Uruguay. Universidad Autónoma de Chiapas. Universidad Autónoma de Nayarit. Ediciones Comunicación Científica. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.52501/cc.028>. Peer-Reviewed.

**Thompson, Diego.** 2020. “Using Community Capitals to Adapt to Environmental Challenges in Rural Uruguay.” In *Community Capacity and Resilience in Latin America*. Pp. 110-128. Editors: Paul Lachapelle, Isabel Gutierrez-Montes, and Cornelia B. Flora. New York City, NY: Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group. Peer-Reviewed.

**Thompson, Diego.** 2018. “Media, Decentralization, and Assemblage Responses to Water Quality Deterioration in Uruguay.” In *Agri-environmental Governance as an Assemblage: Multiplicity, Power, and Transformation*. Pp. 145-160. Editors: Jérémie Forney, Hugh Campbell, and Chris Rosin. Oxford, U.K.: Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group. Peer-Reviewed.

**Thompson, Diego.** 2018. “Centralismo en Percepción y Respuestas a Problemas Ambientales en Comunidades de Uruguay.” In *Conflictos Ambientais e Urbanos. Pesquisas e Resistencias no Brasil e Uruguai*. Pp. 468-510. Editors: Carlos Machado, Caio Floriano Dos Santos, and Sergio Botton Barcellos. Rio Grande, Brazil: Editora da Universidade Federal do Rio Grande-Brazil. [https://observatorioconflictosextemosul.furg.br/images/livro\\_observatorio\\_final.pdf?fclid=IwAR3SLYdeY77TZjz43zA8CZavvS-Pcc2doRCMRH8FdWwtmHV-cYmIjo52fU](https://observatorioconflictosextemosul.furg.br/images/livro_observatorio_final.pdf?fclid=IwAR3SLYdeY77TZjz43zA8CZavvS-Pcc2doRCMRH8FdWwtmHV-cYmIjo52fU)

**Thompson, Diego.** 2009. “Pescadores de Lagunas.” In *Gastronomía de las Costas de Rocha*. Pp. 101-106. Edited by Juan A. Varese. Montevideo, Uruguay: Ediciones Cruz del Sur.

**Thompson, Diego.** 2007. “Una Mirada Antropológica a la Economía e Identidad de los Pescadores de la Barra de la Laguna de Rocha.” In *Anuario de Antropología Social y Cultural del Uruguay*. Pp. 125-140. Montevideo, Uruguay: UNESCO. Editorial Nordan.

#### ARTICLES IN CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS (\* indicates graduate student coauthor)

Bowers, Natalie, \* Abbey Franovich, **Diego Thompson**, and Peter Summerlin. 2025. “Jackson, Mississippi Food Security Efforts: Understanding the Current and Future Foodscape.” 2023 *People-Environment Relationships. Landscape Research Record 13*. Pp. 186-200. [https://thecela.org/wp-content/uploads/LRR\\_13\\_JACKSON-MISSISSIPPI-FOOD-SECURITY-EFFORTS.pdf](https://thecela.org/wp-content/uploads/LRR_13_JACKSON-MISSISSIPPI-FOOD-SECURITY-EFFORTS.pdf). Peer-Reviewed

Lopez Barrera, Silvina, **Diego Thompson**, Cristina Dreifuss Serrano, and Christopher Schreier Barreto. 2023. “Community Resilience under Contexts of Informal Housing and Climate Change in the Americas.” In *Design for Climate Adaptation*. Proceedings of the World Congress of Architects 2023. Pp. 639-647. Edited by Anna Rubbo, Juan Du, Mette Ramsgaard Thomsen, and Martin Tamke. Springer Nature.

Sustainable Development Goals Series.

[https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-031-36640-6\\_45](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-031-36640-6_45). Peer-Reviewed

- Lopez Barrera, Silvina and **Diego Thompson**. 2022. "Housing Insecurity and Latinx Community Resilience in Small Towns in Mississippi." In *Resilient City: Physical, Social, and Economic Perspectives*. Proceedings of the Architectural Research Centers Consortium (ARCC) and European Association for Architectural Education (EAAE) International Conference. Pp. 523-530. ISBN 978-1-935129-31-8. [http://www.arcc-arch.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/ARCC-EAAE-2022\\_Proceedings\\_Digital-Version-6.pdf](http://www.arcc-arch.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/ARCC-EAAE-2022_Proceedings_Digital-Version-6.pdf). Peer-Reviewed.
- Lopez Barrera, Silvina and **Diego Thompson**. 2021. "Community Resilience and Self-Help Housing After a Natural Disaster: A Case Study from Southwestern Uruguay." In Proceedings of the International Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) and the 27th World Congress of the International Union of Architects. Pp.1736-1741. Volume 3. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. <https://www.acsa-arch.org/proceedings/International%20Proceedings/ACSA.Intl.2021/ACSA.Intl.2021.309.pdf>. Peer-Reviewed.
- Lopez Barrera, Silvina and **Diego Thompson**. 2019. "The Right to The City in Informal Settlements: Two Case Studies of Post-Disaster Adaptation in Latin America." In Proceedings of the Architectural Research Centers Consortium (ARCC) International Conference in Toronto, Canada. *ARCC Conference Repository* 1(1): 190-200. <https://www.arcc-repository.org/index.php/repository/article/view/647>. Peer-Reviewed.
- Thompson, Diego** and Silvina Lopez Barrera. 2018. "*Dolores* After the Tornado: Collective Mobilization, Governance, and Adaptations in Southwestern Uruguay." In Proceedings of the 2018 International Conference on Sustainable Development. Pp.1-12. Article #5. Session "Climate Change Adaptation in Coastal Towns and Small Cities." United Nations. Columbia University. New York, U.S.
- Thompson, Diego**. 2013. "The Influence of Community Governance on Local Adaptations to Natural and Anthropogenic Changes and Increasing Environmental Risks; Four Case Studies from Southwestern Uruguay." In Proceedings of the RC21 Sociology of Urban and Regional Development Annual Conference. Pp.1-21. International Sociological Association. Berlin, Germany.
- Flora, Jan L., **Diego Thompson**, Saúl Abarca-Orozco, Hector Bombiella Medina, and Caroline Olivera. 2013. "Exploring the Meanings of Food and Agriculture for Latino Youth Through the Use of Photovoice in Three Iowa Cities." In Proceedings of the 2012 Annual Conference: "Change of Colors; Latinos in the Heartland." Pp. 69-74. University of Missouri. Columbia. Missouri. U.S.
- Emery, Mary, **Diego Thompson**, Claudia M. Prado-Meza, Jan L. Flora, and Cornelia Flora. 2012. "Involving Immigrant Latino Farmers in Local Food Systems: A Community Capitals Approach." In Proceedings of the 2011 Annual Conference: "Change of Colors; Latinos in the Heartland." Pp. 40-46. University of Missouri. Columbia. Missouri. U.S.

**Thompson, Diego.** 2011. “Human, Social, and Cultural Capitals among Latino Gardeners in Denison and Marshalltown, Iowa.” In Proceedings of the 2010 Annual Conference: “Change of Colors; Latinos in the Heartland.” Pp. 50-53. University of Missouri. Columbia. Missouri. U.S.

## BOOK REVIEWS

**Thompson, Diego.** 2019. *Transforming Psychological Worldviews to Confront Climate Change: A Clearer Vision, a Different Path.* By F. Stephan Mayer (2019). *Environmental History.* Oxford University Press on behalf of the American Society for Environmental History and the Forest History Society.  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/envhis/emz054>

## REPORTS AND EVALUATIONS

D’Ambrosi, Leticia, Victoria Lembo, Blass Amato, and **Diego Thompson.** 2010. “Buzos-Mejilloneros de Piriápolis y Punta del Este.” Evaluation. *Fondos Concursables 2007-2008.* Ministry of Education and Culture of Uruguay.

Anderson, A., Nancy Grudens-Schuck, **Diego Thompson,** Claudia M. Prado-Meza, Mary Wiedenhoef, and Betty Wells. 2009. “Evaluation and Final Report of RSAEA, Sustainable Agriculture Education Association, 3<sup>rd</sup> National Conference.” Iowa State University.

Emery, Mary, Jan Flora, **Diego Thompson,** and Claudia M. Prado-Meza. 2009. “Scaling up to Market: Building Capacity among Immigrant Community Gardeners-Denison & Marshalltown, Iowa.” Evaluation and Final Report. NIFFI (The National Immigrant Farming Initiative) and Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture. Iowa State University.

**Thompson, Diego.** 2008. “Historias de Ayer y de Hoy; Comunidad de Pescadores Artesanales de la Laguna de Rocha.” Evaluation. *Fondos Concursables 2006-2007.* Ministry of Education and Culture of Uruguay.

**Thompson, Diego.** 2007. *Historias de Ayer y de Hoy-Comunidad de Pescadores de la Laguna de Rocha.* Book manuscript prepared for the “Fondos Concursables.” Digitally distributed by the Ministry of Education and Culture of Uruguay.

## GRANTS

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### EXTERNALLY FUNDED

2025. “SCC-IRG Proposal: Resilient and Affordable Housing for Rural Communities in Mississippi.” PI: Nazanin Tajik. Co-PIs: Farshid Vahedifard, **Diego Thompson,** Silvina Lopez Barrera, Mehdi Garemani, and Sareh Karami. National Science Foundation. Awarded: \$1,250,000 (Sociology Child Account: \$124,807). Dates: 10/1/2025-9/31/2028.

