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Curriculum Vitae

North Carolina State University
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EDUCATION

- 2019 (expected) Ph.D. in Sociology, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
Dissertation: “Dividing the San Juan: Water Inequality in the Southwest”
Committee: Thomas Shriver (Chair), Kim Ebert, Stefano Longo, and Michael Schulman
- 2015 M.S. in Sociology, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
Thesis: “Mediating Risk: The Construction and Use of Uncertainty in the Elk River Chemical Spill”
Committee: Thomas Shriver (Chair), Kim Ebert, and Stefano Longo
- 2009 B.A. in Sociology/Political Science (double major), Austin College, Sherman, TX
Magna Cum Laude, Dean’s List

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2018 – Present *Research Assistant*, North Carolina Sea Grant, Bethany Cutts (PI), North Carolina State University
- 2017 – Present *Instructor*, Sociology, North Carolina State University
- 2014 – 2017 *Research Assistant*, National Science Foundation grant, Thomas E. Shriver (PI), North Carolina State University
- 2013 – 2014 *Teaching Assistant*, Sociology, North Carolina State University

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Environmental Sociology	Science and Technology
Social Movements	Rural Sociology
Environmental Justice	Research Methods
Food and Environment	

PUBLICATIONS

Bray, Laura A., Thomas E. Shriver, and Alison E. Adams, *forthcoming*. “Mobilizing Grievances in an Authoritarian Setting: Threat and Emotion in the 1953 Plzeň Uprising.” *Sociological Perspectives*.

Shriver, Thomas E., Alison E. Adams, and **Laura A. Bray**, *forthcoming*. “Political Power and Manufacturing Consent: The Case of the 1953 Plzeň Protest.” *The Sociological Quarterly*.

Shriver, Thomas E., **Laura A. Bray**, and Alison E. Adams. 2018. “Legal Repression of Protesters: The Case of Worker Revolt in Czechoslovakia.” *Mobilization* 23(3).

Bray, Laura A. 2017. “Media and ‘Undone Science’ in West Virginia’s Elk River Chemical Spill.” *Environmental Sociology* 3(4):359-69.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW/REVISION

Bray, Laura A., Thomas E. Shriver, and Alison E. Adams. “Framing Authoritarian Legitimacy: Elite Cohesion in the Aftermath of Popular Rebellion.” Revise and resubmit at *Social Movement Studies*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Thomas E. Shriver, Annika Wilcox, and Laura A. Bray. “Elite Framing and Media Vilification of Dissidents: The Case of Charter 77.”

Laura A. Bray, Nicholas J. Membrez-Weiler, and Thomas E. Shriver. “Legal Repression and Transnational Movements: Agrochemical Exposure in Latin America.”

Laura A. Bray, Sarah Hupp Williamson, and Nicholas J. Membrez-Weiler. “Media and the Politics of Non-Knowledge: The Construction of Corporate Deviance in Environmental Conflicts.”

Alison E. Adams, Thomas E. Shriver, and Laura A. Bray. “Discursive Obstruction and the Vilification of Grassroots Environmental Activists.”

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Rural Sociological Society, Thesis and Dissertation Research Award. “Dividing the San Juan: Water Inequality in the Southwest.” Spring 2018. Awarded \$1,405.

Sociology Graduate Student Association, North Carolina State University. Dissertation Mini-grant. “Dividing the San Juan: Settler Colonialism, American Indians, and Water Rights in the Southwest.” Fall 2017. Awarded \$100.

PRESENTATIONS

2018 Bray, Laura, Thomas E. Shriver, and Alison E. Adams. “Authoritarian Legitimacy and Elite Cohesion.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (April 4 – April 7). New Orleans, LA.

- 2017 Adams, Alison E., Thomas E. Shriver, and Laura Bray. "Discursive Obstruction and the Vilification of Grassroots Environmental Activists." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (March 29 – April 1). Greenville, SC.
- 2017 Bray, Laura, Thomas E. Shriver, and Alison E. Adams. "Mobilizing Grievances in an Authoritarian Setting: Threat and Emotional Liberation in the 1953 Plzeň Uprising." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (March 29 – April 1). Greenville, SC.
- 2017 Bray, Laura. "Media, Lay Knowledge and 'Undone Science' in the Elk River Chemical Spill." Presented at the North Carolina Sociological Association (February 17). High Point, NC.
- 2016 Shriver, Thomas E., Laura Bray, and Alison E. Adams. "Elite Framing and the Vilification of Dissent in Authoritarian Settings." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (August 20 – 23). Seattle, WA.
- 2016 Bray, Laura. "Agrochemical Exposure Abroad: The Cultural Dynamics of Transnational Tort Litigation." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (April 13 – 16). Atlanta, GA.
- 2016 Shriver, Thomas E., Allison E. Adams, and Laura Bray. "State Official Frames and the Vilification of Dissent." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (April 13 – 16). Atlanta, GA.
- 2015 Bray, Laura. "Media Risk Framing in the Elk River Chemical Spill." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (March 25-28). New Orleans, LA.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Bethany Cutts (PI), "Project to Build Resilience and Innovation through Diverse Engagement: Long-Term Recovery from Hurricane Matthew." Funded by NC Sea Grant. *Responsibilities*: Recruit, train and manage undergraduate research assistants; Created education guide to accompany research documentary.

Research Assistant for Thomas Shriver (PI). "Elite Framing of Social Movements." Funded by the National Science Foundation. *Responsibilities*: Coded and analyzed interview transcripts; Performed qualitative comparative analysis; Conducted literature reviews.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Instructor

Technology in Society and Culture (SOC 261, *Distance Education*), Summer 2018
Sociology of Agriculture and Rural Society (SOC 241), Spring 2018
Current Social Problems (SOC 203), Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Fall 2018
Current Social Problems (SOC 203, *Distance Education*), Summer 2017

Teaching Assistant

Theories of Social Structure (SOC 400), Spring 2014

Teaching Training

Teaching Sociology Seminar (SOC 710), Fall 2014

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University

Lead Mentor, Lead Peer Mentoring Collaborative, 2017 – 2018

Departmental

Cohort Representative, Graduate Student Advisory Board, 2016 – 2017

Climate Survey Committee, Sociology Graduate Student Association, 2015 – 2016

Treasurer, Sociology Graduate Student Association, 2015 – 2016

Cohort Representative, Graduate Student Advisory Board, 2014 – 2015

Finance Committee, Sociology Graduate Student Association, 2014 – 2015

Professional Meetings

Session Presider, “Domestic and International Economic Development” session, Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, 2016

Journal Reviewer

Environmental Sociology, Social Movement Studies

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

- Environmental Sociology Section
- Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section

North Carolina Sociological Association

Rural Sociological Society

Southern Sociological Society