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Curriculum Vitae

North Carolina State University
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EDUCATION

- 2020 Ph.D. in Sociology, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
(*expected*) Dissertation: *Dividing the San Juan: Water Inequality in the Southwest*
- 2015 M.S. in Sociology, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
- 2009 B.A. in Sociology and Political Science, Austin College, Sherman, TX

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant*, North Carolina State University, 2018 – Present
Instructor, North Carolina State University, 2017 – Present
Research Assistant, North Carolina State University, 2014 – 2017
Teaching Assistant, North Carolina State University, 2013 – 2014

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- Forthcoming “Petrochemical Pollution and the Suppression of Environmental Protest.” Alison E. Adams, Thomas E. Shriver, Laura A. Bray, and Chris Messer. *Sociological Inquiry*. doi: [10.1111/soin.12321](https://doi.org/10.1111/soin.12321).
- Forthcoming “Elite Cultural Work and Discursive Obstruction of Human Rights Activism.” Thomas E. Shriver, Annika Wilcox, and Laura A. Bray. *Social Currents*. doi: [10.1177/2329496519870554](https://doi.org/10.1177/2329496519870554).
- 2019 “Framing Authoritarian Legitimacy: Elite Cohesion in the Aftermath of Popular Rebellion.” Laura A. Bray, Thomas E. Shriver, and Alison E. Adams. *Social Movement Studies* 18(6):682-701. doi: [10.1080/14742837.2019.1597698](https://doi.org/10.1080/14742837.2019.1597698).

- 2019 “Mobilizing Grievances in an Authoritarian Setting: Threat and Emotion in the 1953 Plzeň Uprising.” Laura A. Bray, Thomas E. Shriver, and Alison E. Adams. *Sociological Perspectives* 62(1):77-95. doi: [10.1177/0731121418791771](https://doi.org/10.1177/0731121418791771).
- 2019 “Political Power and Manufacturing Consent: The Case of the 1953 Plzeň Protest.” Thomas E. Shriver, Alison E. Adams, and Laura A. Bray. *The Sociological Quarterly* 60(1):26-45. doi: [10.1080/00380253.2018.1526046](https://doi.org/10.1080/00380253.2018.1526046).
- 2018 “Legal Repression of Protesters: The Case of Worker Revolt in Czechoslovakia.” Shriver, Thomas E., Laura A. Bray, and Alison E. Adams. *Mobilization* 23(3):307-28. doi: [10.17813/1086-671X-23-3-307](https://doi.org/10.17813/1086-671X-23-3-307).
- 2017 “Media and ‘Undone Science’ in West Virginia’s Elk River Chemical Spill.” Laura A. Bray. *Environmental Sociology* 3(4):359-69. doi: [10.1080/23251042.2017.1324241](https://doi.org/10.1080/23251042.2017.1324241).

Other Publications

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

MANUSCRIPTS IN REVIEW AND REVISION

“Agrochemical Exposure and Environmental Injustice: Legal Repression of Latin American Banana Workers.” Laura A. Bray, Nicholas J. Membrez-Weiler, and Thomas E. Shriver. Under review at *Social Problems*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

“Water Conflicts and Rural Environmental Justice” Laura A. Bray.

- Abstract under consideration at *Rural Sociology* for inclusion in a special issue on “Race, Ethnicity, and Rurality in the United State.”

“Promoting Environmental Justice through Participatory Disaster Research: Hurricane Recovery in Robeson County, North Carolina.” Laura A. Bray, Olivia Vilá, Bethany B. Cutts, David Lowry, Margaret Crites, Hannah Goins, Nathan McMenamin, and Angela Harris.

- Abstract under consideration at *Carolina Planning Journal* for inclusion in a special issue on “Natural Hazards in the Southeastern US.”

“Repression and Dissent behind the Iron Curtain: Human Rights Activism in Romania.” Thomas E. Shriver, Adriana M. Szabo, and Laura A. Bray.

“Human Rights Activism in Authoritarian Settings: The Case of Charter 77 in Czechoslovakia.”
Thomas E. Shriver, Laura A. Bray, Adriana M. Szabo, and Annika Wilcox.