2024. “AI in Agriculture: The Role of AI in Autonomous Agricultural Systems and Socioeconomic Effects.” National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). PI: Alex Thomasson. Co-PIs: Vitor Martin, Nuwan Wijewardane, Xiaofei Li, **Diego Thompson**, and Jagman Dhillon. Awarded: \$35,000. Dates: 11/1/2024-10/31/2025.
2023. “Social and Economic Impacts of Agricultural Autonomy (A2) On Small Farms: Status and Recommendations.” National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Grant # 2023-67023-40458. PI: Xiaofei Li. Co-PIs: **Diego Thompson**, John A. Thomasson, and Cindy Bethel. Awarded: \$ 649,335 (Sociology Child Account: \$192,387). Dates: 8/15/2023-8/14/2026.
2021. SCC-IRG TRACK 1: “Reducing the Vulnerability of Disadvantaged Communities to the Impacts of Cascading Hazards under a Changing Climate.” National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Grant # 2021-67022-35908. PI: **Diego Thompson** (2023-2026) and Farshid Vahedifard (2021-2023). Co-PIs: Amir Agha Kouchak, Alireza Ermagun, Ben A. Leshchinsky, and Roxane C. Silver. Senior Personnel: Diego Thompson (2021-2023), Tirtha Banerjee, Timothy D. Stark, and Katya Schloesser. Awarded: \$1,700,000. (Sociology Child Account: \$21,483). Dates: 9/1/2021-8/31/2025.
2020. SCC-PG: “Reducing the Vulnerability of Disadvantaged Communities to the Impacts of Cascading Hazards under a Changing Climate.” National Science Foundation (NSF). Program: S&CC: Smart & Connected Communities. Grant # CMMI-1951636. PIs: Farshid Vahedifard, Amir Agha Kouchak, Alireza Ermagun, Ben A. Leshchinsky, Roxane C. Silver. Senior Personnel: **Diego Thompson**, Tirtha Banerjee, and Timothy D. Stark. Awarded: \$118,724 (Sociology Child Account: \$11,398). Dates: 8/1/2020-8/31/2022.

## **EXTERNAL PROPOSALS UNDER REVIEW**

“HARVEST: A Community-Driven Framework for Building Resilient, Accessible, and Trust-Based Local Food Systems in the Mississippi Delta.” PI: Nazanin Tajik. Co-PIs: Farshid Vahedifard, Diego Thompson, Mehdi Garemani, and Sareh Karami. USDA-NIFA. Amount requested: \$649,907.

“E-RISE: Increasing Mississippi’s Research Capacity in Artificial Intelligence for Agricultural Autonomy (AI4A2) for Food Security and Upskilled Farm Work.” National Science Foundation. PI: Alex Thomasson. Co-PIs (MSU): Madison Dixon, Jonathan Barlow, Xiaofei Li, Diego Thompson, Jagman Dhillon, Jindao Chen, and Dong Chen. Amount requested: \$8,000,000.

## **EXTERNAL PROPOSALS (Selected Submissions–Not Funded)**

2025. “Cumulative Health Impacts of Cascading Environmental Hazards on Rural Communities.” National Institutes of Health (NIH). PI: Alison Holman. Co-PIs: Farshid Vahedifard, Nazanin Tajik, Diego Thompson, Roxane Cohen Silver, and Amir Aghakouchak. Amount requested: \$105,720 (MSU).

2025. "Securing Food for All: Building Equitable and Resilient Food Systems in The Face of Cascading Geohazards." National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). PI: Nazanin Tajik. Co-PIs: Diego Thompson, Farshid Vahedifard, and Alireza Ermagun. Amount requested: \$1,000,000.
2024. "RII Track-2 FEC: Empowering Coastal Communities Afflicted by Sea Level Rise Through Resilient Energy." National Science Foundation. Co-PIs: Colleen Scott, Mahesh Gangishetty, Sidney Creutz, and Diego Thompson (MSU). Amount requested (MSU): \$1,129,999.
2023. "Risk and Protective Factors in the Relationship between Immigration Enforcement Stress and Well-being of Latinx Children." National Institutes of Health (NIH). PI: Mary Held. Co-PIs: Diego Thompson and Meghan Conley. Consultant: Nelson Atehortua. Amount requested: \$ 413,586 (MSU sub-award \$ 27,305).
2023. "Collaborative Research: NNA Research: Equitable Adaptation to the Evolving Risk of Seismic Ground Failure in a Warming Arctic." National Science Foundation (NSF). PIs: Farshid Vahedifard, Shideh Dashti, Ben Leshchinsky, and Michael West. Co-PIs: Diego Thompson, Shemin Ge, and Kaveh Madani. Amount requested: \$1,196,351.
2023. "Historical and Socio-Spatial Studies of Self Housing in Mississippi and Peru." National Endowments for the Humanities (NEH). PI: Silvina Lopez Barrera. Co-PI: Diego Thompson. Collaborators from Peru: Cristina Dreifuss and Christopher Schreier. Amount requested: \$24,958.
2022. "Cultivating Community Through Farm to Scholl Relationships (Ccfsr) In Rural Mississippi." National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). Food and Agriculture Service Learning Program (FASLP). USDA. PI: Carley C. Morrison. Co-PIs: Kenya Y. Cistrunk, Diego Thompson, Kecia R. Johnson, and David May. Amount requested: \$ 224,677.
- 2021-2022. "Risk and Protective Factors in the Relationship between Immigration Enforcement Stress and Well-being of Latinx Children." National Institutes of Health (NIH). PI: Mary Held. Co-PIs: Meghan Conley, Stephanie Bohon, Elizabeth Johnson, Diego Thompson (PI at MSU), and Nelson Atehortua. Consultant: Angela Roberston. Amount requested: \$421,640.
2019. "Resilience of Evapotranspiration Cover Systems to Natural Hazards in Humid Climate under Changing Environmental Conditions." Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-EPA-G2019-STAR-E1. PIs: Timothy D. Stark & Farshid Vahedifard. Co-PIs: Diego Thompson, Derron LaBrake, and Andrew E. Mercer. Amount requested: \$799,896.
2018. "Farmworker Housing's Impact on Welfare. The Relevance of Hispanic Migrant Dairy Laborers in Vermont and Applications in Other Contexts." Architectural Research Center Consortium. PIs: Diego Thompson and Silvina Lopez Barrera. Amount requested: \$4,998.
2018. "Fresh Food Market Assessment Linking African-American Unlimited Community Agricultural Cooperative to Low Income and Public Housing Residents to Provide

Access to Locally Grown Fresh Food.” Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program. USDA. PIs: Leslie Hossfeld, Diego Thompson, and Claudette Jones. Amount requested: \$99,518.

2018. “Fair Food, Housing Conditions, and Social Inclusion of Latino Farmworkers in Rural Communities in Vermont and Mississippi.” Latino Center for Leadership Development. PIs: Diego Thompson and Silvina Lopez Barrera. Amount requested: \$9,790.

2017. “Oktibbeha County Community Foods Assessment.” The Community Food Projects (CFP) Competitive Grants Program. USDA. PI: Leslie Hossfeld. Role: Research Scientist. Amount requested: \$ 35,000.

2014. “Mobilization of Community Capitals for Climate Change Adaptation under the Emergency Housing Program ‘Plan Juntos’, Uruguay.” Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. Research on Land Policy and Urban Development in Latin America. Role: Principal Investigator. Amount requested: \$28,700.

#### **MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY – FUNDED**

2021. “Sense of Place and Community Resilience under Contexts of Informal Housing and Climate Change in the Americas.” Global Development Seed Grant. Mississippi State University. PIs: Silvina Lopez Barrera and **Diego Thompson**. PI at University of Lima (Peru): Cristina Dreifuss Serrano. Awarded: \$5,000. Dates: 1/1/2022-12/31/2022.

2020. “Latinx Community Resilience After Large Immigration Raids in Rural Mississippi.” ORED/OIDI: Mississippi State University Research to Advance Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access. PIs: **Diego Thompson** and Silvina Lopez Barrera. Awarded: \$14,948. Dates: 11/1/2020-4/30/2022.

#### **IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY – FUNDED**

2011. “Involving New Immigrants and Minorities in Local Food Systems.” Funded by the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture. PIs- Jan Flora & Cornelia Flora. Role: Research Assistant (participation in all stages of the project). Awarded: \$ 40,434.

2011. “Uruguayan Farmers’ Access to Information and Perception of Climate Change and Possible Adaptations in the Light of Agricultural Transformations.” Butler Travel Award for International Studies in Sustainable Agriculture. Henry A. Wallace Chair for Sustainable Agriculture. Iowa State University. Role: Principal Investigator. Awarded: \$2,000.

2011. “Integrating Social Justice into the Graduate Program in Sustainable Agriculture (GPSA) Curriculum at Iowa State University.” PIs: Claudia M. Prado-Meza, Jessica Soulis, Diego Thompson, Angela Carter, and Amy Alesch. Diversity Grant Program of Iowa State University. Awarded: \$5,000.

## LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

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- Associate Editor, *Rural Sociology* (2025–present). Manage peer review processes, coordinate with reviewers, and support editorial decision-making.
- Lead and manage multi-institutional, multi-regional projects funded by USDA-NIFA and the National Science Foundation, including coordination of interdisciplinary teams, project implementation, and stakeholder engagement across partner institutions.
- Advance collaborative research and outreach efforts through partnerships with Extension personnel, community organizations, and interdisciplinary teams across Mississippi and the broader region.
- Mentor and supervise graduate research assistants involved in externally funded projects, including coordination of research activities, data collection, and project-related tasks.

## AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

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### AWARDS

2024. 2023 Best *Rural Sociology* Paper. 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. July 24<sup>th</sup>–28<sup>th</sup>.
2023. Dean's Eminent Scholar Award in the Social and Behavioral Sciences category. College of Arts & Sciences. Mississippi State University.
2021. Community Development Society's International Community Development Award. Community Development Society Annual Conference. July 12<sup>th</sup>–15<sup>th</sup>.
2020. Outstanding Professor Award by the College of Arts & Sciences Ambassadors. Mississippi State University. Fall 2020.
2019. Excellence in Community Engagement Awards: Honorable Mention in the Category of Community-Engaged Research. Mississippi State University. Project: "Oktibbeha Food Policy Council." Role: Project Coordinator. With Kecia Johnson, Kenya Cistrunk, Thomas Nyatta, Claudette Jones, and Ashley Vancil-Leap.
2011. International Food and Nutrition Conference (IFNC) Global Fellow. Tuskegee University, Alabama.
2011. Student Paper Award of the Rural Sociological Society's Sociology of Agriculture and Food Research and Interest Group (SAFRIG). Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference, Boise, Idaho.
2011. Rural Sociological Society Diversity Award. Rural Sociological Society and Community Development Society Annual Conference. Boise, Idaho.
2011. Department of Sociology Achievement Fund Scholarship. Iowa State University.
2011. Freeman Memorial Award. Department of Sociology. Iowa State University.

2011. Inducted into The Honor Society of Agriculture-Gamma Sigma Delta: “Membership in Recognition of High Scholarship, Outstanding Achievement or Service.” Iowa State University.

2010. Innovative Program Award of the Community Development Society. Project: “Creating Multicultural Food Systems with Immigrants in Iowa.” With Jan Flora, Claudia M. Prado-Meza, and Hannah Lewis. Community Development Society Annual Conference. New Orleans. Louisiana. U.S.

2008. Mención de Fondos Concursables. Project: “Entre Monte, Río y Ciudad; Pescadores y Montaraces de Mercedes.” Ministry of Education and Culture of Uruguay.

2008. Mención de Fondos Concursables. Project: “Investigación Sociocultural de la Comunidad de Pescadores Artesanales de Piriápolis.” With Leticia D’Ambrosi, Victoria Lembo, and Blass Amato. Ministry of Education and Culture of Uruguay.

### **SCHOLARSHIP IN THE MEDIA (Selected)**

Research featured on the Mississippi State University (MSU) News. September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.

See: <https://www.msstate.edu/newsroom/article/2025/09/msu-receives-125-million-nsf-grant-support-resilient-affordable-housing>

Research featured on the Mississippi State University (MSU) News, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. See:

<https://www.msstate.edu/newsroom/article/2023/04/seed-funding-helps-international-partnerships-grow-msu-faculty>

Research featured on the USDA-NIFA website, December 6<sup>th</sup> 2022. See:

<https://www.nifa.usda.gov/about-nifa/impacts/even-after-wildfire-dangers-persist?fbclid=IwAR1X0hrLN0OjVOBS8B0fOXIHU4PxREbhsTN4TEVQkx5Imlxady--2h4QNKE>

Research featured on the Mississippi State University’s Alumni Magazine, Fall 2022, Vol. 99, No. 2, pp.8-9. See:

[https://issuu.com/msstate/docs/msualumnus\\_fall2022\\_web?fbclid=IwAR0Ua6AKc4iSEO3KRh-zFCtS75DXygRV9XBa4xOLqhzfj55ETYIMhZ2AIK8](https://issuu.com/msstate/docs/msualumnus_fall2022_web?fbclid=IwAR0Ua6AKc4iSEO3KRh-zFCtS75DXygRV9XBa4xOLqhzfj55ETYIMhZ2AIK8)

Research and teaching featured on the news (alumni section) of the Department of Sociology and Criminology at Iowa State University. December 2021. See: [https://soc-cj.iastate.edu/2021/11/29/diego-thompson-followed-in-his-mentors-footsteps/?fbclid=IwAR1uCR5HnyuphEbYW5FTA3rrQN1su8VIGI95wY\\_h7MWuv7fmja3wQ4\\_a7I](https://soc-cj.iastate.edu/2021/11/29/diego-thompson-followed-in-his-mentors-footsteps/?fbclid=IwAR1uCR5HnyuphEbYW5FTA3rrQN1su8VIGI95wY_h7MWuv7fmja3wQ4_a7I)

Research featured on the Mississippi State University (MSU) News. September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

See: <https://www.msstate.edu/newsroom/article/2021/09/msu-leads-new-17-million-research-project-help-disadvantaged-communities?fbclid=IwAR1KSkIzg5Q9OeZRV8RNxcbDphZGg7ZjKTM1iVsWIkP8GK332GIWjBkrFI>

Interview on the show “Engaged” of Mississippi State University TV. September 18<sup>th</sup> 2020.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XF9jiGD-jj8&feature=youtu.be>

Interview on Uruguay Public Radio (Radio Uruguay.1050 AM. Program: *Sobre Ciencia*). November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Interview on EFE International News Agency about Latino/a Gardeners and Farmers in Communities of the Midwest. Published on multiple webpages and newspapers.

November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010. See: <http://www.sandiegored.com/noticias/950/Campesinos-hispanos-aportan-capital-cultural-a-las-comunidades-que-los-reciben/>

## INVITED TALKS

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### OFF-CAMPUS

2026. Panel discussant at: “Opportunities and Challenges for Rural Sociologists in the Rapidly Changing Academic Landscape.” Southern Rural Sociological Association Annual Conference. January 30<sup>th</sup>-February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Louisville, Kentucky.
2025. Presentation: “Desafíos Socio-Ecológicos Comunes y Diversos en Comunidades Rurales y Costeras.” Panel: “Habitar la Costa: Antiguas Tensiones y Sus Nuevas Formas.” I Jornadas “La Costa Este Como Espacio de Encuentro y Movimientos.” Universidad de la Republica (UDELAR), Centro Universitario Regional Este (CURE). September 27<sup>th</sup>. La Paloma, Rocha, Uruguay.
2025. Presentation: “Sociological Examination of AI and Autonomous Agriculture (A<sup>2</sup>): Some Critical Aspects to Consider.” Socioeconomic Issues Invited Speaker Session. 2025 AI in Agriculture and Natural Resources Conference. April 1<sup>st</sup>. Starkville, Mississippi.
2024. Panel discussant at: “Beyond Immigration: Panel Discussion with Sociologists Who Work with Latino/a/e Communities.” 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. July 24<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Madison, Wisconsin.
2022. Lecture: “Farmworkers’ Rights and Collective Action in the U.S.” Unidad Académica Problemas de Desarrollo. Master in Local Development. Department of Social Sciences. Autonomous University of Chiapas, Mexico. November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Virtual.
2022. Panel discussant at: “Engaging with Research Participants in a Time of Crisis: How Can we be Thoughtful and Strategic?” Southern Region of the American Association of Agricultural Education Research Conference & the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists (SAAS) Meeting. February 14<sup>th</sup>. New Orleans, LA.
2021. Plenary speaker at: “Power: From People to Policy.” The Power of Food Forum: “Cultivating Equitable Policy Through Collective Action.” The Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future. Johns Hopkins University. September 21<sup>st</sup>. Virtual.
2021. Panel discussant at: “Researching Race and Ethnicity in Rural Sociology – A Panel Discussion.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference. July 31<sup>st</sup>. Virtual.
2021. Panel discussant at: “Immigrants in Mississippi. The Welcoming Week.” Metropolitan YMCAs of Mississippi. September 16<sup>th</sup>. Virtual.
2019. Presentation and workshop: “Facilitating and Strengthening Collaborative Efforts to Improve Community-based Food Systems.” Louisiana Food Fellows. Central Louisiana Local Foods Initiative. October 26<sup>th</sup>. Pineville, Louisiana.

