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Curriculum Vitae

North Carolina State University
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EDUCATION

- 2020 (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
- 2009 B.A. in Sociology and Political Science, Austin College, Sherman, TX
Magna Cum Laude, Dean’s List

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2018 – Present *Research Assistant*, Bethany Cutts, North Carolina State University
- 2017 – Present *Instructor*, Sociology, North Carolina State University
- 2014 – 2017 *Research Assistant*, Thomas Shriver, North Carolina State University
- 2013 – 2014 *Teaching Assistant*, Sociology, North Carolina State University

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Environmental Sociology	Food and Environment
Social Movements	Science and Technology
Environmental Justice	Rural Sociology
Political Sociology	Sociology of Disaster

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- Adams, Alison E., Thomas E. Shriver, **Laura A. Bray**, and Chris Messer. 2019 (forthcoming). “Petrochemical Pollution and the Suppression of Environmental Protest.” *Sociological Inquiry*.
- Bray, Laura A.**, Thomas E. Shriver, and Alison E. Adams. 2019 (online first). “Framing Authoritarian Legitimacy: Elite Cohesion in the Aftermath of Popular Rebellion.” *Social Movement Studies*, DOI: 10.1080/14742837.2019.1597698.

- Shriver, Thomas E., Alison E. Adams, and **Laura A. Bray**. 2019. "Political Power and Manufacturing Consent: The Case of the 1953 Plzeň Protest." *The Sociological Quarterly* 60(1):26-45.
- Bray, Laura A.**, Thomas E. Shriver, and Alison E. Adams. 2019. "Mobilizing Grievances in an Authoritarian Setting: Threat and Emotion in the 1953 Plzeň Uprising." *Sociological Perspectives* 62(1):77-95.
- 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):307-28.
- Bray, Laura A.** 2017. "Media and 'Undone Science' in West Virginia's Elk River Chemical Spill." *Environmental Sociology* 3(4):359-69.

Other Publications

- Vilá, Olivia F., **Laura A. Bray**, Bethany Cutts, Angela Harris, and Gracie Hornsby. 2019. "Citizen Science in the Post-Disaster Context." *Quick Response Research Report*. Boulder, CO: Natural Hazards Center.
- Bray, Laura** and Bethany B. Cutts. 2018. *Water Connects Milwaukee – Discussion Guide*. Raleigh, NC: North Carolina State University (Retrieved from <https://figshare.com/s/bdb09c7a424845f6cceb>).

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW/REVISION

- Shriver, Thomas E., Annika Wilcox, and **Laura A. Bray**. "Elite Cultural Work and Discursive Obstruction of Human Rights Activism." Revise and resubmit at *Social Currents*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

- Bray, Laura A., Nicholas J. Membrez-Weiler, and Thomas E. Shriver. "Agrochemical Exposure and Environmental (In)justice: Legal Repression of Latin American Banana Workers."
- Shriver, Thomas E., Adriana M. Szabo, and Laura A. Bray. "Repression and Dissent behind the Iron Curtain: Human Rights Activism in Romania."
- Shriver, Thomas E., Laura A. Bray, Adriana M. Szabo, and Annika Wilcox. "Human Rights Activism in Authoritarian Settings: The Case of Charter 77 in Czechoslovakia."
- Bray, Laura A., Olivia Vilá, Bethany B. Cutts, and David Lowry. "Promoting Environmental Justice through Participatory Disaster Research: Hurricane Recovery in Robeson County, North Carolina."
- Bray, Laura A., Sarah Hupp Williamson, and Nicholas J. Membrez-Weiler. "Media and the Politics of Non-Knowledge: The Construction of Corporate Deviance in Environmental Conflicts."

Shriver, Thomas E. and Laura A. Bray. “Weaponizing the Law in Authoritarian Settings: Show Trials and Political Prosecution.”

Shriver, Thomas E. and Laura A. Bray. “Forced Eviction and Social Isolation/Ostracism under Authoritarian Rule”

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Cutts, Bethany (PI), Olivia Vilá, **Laura Bray**, David Lowry, and Angela Harris. 2019. Foundation for the Carolinas, Hurricane Florence Response Grant Program. “Robeson County – 100 soil tests near flooded homes.” \$63,882.