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

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

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2019 Foundation for the Carolinas, Hurricane Florence Response Grant Program. “Robeson County – 100 soil tests near flooded homes.” Bethany Cutts (PI), Olivia Vilá, Laura Bray, David Lowry, and Angela Harris. \$63,882.
- 2018 Rural Sociological Society, Dissertation Research Award. “Dividing the San Juan: Water Inequality in the Southwest.” \$1,405.
- 2017 Lead Peer Mentoring Collaborative, North Carolina State University. \$1,000.
- 2017 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.” \$100.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 “Building Community Capacity through Citizen Science.” Laura Bray, Bethany Cutts, Olivia Vilá and Angela Harris. To be presented at the NC Coastal Conference (November 19 – 20), Wilmington, NC.
- 2019 “Agrochemical Exposure and Environmental (In)justice: Legal Repression of Latin American Banana Workers.” Laura Bray, Nicholas J. Membrez-Weiler, and Thomas E. Shriver. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (August 10 – 13), New York.
- 2019 “Water Conflicts and Rural Environmental Justice.” Laura Bray. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (April 10 – 13), Atlanta, GA.
- 2019 “Elite Cultural Work and Discursive Obstruction of Human Rights Activism.” Thomas E. Shriver, Annika Wilcox, and Laura Bray. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (April 10 – 13), Atlanta, GA.
- 2019 “Repression and Dissent behind the Iron Curtain: Human Rights Activism in Romania.” Thomas E. Shriver, Adriana M. Szabo, and Laura Bray. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (April 10 – 13), Atlanta, GA.

- 2019 “Water Conflicts and Rural Environmental Justice.” Laura Bray. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the and Food and Environment Brownbag Series, North Carolina State University (April 4), Raleigh, NC.
- 2019 “Post-Disaster Environmental Risk: Insight Gained from Citizen Science Participation.” Olivia Vilá, Bethany Cutts, Angela Harris, Laura Bray, and Gracie Hornsby. Presented at the RISING NC Exhibit (March 28), Raleigh, NC. Poster.
- 2019 “Citizen Science in the Post-Disaster Context.” Olivia Vilá, Bethany Cutts, Angela Harris, Laura Bray, and Gracie Hornsby. Presented at the Citizen Science Association Conference (March 13 – 17), Raleigh, NC.
- 2019 “Environmental Recovery: Citizen Science in the Post-Disaster Context.” Olivia Vilá, Bethany Cutts, Angela Harris, Laura Bray, and Gracie Hornsby. Presented at the 6th Latin American Student Association Research Symposium, North Carolina State University (February 15), Raleigh, NC. Poster.
- 2019 “Agrochemical Exposure and Environmental (In)justice: Legal Repression of Latin American Banana Workers.” Laura Bray, Nicholas J. Membrez-Weiler, and Thomas E. Shriver. Presented at the Culture and Politics Workshop, University of North Carolina (February 15), Chapel Hill, NC.
- 2018 “Authoritarian Legitimacy and Elite Cohesion.” Laura Bray, Thomas E. Shriver, and Alison E. Adams. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (April 4 – 7), New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 “Discursive Obstruction and the Vilification of Grassroots Environmental Activists.” Alison E. Adams, Thomas E. Shriver, and Laura Bray. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (March 29 – April 1), Greenville, SC.
- 2017 “Mobilizing Grievances in an Authoritarian Setting: Threat and Emotional Liberation in the 1953 Plzeň Uprising.” Laura Bray, Thomas E. Shriver, and Alison E. Adams. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (March 29 – April 1), Greenville, SC.
- 2017 “Media, Lay Knowledge and ‘Undone Science’ in the Elk River Chemical Spill.” Laura Bray. Presented at the North Carolina Sociological Association (February 17), High Point, NC.
- 2016 “Elite Framing and the Vilification of Dissent in Authoritarian Settings.” Thomas E. Shriver, Laura Bray, and Alison E. Adams. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (August 20 – 23), Seattle, WA.
- 2016 “Agrochemical Exposure Abroad: The Cultural Dynamics of Transnational Tort Litigation.” Laura Bray. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (April 13 – 16), Atlanta, GA.

- 2016 “State Official Frames and the Vilification of Dissent.” Thomas E. Shriver, Allison E. Adams, and Laura Bray. “Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (April 13 – 16), Atlanta, GA.
- 2015 “Media Risk Framing in the Elk River Chemical Spill.” Laura Bray. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (March 25-28), New Orleans, LA.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Bethany B. Cutts (College of Natural Resources). “Project to Build Resilience and Innovation through Diverse Engagement: Long-Term Recovery from Hurricane Matthew.” Funded by NC Sea Grant, Foundation for the Carolinas, and Natural Hazards Center.

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Technology in Society and Culture, *online* (Fall 2019, Summer 2019, Spring 2019, and Summer 2018)
Current Social Problems (Fall 2018, Fall 2017, and Spring 2017)
Sociology of Agriculture and Rural Society (Spring 2018)
Current Social Problems, *online* (Summer 2017)

Teaching Assistant

Theories of Social Structure (Spring 2014)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University & Department

Co-organizer, Environmental Justice and Health Working Group, 2019 – 2020
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.
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.

Journal Article Reviewer

Environmental Sociology, Social Movement Studies, Social Problems

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section
Environmental Sociology Section
Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences
Rural Sociological Society
Southern Sociological Society

REFERENCES

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