## **MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY**

2023. Presentation: “Contemporary Ethical Issues in Research: Social Responsibility in the Research. With Stacy Haynes. RCR Training Course. Office of Research and Economic Development (ORED). Mississippi State University. November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
2023. Research presentation: “Reducing the Vulnerability of Disadvantaged Communities to the Impacts of Cascading Hazards under a Changing Climate.” With Farshid Vahedifard. Panel of the Research Week Kickoff Presentation: “Collaborating Across Departmental and Discipline Lines.” Office of Research and Economic Development (ORED). Mississippi State University. April 11<sup>th</sup>.
2022. Research presentation: “Sense of Place and Community Resilience under Contexts of Informal Housing and Climate Change in the Americas.” Global Development Seed Grant (GDSG) Close-Out Meeting. With Silvina Lopez Barrera. International Institute and Office of Research and Economic Development (ORED). Mississippi State University. November 16<sup>th</sup>.
2022. Research presentation: “Latinx Community Resilience After Large Immigration Raids in Rural Mississippi.” Office of Research and Economic Development (ORED) Research Week. Mississippi State University. April 11<sup>th</sup>.
2022. Research presentation: “Food Insecurity and Food Policy Councils in Mississippi.” Center for Community-Engaged Learning: Eat & Engage Luncheon. Mississippi State University. March 4<sup>th</sup>.
2021. Panel discussant at: “Borders, Migrations, and Their Complex Realities.” Hostile Terrain 94 & Hispanic Heritage Month. Fowlkes Auditorium. Mississippi State University. September 29<sup>th</sup>.
2019. Panel discussant at: “Climate Crisis Cafe: Our Planet. Our Future.” United Nations Association at Mississippi State University. Mississippi State University. October 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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2026. “A Simulation-Based Economic Decision-Support Tool for Estimating Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) Spraying Costs.” Xiaofei Li, Alex Thomasson, Cindy Bethel, Diego Thompson. Poster at the 2026 AI in Agriculture Conference. Mar 31<sup>st</sup>-Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>. North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC.
2025. “Common and Diverse Challenges of Vulnerable Communities with Wildfires in Rural California.” Diego Thompson. Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference. July 30<sup>th</sup>- August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Salt Lake City, Utah.
2025. “Exploring Landowner Motivations and Bridging Knowledge Gaps to Improve Decision-Making in the U.S. Conservation Reserve Program.” Daniel Egerson, Bradley Thornton, Shannon Westlake, Mark McConnell, Sathishkumar Samiappan, Amanda

- Sesser, Diego Thompson, Rishita Garg, Anthony Collini, Reshma Mandli, Yong Liang, Leann Hopper, and Kristine Evans. Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference. July 30<sup>th</sup> - August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Salt Lake City, Utah.
2025. "A Review of Social Studies of Agricultural Autonomy (A2): Status and Recommendations." Gbenga Elufisan, Diego Thompson, Xiaofei Li, and Cindy Bethel. 2025 AI in Agriculture and Natural Resources Conference. Mississippi State University. March 31<sup>st</sup>-April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025.
2025. "Impacts from the 2019 Large Immigration Raids in Central Mississippi: A Community Capitals Framework Approach." Diego Thompson and Silvina Lopez Barrera. 2025 Southern Rural Sociological Association Annual Meeting. February 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>. Irving, Texas.
2024. "Analyzing Perspectives on the Motivations and the Knowledge Gaps Impacting CRP Participation in the Midwest and Southern United States." Daniel Egerson, Bradly S. Thornton, Shannon M. Westlake, Mark D. McConnell, Sathishkumar Samiappan, Amanda L. Sesser, Diego Thompson, Kristine O. Evans. Wildlife Society (TWS) Conference. October 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. Baltimore, Maryland.
2024. Poster: "Developing Decision Support Tools (DSTs) For Enhancing Participation in USDA's Conservation Reserve Program: What Do Stakeholders Expect to See?" Daniel Egerson, Bradly S. Thornton, Shannon M. Westlake, Mark D. McConnell, Sathishkumar Samiappan, Amanda L. Sesser, Diego Thompson, and Kristine O. Evans. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual MAS Summer Science and Engineering Symposium. Mississippi Academy of Science. July 30<sup>th</sup>. Starkville, Mississippi.
2024. "Social Studies of Agricultural Autonomy (A<sup>2</sup>) on Farms: Status and Recommendations." Elufisan, Gbenga and Diego Thompson. 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. July 24<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup>. Madison, Wisconsin.
2024. "Analyzing Perspectives on the Motivations and the Knowledge Gaps Impacting CRP Participation in the Midwest and Southern USA." Daniel Egerson, Bradly S. Thornton, Shannon M. Westlake, Mark D. McConnell, Sathishkumar Samiappan, Amanda L. Sesser, Diego Thompson, and Kristine O. Evans. Soil and Water Conservation Society Conference. July 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.
2024. "Reducing the Vulnerability of Disadvantaged Communities to the Impacts of Cascading Hazards under a Changing Climate." Farshid Vahedifard and Diego Thompson. Poster and Video Presentation. Smart and Connected Communities (S&CC-NSF)- 2024 Principle Investigators' Meeting. February 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. Nashville, Tennessee.
2024. "Challenges and Opportunities of Emergency Managers and Vulnerable Groups Experiencing Wildfires: Some Lessons from Rural California." Southern Rural Sociological Association Annual Conference. February 4<sup>th</sup> 2024. Atlanta, Georgia.
2023. "Community Resilience and Intersections Between Sociopolitical and Racial Relations in The Aftermath of Large Immigration Raids in Rural Mississippi." Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference. August 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. University of Vermont. Burlington, Vermont.

2022. “Intersections Between Rural and Food Justice in the U.S.: Some Implications for Today and the Future.” With Angela Carter. Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference. August 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. Westminster, Colorado.
2022. “Housing Insecurity and Latinx Community Resilience in Small Towns in Mississippi.” With Silvina Lopez Barrera. ARCC-EAAE Architectural Research Centers Consortium International Conference. Florida International University. May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. Virtual.
2022. “Latinx Immigrants and Racial Dynamics Under the Context of Large Immigration Raids in Rural Communities of Central Mississippi.” Southern Sociological Society (SSS) Annual Conference. April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Birmingham, AL.
2022. “Community Resilience Influenced by Race and Politics in the Context of Large Immigration Raids in Central Mississippi.” Southern Rural Sociological Association (SRSA) Annual Conference. February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. New Orleans, LA.
2021. “Community Resilience and Self-Help Housing After a Natural Disaster: A Case Study from Southwestern Uruguay.” With Silvina Lopez Barrera. International Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture and the 27<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Union of Architects. July 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Virtual.
2021. “Latinx Community Resilience After Large Immigration Raids in Poultry Processing Plants in Rural Mississippi.” Conference: “Just Food: *Because it is never Just Food.*” Organized by the Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS), Agriculture, Food, & Human Values Society (AFHVS), Canadian Association for Food Studies (CAFS), and the Society for Anthropology of Food and Nutrition (SAFN). June 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Virtual.
2021. “Conceptualizations of the Countryside/Urban Divide and Social Mobilization in Uruguay’s Countryside.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference. June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Virtual.
2020. “Resistencia y Adaptaciones a Cambios Medioambientales Provocados por el Agro en el Uruguay Rural.” Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Annual Conference. May 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> 2020, Guadalajara, Mexico. Virtual.
2020. “Collective Agency and Decision-Making Processes in Post-Disaster Housing Recovery: A Case Study from Southwestern Uruguay.” With Silvina Lopez Barrera. Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA) 51<sup>st</sup> Conference: “Socially Embedded Collaboration.” April 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> 2020. Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona, U.S. Virtual.
2019. “Más que “Leche con Dignidad”: Comida Justa, Movilización Colectiva, e Inclusión Social de Trabajadores Agrícolas Hispanos en los EE.UU” (*Beyond “Milk With Dignity”: Food Justice, Collective Mobilization, and Social Inclusion of Hispanic Farmworkers in the U.S.*). Latin American Sociological Association (ALAS) International Conference. December 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. National University of San Marcos, Lima, Peru.

2019. "Resilience and Collective Mobilization in Two Communities of Uruguay: A Community Capitals Framework Approach." With Silvina Lopez Barrera. Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference. August 10<sup>th</sup>. Richmond, Virginia.
2019. "The Right to The City in Informal Settlements: Two Case Studies of Post-Disaster Adaptation in Latin America." With Silvina Lopez Barrera. Architectural Research Centers Consortium (ARCC) International Annual Conference. May 29<sup>th</sup>-June 1<sup>st</sup>. Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada. This article was accepted and published in the conference proceedings but not presented at the conference.
2019. "The Oktibbeha Food Policy Council: Assembling Community Stakeholders and Initiatives to Create Resilient and Inclusive Food Systems in Mississippi." With Kecia Johnson, Kenya Cistrunk, Leslie Hossfeld, and Gina Rico Mendez. Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference. April 11<sup>th</sup>. Atlanta, Georgia.
2019. "Exploring a Socio-Structural Approach to Examine Community Resilience: Two Case Studies from Rural Uruguay." With Silvina Lopez Barrera. Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association. Annual Conference. February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mississippi State University.
2018. "The Oktibbeha Food Policy Council: Assembling Community Stakeholders and Initiatives to Create Resilient and Inclusive Food Systems in Mississippi." With Kecia Johnson, Kenya Cistrunk, Leslie Hossfeld, and Gina Rico Mendez. Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Conference. October 24<sup>th</sup>-27. Birmingham, Alabama, U.S.
2018. "Food Justice, Collective Agency, and Inclusion of Hispanic Farmworkers in Rural Vermont." Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Conference. October 24<sup>th</sup>-27. Birmingham, Alabama, U.S.
2018. "*Dolores* After the Tornado: Collective Mobilization, Governance, and Adaptations in Southwestern Uruguay." With Silvina Lopez Barrera. International Conference on Sustainable Development. September 26<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup>. Columbia University. New York, U.S.
2018. "'Milk with Dignity': Collective Agency and Social Inclusion of Immigrant Farmworkers in Rural Vermont." Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference. July 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. Portland, U.S.
2018. "Social Solidarity, Collective Identities, and Community Resilience: Two Case Studies from the Rural U.S. and Uruguay." With Braden Leap. Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference. July 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. Portland, U.S.
2018. "Social Inclusion of Immigrant Farmworkers in Rural Communities in the United States: A Multidisciplinary Perspective." Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association Annual Conference. February 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Alabama State University, Montgomery, Alabama, U.S.
2016. "When do Environmental Problems Matter? The Role of Centralized Governance on Perceptions and Responses to Environmental Challenges in Rural Communities of

