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# WORK HISTORY

2024 – now Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology and Department of Geography, Environment and Planning (GEP) (joint appointment)

Affiliated Faculty, Cultural Resources Management Graduate Program and Women’s and Gender Studies

2020 – 2023 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Sonoma State University

# EDUCATION

**­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­**2020 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Oregon

 Dissertation: “Environmental Politics at the End of the World – Prepping

as Environmental Practice”

Committee: Kari Norgaard (chair), Ryan Light, Matt Norton, C.J. Pascoe,

Anita Chari

Graduate Certificate in Women’s Gender & Sexuality Studies

2015 M.S. Sociology, University of Oregon

 Exam, Culture and Environmental Sociology

2009 M.A. International Environmental Policy, Middlebury Institute of

International Studies

2005 B.A. Literature/Writing, University of California, San Diego

# RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Environmental sociology, environmental justice, environmental privilege, climate change, culture, emotions, consumption, gender, race, social theory, feminist theory, qualitative methods, ethnography

# PUBLICATIONS

## Works in Progress

*Prepared: The Environmental Politics of the End of the World*. Book manuscript in progress, contracted by University of Chicago Press for submission in early 2024.

## Refereed Journal Articles

Ford, Allison. Forthcoming.“Where We Live, Learn and Play: Environmental Racism and Early Childhood Development in Review*.*” *Early Childhood Research Quarterly.* Accepted January 2024.

Ford, Allison. 2021. “They Will Be Like a Swarm of Locusts: Race, Rurality and Settler Colonialism in American Prepping Culture.” *Rural Sociology*. 86(3):469-493.

Ford, Allison. 2020. “An Emotional Landscape of Risk: Self-Sufficiency and the Environment.” *Qualitative Sociology*. 44(1):125–150.

Ford, Allison and Kari Marie Norgaard. 2020. “Whose Everyday Climate Cultures? Environmental Subjectivities and Invisibility in Climate Change Discourse.” *Climatic Change*. 163:43–62.

Ford, Allison. 2019. “The Self-Sufficient Citizen: Ecological Habitus and Environmental Practices.” *Sociological Perspectives* 62(5): 627–645.

## Book Chapters

Ford, Allison. 2024. “Skirting the Frame: Prepping and the Conservative Politics of Climate Change” in *Climate, Science and Society*: *A Primer*, edited by Zeke Baker, Tamar Law, Mark Vardy and Stephen Zehr. Routledge.

Ford, Allison and Kari Marie Norgaard. Forthcoming. “From Denial to Resistance: How Emotions and Culture Shape Our Responses to Climate Change” in Climate and Culture: Multidisciplinary Perspectives of Knowing, Being and Doing in a Climate Change World, 2nd ed. edited by Hilary Geoghegan, Alex Arnall and Giuseppe Feola. Cambridge University Press.

Ford, Allison and Kari Marie Norgaard. 2019. “Ghurba—A Longing for One’s Homeland” in An Ecotopian Lexicon, edited by Matthew Schneider-Mayerson and Brent Ryan Bellamy. University of Minnesota Press.

Ford, Allison and Kari Marie Norgaard. 2019. “From Denial to Resistance: How Emotions and Culture Shape Our Responses to Climate Change” in Climate and Culture: Multidisciplinary Perspectives of Knowing, Being and Doing in a Climate Change World, edited by Hilary Geoghegan, Alex Arnall and Giuseppe Feola. Cambridge University Press.

Ford, Allison and Kari Marie Norgaard. 2017. “Securing Sustainability: Culture and Emotions as Barriers to Environmental Change.” in Routledge Handbook of Sustainable Design, edited by Rachel Beth Egenhoefer. Routledge.

## Book Reviews

Ford, Allison. 2021. “Review of Defend the Sacred: Native American Religious Freedom beyond the First Amendment,” by Michael McNally. *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*. 82(2):250-251.

# GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2023 Research, Scholarship, Creative Activities Program (RSCAP) Summer

Fellowship, Sonoma State University

2023 School of Social Sciences Community Impact Research Award, SSU

2022 Research, Scholarship, Creative Activities Program (RSCAP) Summer

Fellowship, Sonoma State University

2022 Dean’s Summer Research Stipend, School of Social Sciences, SSU

2021-2022 Koret Scholar Award, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, SSU

2021 Dean’s Summer Research Stipend, School of Social Sciences, SSU

2021 Research, Scholarship, Creative Activities Program (RSCAP) Summer

Fellowship, Sonoma State University

2019 – 2020 Andrew W. Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, Center for

Environmental Futures, University of Oregon

2019 – 2020 Wayne Morse Center Graduate Research Fellowship, University of

Oregon

2019-2020 University of Oregon, General University Scholarship

2018-2019 M. Gregg Smith Fellowship, College of Arts and Sciences,

University of Oregon

2018- 2019 University of Oregon, General University Scholarship

2018- 2019 Betty Foster McCue Scholarship, Graduate School, University of

Oregon

2018 University of Oregon Sociology Department, Small Grants Fund, Winter & Fall

2017 Wasby-Johnson Sociology Dissertation Research Award, UO

Department of Sociology

2017-2018 Sandra Morgen Public Impact Fellowship, Graduate School,

University of Oregon

2017-2018 University of Oregon, General University Scholarship

2017-2018 Carolyn M. Stokes Memorial Scholarship, College of Arts and

Sciences, University of Oregon

2016-2017 University of Oregon, General University Scholarship

2016 University of Oregon Sociology Department, Small Grants Fund

Award, Fall

2015-2016 Carolyn M. Stokes Memorial Scholarship, College of Arts and

Sciences, University of Oregon

2014 University of Oregon Sociology Department, Small Grants Fund

Award, Fall

2015-2016 Norman Brown Graduate Fellowship, College of Arts and Sciences,

University of Oregon

2014 University of Oregon Sociology Department Graduate Data

Collection & Presentation Award

2007 Katherine Wasserman Davis Fellowship for Peace, Scholarship in

Critical Language; Arabic Language School, Middlebury College

2007-2009 Monterey Institute Merit Scholarship

# TEACHING

**Sonoma State University, Anthropology**

Ethnographic Methods (scheduled Fall 2024)

**Sonoma State University, Sociology**

Sociological Theory, Sociology of Climate Change, Environmental Sociology, Sociology of Gender, Sociology of Consumption, Senior Seminar: Environment & Culture (Ethnographic Methods), Sociology of Race and Ethnicity

**Sonoma State University, Women’s and Gender Studies**

Current Conversations: Gender, Race and Sexuality

**University of Oregon, Sociology**

Research Methods, Summer 2019 (online); Sociology of Climate Change, Fall 2018; Sociology of Love, Summer 2018; Introduction to Sociology, Summer 2016

**University of Oregon, Women’s, Gender & Sexuality Studies**

Women, Work and Class, Summer 2018; Women, Difference and Power, Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies, Winter 2017, Spring 2017, Winter 2018, Spring 2018

# CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

## Conference Activity

“Environmental Racism and Early Childhood Development: A Critical Review.” Roundtable on Children and Childhood. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. August 2023.

Facilitator and Panelist. “Moving beyond lip-service: identifying barriers to integration of the social and physical sciences in conservation and climate-change response.” Association for Interdisciplinary Studies. Rohnert Park, CA. November 2022.

“Scientists, ranchers, and federal agencies navigating trust in a contentious environmental field.” Session on Challenges and Solutions for Natural Resources Management. Rural Sociology Society Annual Meeting. Westminster, CO. August 2022.

Facilitator and Panelist, “Wildfires, Blizzards and Pandemics: Academic Freedom in a Climate Constrained World.” Panel sponsored by the Committee on Freedom of Research and Teaching. Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Sacramento, CA. April 2022.

“A Theory of Cultural Attachment: Narrative, Identity and Feeling in the Adoption of Environmental Practices.” Formal Paper & Research in Progress Session on Environmental Sociology. Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Sacramento, CA. April 2022.