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

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

PRESENTATIONS

2019 Bray, Laura, Nicholas J. Membrez-Weiler, and Thomas E. Shriver. “Agrochemical Exposure and Environmental (In)justice: Legal Repression of Latin American Banana Workers.”

- To be presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (August 10 – 13), New York.
- Culture and Politics Workshop, University of North Carolina (February 15), Chapel Hill, NC

2019 Bray, Laura. “Water Conflicts and Rural Environmental Justice.”

- Food and Environment Seminar Series, North Carolina State University (April 4), Raleigh, NC.
- Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (April 10 – 13). Atlanta, GA.

2019 Shriver, Thomas E., Annika Wilcox, and Laura Bray. “Elite Cultural Work and Discursive Obstruction of Human Rights Activism.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (April 10 – 13). Atlanta, GA.

2019 Shriver, Thomas E., Adriana M. Szabo, and Laura Bray. “Repression and Dissent behind the Iron Curtain: Human Rights Activism in Romania.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (April 10 – 13). Atlanta, GA.

2019 Vilá, Olivia, Bethany Cutts, Angela Harris, Laura Bray, and Gracie Hornsby. “Post-Disaster Environmental Risk: Insight Gained from Citizen Science Participation” Presented at the RISING NC Exhibit (March 28). Raleigh, NC. Poster.

- 2019 Vilá, Olivia, Bethany Cutts, Angela Harris, Laura Bray, and Gracie Hornsby. “Environmental Recovery: Citizen Science in the Post-Disaster Context.” Presented at the 6th Latin American Student Association Research Symposium, North Carolina State University (February 15). Raleigh, NC. Poster.
- 2019 Vilá, Olivia, Bethany Cutts, Angela Harris, Laura Bray, and Gracie Hornsby. “Citizen Science in the Post-Disaster Context.” Presented at the Citizen Science Association Conference (March 13 – 17). Raleigh, NC.
- 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 – 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 (College of Natural Resources). “Project to Build Resilience by Innovating through Diverse Engagement: Long-Term Recovery from Hurricane Matthew.” Funded by NC Sea Grant, North Carolina State University.

- Hire, train, and coordinate team of local interview specialists

- Plan and facilitate training workshop on qualitative interviewing
- Collect soil samples with residents for citizen science initiative
- Interview hurricane survivors about disaster experiences and recovery process

Research Assistant for Thomas Shriver (Sociology). “Elite Framing of Social Movements.” Funded by the National Science Foundation, North Carolina State University.

- Coded and analyzed interview transcripts and historical documents (NVivo)
- Cleaned and managed original framing dataset from coded archival material
- Data analysis using regression (Stata) and qualitative comparative analysis (fs/QCA)
- Co-authored manuscripts for conference presentations and peer-reviewed publications

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Technology in Society and Culture (ANT/SOC 261, online)	Fall 2019
Technology in Society and Culture (ANT/SOC 261, online)	Summer 2019
Technology in Society and Culture (ANT/SOC 261, online)	Spring 2019
Current Social Problems (SOC 203)	Fall 2018
Technology in Society and Culture (ANT/SOC 261, online)	Summer 2018
Sociology of Agriculture and Rural Society (SOC 241)	Spring 2018
Current Social Problems (SOC 203)	Fall 2017
Current Social Problems (SOC 203, online)	Summer 2017
Current Social Problems (SOC 203)	Spring 2017

Teaching Assistant

Theories of Social Structure (SOC 400)	Spring 2014
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Formal Teaching Training

Teaching Sociology Seminar (SOC 710)	Fall 2014
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University & Department

Hiring Committee, Hurricane Recovery Interview Specialists, 2018 – 2019
 Lead Mentor, Lead Peer Mentoring Collaborative, 2017 – 2018
 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, “Environmental Change and Inequality,” American Sociological Society Annual Meeting, 2019 (*upcoming*).

Session Presider, “Media, Mobilization, and Repression,” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, 2019.

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

Article Reviewer

Environmental Sociology, Social Movement Studies, Social Problems

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association, North Carolina Sociological Association, Rural Sociological Society, Southern Sociological Society