- Uruguay.” XIV World Congress of Rural Sociology- IRSA. August 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. Ryerson University. Toronto, Canada.
2016. “The Influence of Centralized Stakeholders on Mapping Environmental Problems and Social Conflicts in Rural Communities of Uruguay.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference. August 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. Toronto, Canada.
2016. “The Influence of Media on Community Perceptions and Responses to Water Quality Deterioration in Uruguay.” Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Annual Conference. May 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. New York City, U.S.
2015. “The Influence of Cultural Capital on Social and Political Capitals and Community Responses to Environmental Stresses: Four Case Studies from Southwestern Uruguay.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference. August 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. Madison, Wisconsin, U.S.
2014. “Governance and its Role in Community Adaptations to Environmental Stresses under Decentralization Programs in Southwestern Uruguay.” Community Development Society Annual Conference. July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dubuque, Iowa, U.S.
2013. “The Influence of Community Governance on Local Adaptations to Natural and Anthropogenic Changes and Increasing Environmental Risks; Four Case Studies from Southwestern Uruguay.” RC21 Sociology of Urban and Regional Development, International Sociological Association Conference. August 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. Berlin, Germany.
2013. “Community Governance and Local Adaptive Actions to Disturbances and Increasing Environmental Risks under Political Decentralization Efforts; Four Case Studies from Southwestern Uruguay.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference. August 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. New York City, U.S.
2013. “The influence of Community Governance Structures and Processes on Local Adaptive Actions to Disturbances and Increasing Environmental Risks in Four Rural Communities in Southwestern Uruguay.” Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society Annual Conference. June 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. East Lansing, Michigan, U.S.
2013. “Latino Social Innovators and Economic Entrepreneurs in Four Rural Communities of Iowa: Comparisons using a Capitals Framework.” With Jan L. Flora and Saúl Abarca Orozco. Change of Colors Annual Conference; Latinos in the Heartland; Migration and Shifting Landscapes. June 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. University of Missouri. St. Louis, U.S.
2012. “Common Means, Disparate Ends: Convergence and Divergence in the Heartland.” With Cornelia B. Flora, Jan L. Flora, and Claudia M. Prado-Meza. XIII World Congress of Rural Sociology, International Rural Sociological Association. August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lisbon, Portugal.
2012. “Resources and Barriers to Innovation among Latino Businesspersons in Rural Iowa: A Capitals Approach.” With Jan L. Flora, Claudia M. Prado-Meza, Saúl Abarca-Orozco, and Cornelia B. Flora. Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference. July 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. Chicago, U.S.

2012. "Exploring the Meanings of Food and Agriculture for Latino Youth Through the Use of Photo-voice in Three Iowa Cities." With Jan L. Flora, Saúl Abarca-Orozco, Hector Bombiella Medina, and Caroline Olivera. Change of Colors Conference; Latinos in the Heartland; Migration and Shifting Landscapes. June 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. University of Missouri. Columbia, U.S.
2012. "Exploring how to Make the North Central Education/Extension and Research Activity (NCERA) Sustainable over Time." With Jan L. Flora and Saúl Abarca-Orozco. Change of Colors Conference; Latinos in the Heartland; Migration and Shifting Landscapes. June 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. University of Missouri. Columbia, U.S.
2011. "New Immigrants in Local Food Systems: Two Iowa Cases." International Food and Nutrition Conference (IFNC 2011). October 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. Tuskegee University, U.S.
2011. "Latino Social Innovators and Economic Entrepreneurs in Four Rural Iowa Communities." With Jan L. Flora and David Peters. Rural Sociological Society and Community Development Society Annual Conference. July 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. Boise, Idaho, U.S.
2011. "Somos del Campo; Latino/a Gardeners and Farmers in two Rural Communities of Iowa. A Community Capitals Framework Approach." Rural Sociological Society and Community Development Society Annual Conference. July 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. Boise, Idaho, U.S.
2011. "Involving Immigrant Latino Farmers in Local Food Systems: A Community Capitals Framework Approach." With Jan L. Flora, Cornelia B. Flora, Mary Emery, and Claudia M. Prado Meza. Change of Colors Annual Conference; Latinos in the Heartland; Migration and Shifting Landscapes. June 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. University of Missouri, Kansas City, U.S.
2011. "Somos del Campo: Latino Gardeners and Farmers in Two Rural Communities of Iowa." National Urban Extension Conference. May 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Des Moines, Iowa, U.S.
2010. "Human, Cultural, and Social Capitals Among Latino/a Gardeners in Marshalltown and Denison, Iowa." With Jan Flora, Cornelia Flora, and Claudia M. Prado-Meza. Change of Colors Conference; Latinos in the Heartland; Migration and Shifting Landscapes. May 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. University of Missouri. Columbia, U.S.
2010. "Latino Business Entrepreneurs and Social Innovators in Four Iowa Communities." With Jan L. Flora, Cornelia Flora, and Claudia M. Prado-Meza. Change of Colors Conference; Latinos in the Heartland; Migration and Shifting Landscapes. May 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. University of Missouri. Columbia, U.S.
2009. "An Asset-based Perspective on Latino Entrepreneurs: Reflections from Iowa Communities." With Jan L. Flora, Cornelia Flora, and Claudia M. Prado-Meza. Latino/a Communities in the Midwest, Julian Samora Research Institute, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. November 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>. East Lansing, Michigan State University, U.S.
2009. "Mapping Comida"; "How to Develop Diversified Local Food Systems"; and "Planning your Community's Local Food System: The Experience of COMIDA—

- County of Marshall Investing in Diversified Agriculture.” With Claudia M. Prado-Meza. 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Community Food Security Coalition, “From Commodity to the Community” Conference. October 10<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>. Des Moines, Iowa, U.S.
2009. “Rural Latino Entrepreneurs: Social and Cultural Capitals.” With, Jan L. Flora and Cornelia Flora. Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference. July 30<sup>th</sup>-August 1<sup>st</sup>. Madison, Wisconsin, U.S.
2009. “Social Justice in Food Systems; COMIDA.” With Joseph Malual and Claudia M. Prado-Meza. Sustainable Agriculture Education Association (SAEA), 3rd National Conference: “Facilitating Sustainable Agriculture Education.” (Other tasks: Facilitator of workshops, organizer, and evaluator of the conference). July 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. Iowa State University, U.S.
2009. “Growing our own Farmers: Expanding the Supply of Local Food.” With Jan L. Flora, Cornelia Flora, and Claudia M. Prado-Meza. Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society (AFHVS) and the Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS) Conference. May 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. Penn State University, U.S.
2009. “Empowerment of Latino Immigrants through Farming: A Community Capitals Approach.” With Jan L. Flora and Claudia M. Prado-Meza. Change of Colors Conference; Latinos in the Heartland; Migration and Shifting Landscapes. May 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. University of Missouri, St. Louis, U.S.
2009. “Latino/as Participating in Community Gardens.” With Jan L. Flora and Claudia M. Prado-Meza. Annual Conference for Immigration and Human Rights in the U.S. Jewish Council on Urban Affairs. February 6<sup>th</sup>. Chicago, Illinois, U.S.
2007. “Situación Cultural de los Pescadores Artesanales de la Laguna de Rocha.” National Conference of Ecotourism and Protected Areas. April 5<sup>th</sup>. Trinidad, Flores, Uruguay.

#### **PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS IN SYMPOSIUMS, SEMINARS, AND OTHERS**

2025. “Surviving the Academic Job Market.” With Aimee Imlay. Sociology Brown Bag Sessions. February 14<sup>th</sup>. Mississippi State University.
2024. Poster: “Developing Decision Support Tools (DSTs) for enhancing participation in USDA’s Conservation Reserve Program: What do stakeholders expect to see? Daniel Egerson, Bradley S. Thornton, Shannon M. Westlake, Mark D. McConnell, Sathishkumar Samiappan, Amanda L. Sesser, Diego Thompson, and Kristine O. Evans. 6th Annual MAS Summer Science and Engineering Symposium. Mississippi Academy of Science. July 30th. Starkville, Mississippi.
2023. “Racial and Political Dynamics in the Context of Large Immigration Raids in Central Mississippi.” Sociology Brown Bag Sessions. September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mississippi State University.