“What is an Environmental Practice?” Roundtable, Section on Environmental Sociology on Culture & Social Capital. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August 2021.\*

 ““They Will Be Like a Swarm of Locusts”: Race, Rurality and Settler Colonialism in American Prepping Culture.” Rurality, Race, and Ethnicity – A Rural Sociology Special Issue Symposium, Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. July 2021.\*

“Gendered Inequalities among Academic Women and Gender Minorities under COVID” Panel on Academic Freedom and the Management of Higher Education sponsored by the Committee on Freedom in Research and Teaching. Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, March 2021.\*

Invited Participant, Ethnography: Book Salon: Pressure Cooker: “Why Home Cooking Won’t Solve Our Problems and What We Can Do About It”. Pacific Sociological Association. March 2021.\*

“Defending Against the Marauding Hordes: Rurality and Race in American Prepping Culture”. Formal Paper & Research in Progress Session on Rural Sociology: Sexuality, Race, and Gender in Rural Spaces, Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting. March 2021.\*

Cancelled due to COVID-19: “Navigating the Double Blind Between Dependence & Distrust: How Environmental Fields Produce Environmental Practice”. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. August 2020.

Cancelled due to COVID-19: Planned Participant, Ethnography: Book Salon: Pressure Cooker: “Why Home Cooking Won’t Solve Our Problems and What We Can Do About It”. Pacific Sociological Association, Eugene, OR. March 2020.

Cancelled due to COVID-19: Planned Participant, Panel, “Legacies in Critical Sociology: 125 Years at the University of Oregon”, Pacific Sociological Association, Eugene, OR. March 2020.

“The Forest for the Trees: Reintegrating cultural theory into Environmental Sociology”. Theory Section Refereed Roundtables. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY. August 2019.

“The Privilege to Prepare: Racial Privilege & Environmental Practice in American Prepping Culture”. Section on Environmental Sociology Roundtables. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY. August 2019.

“Environmental Politics at the End of the World: Prepping as Environmental Practice”. Environmental Arts & Humanities Graduate Conference. Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon. June 2019.

 “The Privilege to Prepare: Racial Privilege & Environmental Practice in American Prepping Culture”. Environmental Sociology: Socially Constructing the Natural World and Environmental Threats Formal Paper & Research in Progress Session. Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Oakland, California. March 2019.

 “Prepping for the End of the World as We Know It: Emotions, Culture and Environmental Risk”. Special Session on Feeling Climate Change: The US Experience in Racial, Ethnic and Gender Perspective, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. August 2019.

 “Self-sufficiency: Emotional-Cultural-Material Trajectories of Environmental Practices”. Junior Theorists Symposium, Montreal, Quebec. August 2018.

“The Role of Negative Emotions in Shaping Response to Environmental Risk: A Cross-national Comparison” with Kari Marie Norgaard. Open Refereed Roundtable Session. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec. August 2018.

“Securing Sustainability: Culture & emotions in social change” with Kari Marie Norgaard. Symposium on The Emotional Roots of Political Populism at the International Society for Research on Emotions meeting, St. Louis, Missouri. July 2017.

“The Forest and the Trees: Reintegrating Cultural Theory into Environmental Sociology”. Formal Paper and Research in Progress Session, Natural Resources and Risk. Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon. April 2017.

“An Emotional Landscape of Risk: Self-Sufficiency and the Environment.” Section on Environment and Technology Roundtable Session. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington. August 2016.

“Changing practices, changing bodies, changing environments: homesteaders, preppers and ecological habitus.” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Oakland, California. 2016.

“I’ll Do It Myself: Self-Sufficiency Movements and the Environment.” (Re)visions of the Future; Public Sociology, Environmental Justice, & the Crisis of Climate Change Conference. George Mason University, Arlington, Virginia. October 2016.

“Once More, With Feeling: Marx’s Theory of Alienation and the Mind-Body-Earth Connection.” Section on Social Psychology Roundtable Session. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California. August 2014.

## Campus & Departmental Talks

“Cultural Attachment to Modernity: How Emotions and Culture Shape Prepping as an Environmental Practice.” Spotlight on Scholarship Series. Sonoma State University. November 2023.

“Conservation as Care Work.” School of Social Sciences Brown Bag Lecture Series. Sonoma State University. February 2023.

“Prepared: The Environmental Politics of the End of the World: Narrative, Identity and Feeling in the Adoption of Environmental Practices.” Faculty and Graduate Student Symposium, Sonoma State University. April 2022.

“Scientists, ranchers, and federal agencies\* navigating trust in a contentious environmental field.” School of Social Sciences Brown Bag Lecture Series. Sonoma State University. January 2022.

