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Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

PhD in Progress (ABD), North Carolina State University, expected May 2019
Program in Sociology with concentrations in Food and the Environment, and Inequality:
Race, Class, Gender
Dissertation Title: Reaching Across the Table: Commensality and Community Food Efforts
Committee Chair: Sarah K. Bowen

Master of Science, North Carolina State University, Program in Sociology, 2015

Bachelor of Arts, Purchase College, Program in Media, Society and the Arts, 2012

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Sociology of Food, Women and Gender Studies, Qualitative Methods, Immigrant Health
and Nutrition, Community Development, Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed journal articles

Mycek, Mari Kate. 2018. "Meatless Meals and Masculinity: How Veg* Men Explain Their
Plant-Based Diets." *Food and Foodways* 26:(3).

Edited Volumes and Book Chapters

Martin, Blake, Mari Kate Mycek, Sarah Bowen, and Sinikka Elliott. 2018. (forthcoming).
"Low-Income Mothers and the Alternative Food Movement: An Intersectional
Approach." Feminist Food Studies Edited Volume.

Moore, Lisa Jean and Mari Kate Mycek. 2014. "Body Image, Food, and Gender." In *The
Encyclopedia of Food and Animal Ethics*. Springer.

Other Publications

Mycek, Mari Kate. 2018. (Forthcoming). “*Americanah*: Teaching Sociological Imagination through a Novel.” TRAILS: the Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology.

Mycek, Mari Kate. 2018. “Homeless Women Say Me Too but No One is Listening.” *The Huffington Post*. https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/opinion-mycek-me-too-homeless_us_5aa6c75ee4b03c9edfae87f1

Mycek, Mari Kate. 2017. "Book Review: Can't Catch a Break: Gender, Jail, Drugs, and the Limits of Personal Responsibility." *Teaching Sociology* 45(3):292-94.

Mycek, Mari Kate. 2012. “Man V. Food: Media Representations of Meat and Masculinity.” *The Feminist Wire*. <http://thefeministwire.com/2012/04/man-v-food-representations-of-meat-and-masculinity/>

Manuscripts under preparation

Mycek, Mari Kate. “Sexual Harassment and Perceptions of Danger: Exploring mitigating factors for women navigating emergency food providers.”

Mycek, Mari Kate. “Feeding the Public: Women’s (unpaid) work in Food Justice Organizations”

Mycek, Mari Kate, Bloom, J. Dara, and Annie Hardison-Moody. “Challenging Assumptions: Healthy Food from the Immigrant and Refugee Perspective”

Mycek, Mari Kate, Martin, Blake, Simpson, Chaniqua, Bowen, Sarah and Sinikka Elliott. “Organic is just a label: Boundary work and food identity among low-income mothers”

Awards and Fellowships

SAGE Award: Section on Teaching and Learning, 2018

Himes Outstanding Graduate Student Sociology Paper Award, 2016

North Carolina State University Graduate Fellowship, 2013

Courses Taught

Principles of Sociology, 2017

Women and Men in Society, 2018

Teaching Assistant Experience:

International Development, 2015

Women and Men in Society, 2014

Sociology of Jobs and Work, 2013

Advanced Special Topics in Sociology (Animal Studies), 2012

Conference Activity

Panels organized

Feminists in the Field, Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting, 2018

Papers Presented

“Dealing with assumptions and challenges in ethnography”

Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting, 2018

“The Double Bind? Marriage, Family, and Low-income Women’s “Choices”

Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting, 2017

“Challenging Assumptions: Healthy Food from the Immigrant and Refugee Perspective”

Rural Sociology Annual Meeting, 2017

(with Dara Bloom, Annie Hardison-Moody, Sarah Bowen, and Michael Schulman)

“Invisibility in the Fields: The subordinate position of migrant farm working women in their work and ours”

Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting, 2016

“Meatless Meals and Masculinity: An Examination of Men’s Use of Rationality and Scientific Research to Explain Their Plant-based Diets.”

North Carolina Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 2016

“Voices into Action” Graduate Sociology Student Research Symposium, 2016

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

2018- Present: Sociology Department, Duke University, Durham, NC

Conducted phone interviews for a longitudinal research project under the supervision of Christopher Bail.

2018-Present: Karen Peterman Consulting

Collected evaluative data to better understand informal learning. Engaged with different communities to better understand how they understood, processed, and sustained information. Evaluated informal learning at STEM Science Festivals aimed at reaching young and underrepresented people in the STEM field.

2017-2018: Agricultural and Human Sciences Department at NCSU, Raleigh, NC

Qualitative analysis and preparing manuscripts under the supervision of Dr. Annie Hardison-Moody and Dr. J. Dara Bloom. Coded interviews with immigrants about food and health using Nvivo software and worked to develop manuscripts and conference presentations detailing the findings.

2015-2016: College to Work Study, Raleigh, NC

Collected ethnographic data at job presentations, career fairs, and interviewed seniors in a university business school. Followed the progress of the students into their lives after college through additional phone interviews. Under the supervision of Dr. Jessi Streib, the Principal Investigator of the project.

2014-2017: Voices into Action: The Family, Food and Health Project, Raleigh, NC

Worked in a variety of capacities, including: data collection, planning, administration, and assistance with outreach. These tasks included ethnographic data collection (in-home observations with families), in-depth semi-structured interviews with caretakers and children, developing and implementing community feedback sessions, and mini-grant site visits. Helped create interview guides and codebooks, quality controlled transcripts, coded transcripts, and collected demographic data to supplement qualitative data collection. Worked extensively during year 5 of data collection to create interview guides and procedures for child interviews. Created interview guides and codebooks, quality controlled transcripts, coded transcripts, and collected demographic data to supplement qualitative data collection. During year 1 of data collection administered the survey portion of the project.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Eastern Sociological Society
Sociologists for Women in Society

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

“What Really is Food Insecurity?” Public Lecture, Raleigh NC – 6.28.18
Neighbor 2 Neighbor youth mentor, Raleigh NC
Piedmont Farm Animal Refuge member and volunteer, Pittsboro NC

RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Proficient in STATA statistical software and NVIVO qualitative analysis software

REFERENCES AVAILBLE UPON REQUEST