2020. "Contesting the Rural/Urban Divide and Centralization Through Social Mobilization in the Countryside: A Case Study from Latin America." Sociology Brownbag Sessions. November 6<sup>th</sup>. Mississippi State University.
2019. "Assembling Community Stakeholders to Facilitate Food Justice in Rural Mississippi: The Oktibbeha Food Policy Council." With Kecia R. Johnson, Kenya Cistrunk, Ashley Vancil-Leap, and Thomas Nyatta. Institute for the Humanities Interdisciplinary Forum. October 25<sup>th</sup>. Mississippi State University.
2015. "Cambios Medioambientales y Adaptación en Comunidades del Suroeste de Uruguay." CURE's Faculty Seminar. July 14<sup>th</sup>. Rocha. University of the Republic of Uruguay.
2015. "Cambios Medioambientales y Respuestas Adaptativas en Cuatro Comunidades del Suroeste de Uruguay." Seminar: 'La Cuestión Ambiental en Uruguay: Transformaciones, Adaptación y Conflictos Socio-ambientales Contemporáneos.' June 24<sup>th</sup>. University of the Republic of Uruguay.
2015. "Exploring Social Justice and Sustainable Agriculture: Experiences of Social Integration in Local and Regional Food Systems in the U.S." Howard E. Woodin Colloquium Series. March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Middlebury College, U.S.
2013. "Governance and its Role on Community Adaptations to Environmental Stresses under Decentralization Programs in Southwestern Uruguay." Latin American Urbanism Symposium. April 18<sup>th</sup>. Department of Architecture & Department of Anthropology. Iowa State University.
2013. "Students Creating Curriculum Change in Sustainable Agriculture and Social Justice." With Angie Carter, Claudia M. Prado-Meza, Jessica Soulis, Nicholas Leete, John Dean, and Victoria LeBeaux. Iowa State University 2013 Symposium on Sustainability – "Connecting Today's Bottom Line with a Sustainable Future: Our Growing Commitment." February 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. Ames, Iowa, U.S.
2013. "Latino Youth, Food and Agriculture in Iowa." With Jan L. Flora, Saúl Abarca-Orozco, Hector Bombiella Medina, and Caroline Olivera. Iowa State University 2013 Symposium on Sustainability – "Connecting Today's Bottom Line with a Sustainable Future: Our Growing Commitment." February 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. Ames, Iowa, U.S.
2012. "Latino Business Entrepreneurs and Social Innovators in Four Iowa Communities." With Jan L. Flora, Claudia M. Prado-Meza, and Cornelia B. Flora. "Latino Entrepreneurs in Iowa." April. Iowa State University Extension, U.S. See: <http://www.soc.iastate.edu/extension/diverse/latinoentrepreneurship/reports.html>
2012. "Entrepreneurial and Non-Entrepreneurial Latino Proprietors in Four Iowa Communities: How do they differ from one another?" With David Peters, Claudia M. Prado-Meza, Jan L. Flora, Saúl Abarca Orozco, and Cornelia B. Flora. April 2012. USDA Webinar on Latino Entrepreneurs.
2011. "Climate and Land Use Change: Exploring the Case of Uruguayan Farmers' Access to Information and Perception of Climate Change and Possible Adaptations in the Light of Agricultural Transformations." Sociology Research Seminars & Latino Research Seminars. November 11<sup>st</sup>. Department of Sociology, Iowa State University.

2011. "Closing Gaps: Integrating Social Justice within the Graduate Program in Sustainable Agriculture Curriculum at Iowa State University." With Angela Carter, Claudia M. Prado-Meza, and Jessica Soulis. Social Justice Iowa Area Meet-up. July 15<sup>th</sup>. University of Iowa.
2011. "Somos del Campo": Latino/a Gardeners and Farmers in Two Rural Communities of Iowa. A Community Capitals Framework Approach." Latino Research Seminars & Sociology Research Seminar Series. March 24<sup>th</sup>. Department of Sociology, Iowa State University.
2010. "Somos del Campo": Latino/a Gardeners and Farmers in Two Rural Communities of Iowa. A Community Capitals Framework Approach." Sustainable Agriculture Colloquium. April 28<sup>th</sup>. Iowa State University.
2010. Book and Documentary: "Underwater World; Scuba Divers and Mussels in Punta del Este and Piriápolis." With Leticia D'Ambosio and Victoria Lembo. January 11<sup>th</sup>. Cultural Center of La Paloma, Rocha, Uruguay.
2009. "COMIDA Project; How to Involve New Immigrants into Local Food Systems." With Joseph Malual and Claudia M. Predo-Meza. Annual Presentations of the Graduate Program of Sustainable Agriculture. April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Iowa State University.
2008. "Historias de ayer y de hoy; Comunidad de Pescadores de la Laguna de Rocha." January 10<sup>th</sup>. Cultural Center of La Paloma. Rocha, Uruguay.

#### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES (Selected – Since 2020)**

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2023. Completion of Human Research-Human Subjects Researchers Course. CITI Program. Under requirements set by Mississippi State University. July 24<sup>th</sup>.
2021. Attended webinar: "Networks and Systems that Support Success for Educators, Students, and Researchers at Native American, Historically Black, and Hispanic-Serving Higher Education Institutions." Sponsored by the MSU Center for Regional Food Systems-Racial Equity in the Food System Workgroup. Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.
2021. Participation in Smart & Connected Communities Principal Investigators' Meeting. Participation in mini-workshops: "Research Advances" & "Transition to Practice." National Science Foundation. 2021 April 7<sup>th</sup>-April 9<sup>th</sup>. Virtual.
2021. Webinar: "Proper Disclosure of International Collaborations." RCR/ORED. Mississippi State University. March 9<sup>th</sup>.
2020. Attended professional development webinar: "Operationalizing Equity Across Land Grants and their Partners Through Local Food Systems Panel Discussion." December 10<sup>th</sup>. SERA 47. Learning Communities Working Group.
2020. Completion of MSU Office of Research Compliance trainings. September 20<sup>th</sup>.

- Financial Conflict of Interest.
- Responsible Conduct of Research for PIs and Co-PIs, at the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program).

2020. Completion of “Online Teaching 101: Best Practices in Online Instruction.” July 2020. The Center for Teaching and Learning. Mississippi State University.

## TEACHING

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### COURSES TAUGHT

#### Mississippi State University

2026. “Qualitative Analysis.” SO 8233. (Spring)  
 “Contemporary Social Problems.” SO 1103. (Spring)
2025. “Environment and Society.” SO/AN 4173. (Spring)  
 “Introduction to Sociology.” SO 1003. (Spring)
2024. “Introduction to Sociology.” SO 1003. (Fall)  
 “Contemporary Social Problems.” SO 1103. (Fall)  
 “Race and Ethnicity.” SO2203. (Spring)  
 “Contemporary Social Problems.” SO 1103. (Spring)
2023. “Introduction to Sociology.” SO 1003. Honors. (Fall)  
 “Environment and Society.” SO/AN 4173/6173. (Fall)  
 “Rural Sociology.” SO 8443. (Spring)  
 “Introduction to Sociology.” SO 1003. Honors. (Spring)
2022. “Rural Sociology.” SO 3303. (Fall)  
 “Introduction to Sociology.” SO 1003. Honors. (Fall)  
 “Contemporary Social Problems.” SO 1103. (Spring)  
 “Introduction to Sociology.” SO 1003. (Spring)
2021. “Rural Sociology.” SO 3303. (Fall)  
 “Environment and Society.” SO/AN 4173/6173. (Fall)  
 “Contemporary Social Problems.” SO 1103. On-line. (Spring)  
 “Introduction to Sociology.” SO 1003. Honors. (Spring)
2020. “Rural Sociology.” SO 3303. (Fall)  
 “Contemporary Social Problems.” SO 1103. On-line. (Fall)  
 “Introduction to Sociology.” SO 1003. (Spring)  
 “Immigration.” SO8990. (Spring)
2019. “Introduction to Sociology.” SO 1003. Honors. (Fall)  
 “Rural Sociology.” SO 3303. (Fall)
2018. “Introduction to Sociology.” SO 1003. (Fall)  
 “Contemporary Social Problems.” SO 1103. (Fall)  
 “Rural Sociology.” SO 4990. (Spring)  
 “Introduction to Sociology.” SO 1003. (Spring)
2017. “Sociology of Food and Agricultural Systems.” SO 8990. (Fall)  
 “Contemporary Social Problems.” SO 1103. (Fall)

#### Middlebury College

2017. “Environmental Sociology.” SOAN 0209. (Spring)

2016. "Migration and Food Systems." SOAN 0237. (Fall)  
 "Sociology of Food and Agricultural Systems." SOAN 0236. (Spring)  
 "Global Environmental Activism." SOAN 1030. (Winter)
2015. "Sociology of Globalization." SOAN 0260. (Fall)  
 "Environmental Sociology." SOAN 0209. (Spring)

### **Iowa State University**

2014. "Introduction to Spanish." SPAN 102. Sole Instructor. (Summer)  
 "Globalization and the Human Condition." ANTHRO 230. Lecturer and Grader.  
 (Spring)  
 "Advanced Spanish." SPAN 202. Sole Instructor. (Spring)
2013. "Globalization and the Human Condition." ANTHRO 230. Sole Instructor. (Fall)  
 "Introduction to Sociology." SOC 134. Sole Instructor. (Summer)  
 "Introduction to Spanish." SPAN 101. Sole Instructor. (Summer)

