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Areas of Research

Environmental Sociology Political Economy of the World-System Latin America and the Caribbean
Agri-Food Systems Social Theory Social Movements

Methods

Comparative Historical Analysis Participant Observation Semi-Structured Interviews,
Focus Groups Content Analysis Archival Research

Education

North Carolina State University, Sociology - Doctoral Candidate, Expected May 2020

Dissertation: A World-Metabolic Framework for Analyzing Incorporation and Exile in Cuban Agriculture
Dissertation Committee: Stefano B. Longo (chair), Sarah K. Bowen, Thomas Shriver,
and Michelle Schroeder-Moreno

Illinois State University - M.A. Sociology, 2013

Thesis: The (Lack of) Political Power Behind the Economic Outcomes of Los Locataios in the Informal
Economy of El Monstruo, Mexico City

Thesis Committee: Thomas Burr (co-chair), Maura Toro-Morn (co-chair), Alejandro Enriquez, and Patrice
Olsen

University of Houston-University Park – B.A. Sociology and Anthropology, 2011

Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia, Fall 2009

Kulkucan Spanish Immersion School, Cuernavaca, Mexico, Summer 2010

Houston Community College – 2006 to 2008

Scholarly Publications

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles:

Smolski, Andrew R., Javier Sethness Castro, and Alexander Reid Ross. 2018. "Exile and Incorporation During
Revolution: Mexico and Russia from 1910 to 1924" *Capital & Class*. doi: 10.1177/0309816818759229.

Honorable Mention: PEWS Terence K. Hopkins Student Paper Award, 2019

Pensado-Leglise, Mario del Roble and Andrew R, Smolski. 2017. "An Eco-Egalitarian Solution to the Capitalist
Consumer Paradox: Integrating Short Food Chains and Public Market Systems" *Agriculture*. 7(76).
doi:10.3390/agriculture7090076.

Torres Salcido, Gerardo, Mario del Roble Pensado Leglise and Andrew R. Smolski. 2015. 'Public Markets in Mexico
City. Social and Political relationships in food distribution' *Development in Practice* 25(3): 295-305. doi:
10.1080/09614524.2015.1016481.

Policy Briefs

Smolski, Andrew R. 2019. "Stemming the Exploitation of Immigrant Farm Labor." *Contexts* 18(2):70-71

Smolski, Andrew R. 2018. 'Review of Urban Agriculture Benefits', Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Board for the City of Raleigh.

Book Reviews

Smolski, Andrew R. 2019. "Class Struggle and Violence in Latin American Cities." *Latin American Perspectives*. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0094582X19860470>.

Smolski, Andrew R. 2016. "Review of *Killing Trayvons: An Anthology of American Violence*, edited by Jeffrey St. Clair, Kevin Alexander Gray, and JoAnn Wypijewski and *Dixie Be Damned: 300 Years of Insurrection in the American South* by Neal Shirley and Saralee Stafford" *Race & Class* 58(2):104-108.

Smolski, Andrew R. 2016. "An academic object for decolonization: Review of *El pensamiento filosófico latinoamericano, del Caribe y "latino" [1300-2000]*" in *Postcolonial Studies* 19(3):365-357.

Smolski, Andrew R. 2015. Review of *Grabbing Back: Essays against the Global Land Grab*, edited by Alexander Reid Ross, in *Development in Practice* 25(3):442-443.

Edited Journal Issue Under Contract

Co-editor (with Matthew Lorenzen), Special Issue of *Latin American Perspectives* on "Violence and Contemporary Capital Accumulation in Latin America"

Manuscripts Under Review

'Utilizing Mixed Methods in an Institutional Political Economy Analysis of Food Justice and Intersectional Hierarchy in Distance to New York City's Farmers' Markets' with Jacob R. Rutz and Francesco Tiezzi at *Agriculture and Human Values*

'Two Stories: One of Resistance, Another of Profit When Confronting Extractivism' with Daniela García Grandón and Emilia Cordero at *Latin American Perspectives*

Manuscripts in Preparation

'Ecological Risk in the 21st Century: Competing Political-Economic Theses and Mechanisms in Environmental Sociology' with Timothy P. Clark, Jason S. Allen, Heather Sanchez, and John Hedlund.