“In Conversation With…Allison Ford,” Sonoma State University, School of Social Sciences. February 11, 2021.\*

“Environmental Politics at the End of the World–Prepping as Environmental Practice.” The Center for Environmental Futures’ Environmental Interdisciplinarity 101 Colloquium. University of Oregon, Eugene, OR. April 2020.\*

“When the Shit Hits the Fan, We’ll Know How to Can: Self-Sufficiency Movements as Environmental Practice (an exploration)”. The Center for Environmental Futures’ Environmental Interdisciplinarity 101 Colloquium. University of Oregon, Eugene, OR. May 2017.

“Unraveling the American Dream: Homesteading, Prepping, and Self-sufficiency as Environmental Practice”. Environmental Studies Joint Campus Conference, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon. May 2017.

Panelist on “Imaginactivism: An afternoon conversation with Renowned Author and Activist Starhawk about Social and Environmental Justice”. University of Oregon, Eugene, OR. April 2017.

Panelist on “Students of feminist science fiction on The Word for World is Forest”. James Tiptree, Jr. Symposium. University of Oregon. Eugene, OR. December 2016.

## Community Presentations

“Shifting environmental paradigms and their effects on conservation frameworks.” Presentation given to Point Blue Conservation Science’s Working Lands Program in-person meeting, Pescadero, CA. August 10, 2022.

“Prepping, self-sufficiency, and Sociological frameworks on the Environment.” Presentation given to Point Blue Conservation Science’s Working Lands Program. May 3, 2021.\*

\*Note: Presentations with an asterisk were given remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic conditions.

# PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

## Conference & Panel Organizing

2022 “Moving beyond lip-service: identifying barriers to integration of the social and physical sciences in conservation and climate-change response.” Association for Interdisciplinary Studies. Rohnert Park, CA. November 2022.

2022 Organizer, “Wildfires, Blizzards and Pandemics: Academic Freedom in a Climate Constrained World.” Panel sponsored by the Committee on Freedom of Research and Teaching. Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Sacramento, CA. March 2022

2018 Junior Theorists Symposium, Theory Section of ASA (with Linsey Edwards)

## Committees

2021 – 2023 Teaching, Training and Practice Committee, Environmental Sociology Section, American Sociological Association

2017 - 2021 Committee on Freedom of Research and Teaching, Pacific Sociological Assoc.

## Peer Reviewer

American Sociological Review, Environmental Sociology, Poetics, Socius, Population & Environment, Theory & Society, Social Problems, Socius, Social Movement Studies, Sociological Focus, Frontiers in Communication, section on Science and Environmental Communication, Earthscan from Routledge, Princeton University Press, Routledge

# DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

## Sonoma State University

2023 – 2024 School of Social Sciences Undergraduate Research Committee

2023 – 2026 Academic Freedom Subcommittee of the University Senate [3-year term, elected]

2022 – 2023 Academic Freedom Subcommittee of the University Senate [1-year replacement term, appointed]

2020 – now Sociology Department Curriculum Committee

2021 – 2022 Theory Working Group of the Curriculum Committee

2021 – now School of Social Sciences’ Social Justice Committee

2020 – 2021 School of Social Sciences’ Black Lives Matter/Social Justice Task Force

## UO Department of Sociology

2016 - 2017 Staff Development Committee

2015 - 2016 Graduate Student Admissions Committee, UO Department of Sociology

2014 - 2015 Graduate Forum Representative

## Extracurricular

2014 - 2015 Co-chair, Social Science Feminist Network Research Interest Group

# PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association

*Sections: Environment, Culture, Theory, Emotions*

Pacific Sociological Association

Rural Sociology Society

Sociologists for Women in Society

# SELECT NON-ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Director of Strategy, Marine Fish Conservation Network, 2012-2013

Senior Manager of External Affairs, Marine Fish Conservation Network, 2012

Policy Analyst, Marine Fish Conservation Network, 2011-2012

Oil Spill Responder, International Bird Research and Rescue Center, 2010

Executive Director, The Otter Project, 2009-2010

# LANGUAGES

French, advanced conversational, reading, written

Arabic, basic conversational, reading, written

Spanish, intermediate reading & listening, basic conversational and written