### **THESES AND DISSERTATION COMMITTEES**

#### **Graduate Students**

- 2025- Present. Tolulope Adeusi. Ph.D. Dissertation Adviser. Department of Sociology, Mississippi State University.
- 2025- Present. Asmaul Husna. Member of Master's Thesis Committee. Department of Agricultural Economics, Mississippi State University.
- 2025-Present. Antonio Martinez. Member of Master's Thesis Committee. Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, Auburn University.
- 2024-Present. Ashley Merchel. Member of Ph.D. Dissertation Committee. Department of Sociology, Mississippi State University.
- 2023-Present. Gbenga Elufisan. Ph.D. Dissertation Adviser. Department of Sociology, Mississippi State University.
- 2023- Present. Daniel Egerson. Member of Ph.D. Dissertation Committee. Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Aquaculture, Mississippi State University.
- 2023- Present. Bria Young. Member of Ph.D. Dissertation Committee. Department of Sociology, Mississippi State University.
- 2023- 2025 (graduation). Ubaida Abdallah. Member of Ph.D. Dissertation Committee. Department of Geosciences, Mississippi State University.
- 2022- 2025 (graduation). Robert Kolbila. Member of Ph.D. Dissertation Committee. Department of Sociology, Mississippi State University.
- 2022- 2024 (graduation). Taylor Patterson. Member of Master's Thesis Committee. Department of Geosciences, Mississippi State University.
- 2023-2024 (graduation) Natalie Bowers. Member of Master's Thesis Committee. Department of Landscape Architecture, Mississippi State University.
- 2021-2023 (graduation). Gbenga Elufisan. Master's Thesis Adviser. Department of Sociology, Mississippi State University.
- 2022 (graduation). Kelli Russell. Member of Ph.D. Dissertation Committee. Department of Sociology, Mississippi State University.
- 2019- 2020 (graduation). Carlos S. Roblero López. Co-director of Master's Thesis in Local Development. Department of Social Sciences. Autonomous University of Chiapas, Mexico.
- 2018- 2024. Lindsey Shaw. Member of Master's Thesis Committee. Department of Sociology, Mississippi State University.

2013- 2019. Nathalie Goldberg. Master's Thesis Committee Co-Chair. Master in *Manejo Costero Integrado del Cono Sur*. University of the Republic of Uruguay, Uruguay.

### **Undergraduate Students**

- 2022 (graduation). Anne Elizabeth Harrington. Committee Member of Honors Thesis. Department of Sociology, Mississippi State University.
- 2020 (graduation). Ben Mackin. Committee Member of Honors Thesis. Social Science Research Center, Message Lab, Mississippi State University.

### **INVITED LECTURES**

#### **Off-Campus**

2022. "Intersections Between Environmental and Food Justice in Rural Communities." Course: "Sociology of Peace and Justice." Professor: Eleanor Green. Department of Sociology and Anthropology. University of Mississippi. November 10<sup>th</sup>. Virtual.
2022. "Food Insecurity and Food Policy Councils in Mississippi," and "Housing Insecurity and Latinx Community Resilience in Small Towns in Mississippi" with Silvina Lopez Barrera. Course: "The Paradox of Hunger-Rural Mississippi." Professor Dr. Cory Henry. Harvard Graduate School of Design. Harvard University. September 8<sup>th</sup>. Virtual.
2022. "Assemblage, Food Justice, and Intersectionality in Rural Mississippi: The Oktibbeha Food Policy Council." With Kecia R. Johnson. Course: "Intersectional Approaches to Sustainability." Professor: Dr. Sonja Klinsky. School of Sustainability. Arizona State University. February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Virtual.
2018. "Groups, Rural Communities, and Responses to Agri-environmental Changes in the U.S. and Uruguay." Taller Interdisciplinario de Tópicos Regionales II y III de la Licenciatura en Gestión Ambiental. Professor: Dr. Leticia D'Ambrosio. July 19<sup>th</sup>. Eastern Regional Center (CURE) in Maldonado. University of the Republic of Uruguay.
2018. "Environmental Changes, Perceptions, and Adaptive Responses in Uruguayan Communities." Professors-Organizers: Joaquín Marqués Ferres, Rossana Cantieri, and Ximena Lagos. July 4<sup>th</sup>. Eastern Regional Center (CURE) in Rocha. University of the Republic of Uruguay.
2018. Professionalization Seminar for First Year Sociology Ph.D. students. Professor: Dr. Rebecca L. Schewe. November 5<sup>th</sup>. Syracuse University. Virtual.
2012. "Inclusion of New Immigrants in U.S. Communities." Graduate Course: "Cultura, Negocios, y Economía en las Américas." Professor: Dr. Claudia M. Prado-Meza. Department of Economics. University of Colima, Mexico.
2012. "Civic Agriculture and the Inclusion of New Immigrants." Course: "Food and Society." Professor: Dr. Michael Haedicke. Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

2010 and 2009. Bilingual Course for Adults: “How to Start your own Diversified Farm.” Iowa Valley Marshalltown Community College. Instructor (curriculum development and teaching). Supervisor: Dr. Jan Flora.

2008. “Ethnicity and Identity: Fishers of Lagoons in Eastern Uruguay.” Course: “General Ethnology.” Professor: Dr. Sonia Romero. Department of Anthropology. University of the Republic of Uruguay.

#### Other Pedagogical Activities. Off-Campus

2022. Curriculum development and participation in workshop: “Arquitectura y Espacio Público en la Ciudad Popular.” With Silvina Lopez Barrera, Cristina Dreifuss, and Christopher Schreier. University of Lima, Peru. June 15<sup>th</sup>. For students at the University of Lima, Peru.

2022. Curriculum development and participation in webinar: “Place Attachment, Resilience and Climate Change in the Popular City.” With Silvina Lopez Barrera, Cristina Dreifuss, and Christopher Schreier. University of Lima (Peru) and Mississippi State University. May 24<sup>th</sup>. For students at MSU and the University of Lima, Peru.

#### **Mississippi State University**

2023. “Latinx Immigrants and Immigration Raids in Rural Communities of Central Mississippi.” Delta Scholars Program. Professors: Dr. Kecia Johnson and Dr. John Green. June 27<sup>th</sup>. Mississippi State University.

2021. “Impacts and Responses to the 2019 Immigration Raids in Poultry Processing Plants in Rural Communities of Mississippi.” Delta Scholars Program. Professors: Dr. Kecia Johnson and Dr. John Green. June 9<sup>th</sup>. Mississippi State University.

2020. “The Oktibbeha Food Policy Council under the Context of Poverty and Food Insecurity.” Course: “Gender, Food, and Culture.” Professor: Dr. Ashley Vancil-Leap. January 27<sup>th</sup>. Mississippi State University.

2019. “Housing Inequality in the Mississippi Delta.” Delta Scholars Program. Professors: Dr. Kecia Johnson and Dr. John Green. July 9<sup>th</sup>. Mississippi State University.

2019. “The Oktibbeha Food Policy Council under the Context of Poverty and Food Insecurity.” Course: “Gender, Food, and Culture.” Professor: Dr. Ashley Vancil-Leap. January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mississippi State University.

2018. “Climate Change Perception, Vulnerability, Adaptations, and Governance in Communities of Southwestern Uruguay.” Course: “History and Policy of Climate Change.” Professor: Dr. Davide Orsini. Honors College. March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mississippi State University.

#### Other Pedagogical Activities at MSU

2022. Speaker (volunteered) at the Professionalization Seminar of Sociology for Graduate Students. Professor Dr. Rachel Allison. Mississippi State University. September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

2021. Invited reviewer for the 4<sup>th</sup> Year Architecture Design Studio. Project title: “Immigrant Death Memorial.” Student: Lilly Worbington. Professor: Alexis Gregory. School of Architecture. December 1<sup>st</sup>. Mississippi State University.
2020. Speaker (volunteered) for the workshop: “Fieldwork During a Pandemic.” With sociology graduate students. Department of Sociology. Organizer: Dr. Margaret Hagerman. June 29<sup>th</sup>. Mississippi State University.
2018. Speaker (volunteered) at the Professionalization Seminar of Sociology for Graduate Students. Professor: Dr. Robert Boyd. October 5<sup>th</sup>. Mississippi State University.

### **Iowa State University**

2014. “Community Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Change.” Course: “Environmental Sociology.” Instructor: Angela Carter. Iowa State University.
2012. “Integrating Social Justice into Foundations of Sustainable Agriculture.” Three Experimental Classes of the Graduate Course: “Foundations of Sustainable Agriculture.” Professors: Dr. Betty Wells and Dr. Clark Wolf. Iowa State University.
2011. “Integrating Social Justice into Foundations of Sustainable Agriculture.” Three Experimental Classes of the Graduate Course: “Foundations of Sustainable Agriculture.” Professors: Dr. Betty Wells and Dr. Clark Wolf. Iowa State University.
2011. Invited speaker at “Food for Thought.” Course: English 557. Professor: Dr. Mary Swander. Iowa State University.
2011. Bilingual Course for Latino Youth: “Photo-voice Summer Internship on Food and Agriculture.” Des Moines, Council Bluffs, and Ottumwa, Iowa. Instructor (curriculum development and teaching). Project: “Inclusion of Immigrants and Minorities into Local Food Systems of Iowa.” Supervisors: Dr. Jan Flora & Dr. Cornelia Flora. Iowa State University.
2010. “Integrating Social Justice into Foundations of Sustainable Agriculture.” Three Experimental Classes of the Graduate Course: “Foundations of Sustainable Agriculture.” Professors: Dr. Betty Wells and Dr. Clark Wolf. Iowa State University.