'An Interpretive Analysis of Anarcho-Populism in Russia and Mexico at the Turn of the 20th Century: Rhetoric, Strategy and Mobilization' with Javier Sethness Castro and Alexander Reid Ross

Non-Academic Publications

In Print

Smolski, Andrew R. 2018. "Why Raleigh needs a stronger commitment to urban agriculture" in *News & Observer*, October 16th - p. 9A.

Online

Smolski, Andrew R. 2018. "Sociology for positive, social change" at *Technician*, December 3rd.

Fellowships

Latin American Perspectives Visiting Fellowship at University of California at Riverside, 2019

Center for Environmental Farming Systems' Graduate Fellowship at North Carolina State University, 2018-2020

Honors

Honorable Mention, Political Economy of the World-System's Terence K. Hopkins Student Paper Award, 2019

North Carolina State University Graduate Student Association Excellence in Classroom Teaching Award, 2019

Illinois State University/American Sociological Association Distinguished Sociology Graduate Student Award, 2013

Travel Awards

Arthur B. Moss Graduate School International Travel Grant at North Carolina State University, 2018

Sociological Graduate Student Association Travel Award at North Carolina State University 2018

Scholarly Participation

Invited Speaker

‘Sustainable Agriculture and Agrarian Structure in Mexico and Cuba’ – Presentation for *Latin American Perspectives*, Latin American Studies, and the University of California at Riverside’s Library in Riverside, California, 2019

‘Mexico’s Food System in Transition: A Sociologically Informed View’ – Seminar (with Tim Klopp) for the North Carolina State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Student Association for Interdisciplinary and Global Engagement in Raleigh, North Carolina, 2019

Panels

‘A Mixed-Method Analysis of Intersectional Inequality at New York City’s Farmers’ Markets’ – Presentation (with Jacob C. Rutz and Francesco Tiezzi) at the Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society in Richmond, Virginia, 2019

‘Cuba, Agriculture, and World-Ecology: The Missing Exilic Ecological Regime, 1959-1965’ – Presentation at the Fifth Annual Conference of the World-Ecology Research Network in San Francisco, California, 2019

‘Abolishing Pesticides? The Possibility of Exile and Agroecology’ – Presentation at Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2018

‘An Institutional Marxist Approach to Food Justice Studies’ – Presentation (with Jason S. Allen) at Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society in Portland, Oregon, 2018

‘An Eco-Egalitarian Solution to the Capitalist Consumer Paradox in the Alternative Agri-Food Network’ – Presentation at XXXVI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association in Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain, 2018

‘Exile and Incorporation During Revolution: Mexico and Russia from 1910-1924’ - Presentation (with Alexander Reid Ross and Javier Sethness Castro) at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, in Special Session ‘What does 21st Century Revolution Look Like, 100 Years after 1917?’ in Montreal, Canada, 2017

‘Who does It?: Testing Agency in the Case of United States Ozone Reduction, 1990-1997’ - Presentation at Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, 2016

‘Food Distribution and Socioeconomic Relationships: Mexico City’s Public Markets’ – Presentation (with Gerardo Torres Salcido and Mario del Roble Pensado Leglise) at The Midwest Sociological Society Annual Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, 2015

‘Los Locatarios: The Public Markets of Mexico and Development Policy’ - Presentation at The Midwest Sociological Society Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois, 2013

Organized Sessions and Presider

Moderator of 'Land Access and Finance Issues for Farm Operations: Cross-National Perspectives' at the Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society in Richmond, Virginia, 2019

Moderator of 'Post-Capitalist Frameworks: Centering Values in a Just Food System' at the Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society in Portland, Oregon, 2018

Organizer of 'Globalizing Food System Inequalities Through Neoliberal States' with Emilia I. Cordero Ocegüera (Chair) and Daniel Garcia Grandon at the XXXVI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association in Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain, 2018

Graduate Workshops

'Systematic Approaches to Building a Literature Review' – Conducted for the Peer Scholars Event Series at North Carolina State University, 2019

'Writing Effective Literature Reviews' – Conducted for The Graduate School at North Carolina State University, 2019