## **PROFESSIONAL & PUBLIC SERVICE**

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### **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

- 2025-Present. Associate Editor of *Rural Sociology*.
- 2018-Present. Member of SERA47: Strengthening the Southern Region Extension and Research System to Support Local & Regional Foods Needs and Priorities. Multistate Research Coordinating Committee and Information Exchange Group. Learning Communities Working Group.
- Co-organizer of Professional Development Webinar: “Operationalizing Equity Across Land Grants and their Partners Through Local Food Systems Panel Discussion.” December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

- 2024-2025. Member of the Rural Sociological Society Council.
- 2021-2025. Member and Chair (2024-2025) of the Rural Sociological Society Diversity Committee.
2024. Organized panel: “Exploring Mechanisms to Create and Strengthen Collaboration with and Support Indigenous Populations.” 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. July 24<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Madison, Wisconsin.
- 2023-Site Visit Reviewer for the National Science Foundation (NSF).
2023. Reviewer for the “*Programa de Investigación 2023*” of the *Comisión Sectorial de Investigación Científica* (CSIC). University of the Republic of Uruguay.
- 2019-2024. Member of the Racial Equity in Food Systems Working Group. Center for Regional Food Systems. Michigan State University.
2023. Moderator of session “Addressing Issues of Farming and Land Ownership for Black Farmers through Strategies of Resilience, Capital, and Cooperative.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference. August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Burlington, Vermont.
- 2019-2023. Member of the Rural Sociological Society Publications Committee.
2022. Moderator of session “Cultivating and Reclaiming Black Spaces: Towards a Revisionist History of Hip Hop, Rural Sociology, and an African Past.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference. August 5<sup>th</sup>. Westminster, Colorado.
2022. Moderator of session “Engaging with Race and Resources in the Rural Context.” Southern Rural Sociological Association (SRSA) Annual Meeting. February 13<sup>th</sup>. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2021-2023. Review Editor of the journal *Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems / Social Movements, Institutions and Governance* (no tasks were completed serving on this role).
- 2018-2021. Member of the Committee on Sociological Practice of the Southern Sociological Society.
2018. Chaired session “Food Research Directions: Stratification and Cultural Mobility.” Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Conference. October 24<sup>th</sup>. Birmingham, Alabama.
2018. Chaired session “Mental Health, Immigrant Farmworkers, and Africa.” Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association (AMSA) Annual Conference. February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Montgomery, Alabama.
- 2011-2013. Member of the Executive Board of the North Central Education/Extension and Research Activity (NCERA 216).

## MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS

- Agriculture and Human Values* (2011-2020-2022-2023-2024-2025)
- Anales de Arqueología y Etnología* (2022)
- Community Development* (2020-2021-2023-2024)
- Ecology and Society* (2024)
- Environment, Development, and Sustainability* (2019)
- Environmental Policy and Governance* (2021)
- Findings* (2023)
- Food Policy* (2024)
- GénEros: One Manuscript* (2016)
- Journal of Community Practice* (2020)
- Journal of Contingencies and Crisis Management* (2021)
- Journal of Geography & Natural Disasters* (2015)
- Journal of Peacebuilding and Development* (2020)

*Journal of Rural Studies* (2012-2021)  
*Landbauforschung, Journal of Sustainable and Organic Agricultural Systems* (2019)  
*Local Environment, The International Journal of Justice and Sustainability* (2013-2014)  
*Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Latin American History* (2024)  
*Revista Uruguaya de Antropología y Etnografía* (2022)  
*Routledge (Sociology): Book Proposal* (2022)  
*Rural Sociology* (2016-2018-2019-2023-2025)  
*Social Sciences* (2019-2022)  
*Tekoporá. Revista Latinoamericana de Humanidades Ambientales y Estudios Territoriales*  
 (2020)  
*Trama* (2015-2017)

## **MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY**

### **College of Arts & Sciences**

2023-Present. Member (elected) of the Scholarship Committee.  
 2018-2021. Member (elected) of the Courses and Curriculum Committee.  
 2017-2020. Member and Coordinator (Fall 2018- Spring 2019) of the Steering Committee of the Institute for the Humanities Interdisciplinary Forum.

- 2018. Panel discussant at the Interdisciplinary Forum Workshop Series. Presenters: Robert Harland and Karen Williams. Mississippi State University. October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 2018. Panel discussant at the Interdisciplinary Forum Workshop Series. Presenters: Gregory Martin, Christopher Fuhrmann, and Vasileios Sassanis. Mississippi State University. March 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Department of Sociology**

2024- Present. Member of the Tenure and Promotion Committee.  
 2023- 2025. 2026 (Spring) Member of the Curriculum and Policies Committee.  
 2022- 2023. 2026 (Spring). Member of the Graduate Admissions and Support Committee.  
 2023- 2025. Member of the Loftin Support Committee.  
 2024- 2025. Member of the Preliminary Examination Committee: Communities, Environment, and Health.  
 2022- 2023. Assistant Professor Representative of the Department Head's Advisory Committee.  
 2022- Fall. Member of Faculty Search Committee (Ad Hoc).  
 2020- Present. Faculty adviser of the Sociological Graduate Student Association (SGSA).  
 2017- Present. Affiliated to the Mississippi Food Insecurity Project (MFIP).  
 2017- 2023. Member (Chair in 2019-2020) of the Rural Sociology Preliminary Examination Committee.  
 2021- 2022. Member of the Exit Exam Committee.  
 2021- 2022. Member of the Graduate Policies and Curriculum Committee.  
 2020- 2021. Member of the Loftin Support Committee.  
 2019- 2021. Member of the Graduate Admissions and Support Committee.  
 2018- 2020. Member of the Sociology Qualifying/Exit Exam Committee.  
 2018- Spring. Member of the Textbook Adoption Committee (Ad Hoc).  
 2017-2019. Member of the Sociology Undergraduate Curriculum and Policies Committee.  
 2017-2019. Member of the Globalization of the Curriculum Committee (Ad Hoc).  
 2017-2018-2022. Teaching evaluation of graduate students.

## **MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE**

2016. Moderator at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual International and Interdisciplinary Conference: “Food Insecurity in a Globalized World: The Politics and Culture of Food Systems.”
- 2015- 2017. Affiliated with the Environmental Studies Program at Middlebury College.
- 2015-2016. Member (mentor) of the New Faculty Mentoring Program 2015-2016.

## **IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**

2013. Member of the Organizing Committee for the Sustainable Agriculture Colloquium.
- 2009-2013. Member of the Organizing Committee for Latino Research Seminars.
2011. Member of the Organizing Committee for Sociology Research Seminars.
2010. President of the Latin-American Students Association (LATAM).
2010. Senator of International Issues at the Sustainable Agriculture Student Association.
- 2010-2011. Vice-President of the Graduate Students of Sociology Association and Senator at the Graduate Student Body.
2010. Member of the Latino Heritage Committee.
- 2009- 2011. Vice-President and Secretary of MATES: Argentineans, Uruguayans, and Chileans Association.

## **INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION**

- 2021- 2022. Collaboration with the College of Architecture and Engineer of the University of Lima, Peru.
- 2019-2021. Collaboration with the Department of Economics of the University of Colima, Mexico.
- 2019-2021. Collaboration with the Master Program in Local Development, Autonomous University of Chiapas, Mexico.
- 2015- 2020. Collaboration with the *Observatório dos Conflitos do Extremo Sul do Brasil*, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande (FURC), Brazil.
- 2012- 2016. Affiliated Professor-Member of the Graduate College of the Department of Agriculture. University of the Republic of Uruguay.
- 2006-2010. Member of the Social Anthropology Group (*Programa de Arqueología Sub-Acuática*). College of Humanities and Education. University of the Republic of Uruguay.
2005. Advisory for project: “Co-Management of Natural Resources in the National Protected Area *Laguna de Rocha*, Uruguay.” University of the Republic of Uruguay-Extension.
2005. Co-organizer of *XI Reunión de Antropología del MERCOSUR*. November 16<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup>. University of the Republic of Uruguay.

## **PUBLIC SERVICE**

- 2018- Present. Member of the Mississippi Food Policy Council.
- 2017- 2023. Member and Coordinator of the Oktibbeha Food Policy Council.
- 2022-2023. Participation (invited) in “Setting the Table for Better Food Policy.” Researchers and food policy experts working for the development of the Food Policy Fund to support food policy with an emphasis on civic collaboration. Organized by the Tides Foundation.
- 2016-2017. Member of the Advisory Board of Migrant Justice (VT).

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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2009- Present. Rural Sociological Society (RSS)  
    Natural Resources Research and Interest Group  
    Sociology of Agriculture and Food Research and Interest Group  
2022- Present. Southern Rural Sociological Association (SRSA)  
2020- 2024. American Sociological Association (ASA)  
    Environmental Sociology Section  
    Latina/o Sociology Section  
2018- 2024. Southern Sociological Society (SSS)  
2020-2021/2014-2015. Community Development Society (CDS)  
2018- Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA)  
2019- 2020/2016-2017. Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

## **LANGUAGES**

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English: Fluent.  
Spanish: Native language.  
Portuguese: Fluent in reading and speaking.