Other scholarly participation

'Intersectional Inequality and Distance to Farmers' Markets in New York City' – Poster Session (with Jacob R. Rutz and Francesco Tiezzi) at the Center for Environmental Farming Systems' All-CEFS meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina, 2019

'A Capitalist Ecological Crisis, Structural Impediments to Reflexivity, and the Role of Class Power' – Roundtable at American Sociological Association (with Timothy P. Clark, Jason Allen, and Heather Kay Sanchez) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2018

'Exile as a Determinant of State (De)Formation During Revolution' – Poster Session (with Alexander Reid Ross and Javier Sethness Castro) at North Carolina State University's Graduate Student Research Symposium in Raleigh, North Carolina, 2018

'Benefits of Urban Agriculture' – Presentation to the Environmental Advisory Board for the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, 2018

'Socio-Ecological Solidarity and Sanction-Oriented Action in Developing a Just, Ecologically Sustainable Food System' – Roundtable at Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting in Greenville, South Carolina, 2017

'Sistemas Agroalimentarios Localizados' – Electronic forum for RedSIAL-Latin America, 2014

'The Public Markets of Mexico City' – Radio Show for KPFT 90.1 FM's Open Journal, 2012

'Reducing Our Waste in Bloomington-Normal, IL' – Community Presentation for the Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development at Illinois State University, Bloomington-Normal, IL', December 2011

Research Assistantships

North Carolina State University - Research Assistant, 2015-2016

Project: Advancing Marine Sociology: An Examination of the Interactions between Social Institutions and Marine Systems in a Caribbean Context

Principle Investigator: Stefano B. Longo

Responsibilities: literature review, travel logistics, Spanish interpreter

Professional Development

Data Mattes Short Course Series at National Consortium for Data Science, 2019

Grant Writing Development Series at the Graduate School, North Carolina State University, 2019

Future Faculty Workshop at the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology, Illinois State University, 2011

Teaching Experience

North Carolina State University – Instructor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, 2015-Present

Upper-level Courses: Theories of Social Structure (2 semesters)

Lower-level Courses: Jobs and Work (5 semesters), Principles of Sociology (1 semester), Technology in Society and Culture (2 semesters), Social Deviance (1 semester), Current Social Problems (1 semester – Distance Education)

Meredith College – Instructor, Department of Sociology and Criminology, 2018-Present

Upper-Level Courses: Sociology of the Border (1 semester)

Lower-level Courses: Deviance and Society (2 semester), Principles of Sociology (1 semester)

North Carolina State University – Distance Education Grader, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, 2018-Present

Lower-level Courses: Social Problems (1 semester), Principles of Sociology (1 semester), Cultural Geography (1 semester), Community and Health (1 semester)

Lone Star College – Distance Education Instructor, Department of Social/Behavioral Sciences, 2014-2017

Lower-level Courses: Principles of Sociology (2 semester), Minority Studies (3 semesters), Social Problems (2 semester), Marriage and Family (1 semester)

Service

Manuscript Reviewer

Development in Practice; Human Ecology Review, Latin American Perspectives

Departmental Service

Curriculum Committee Member for Department of Sociology and Anthropology at North Carolina State University, 2017-2018

University Service

Sustainable Agriculture Graduate Student Association at North Carolina State University, 2016-Present

Vice President, 2019-2020

Secretary, 2017-2018

Professional Service and Leadership

Graduate Student Representative, Nominations Committee of the Rural Sociological Society, 2018-2020

Committee Chair, Marxist Sociology Praxis Award of the Marxist Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, 2018

Member, Social Action Committee of The Midwest Sociological Society, 2012-2015

Community Service

Witness for Justice Volunteer, Legal Aid of North Carolina's Farm Worker Unit, 2015-2018

Membership in Professional Organizations

American Sociological Association

Section Membership: Environmental Sociology and Political Economy of the World-System

Rural Sociological Society,

RIG Membership: Sociology of Agriculture and Food and International Development and Studies

Society for the Study of Social Problems

Division Membership: Environment and Technology and Social Problems Theory

Latin American Studies Association

Section Membership: Food, Agriculture, and Rural Studies