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The Ohio State University

**EDUCATION**

2019 Ph.D. | Emory University, Anthropology

*Dissertation:* “Agrarian Transformation in the Age of Corporate Agriculture: Beginning Alternative Farmers in Iowa.”

2014 M.A. | Emory University, Anthropology

2009 B.A. | Grinnell College, Anthropology, with Honors

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

2019- President’s Postdoctoral Scholar

The Ohio State University, School of Environment and Natural Resources

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Environmental anthropology, political ecology, sustainable agriculture, US food systems, farmer livelihoods, alternative economies, ethnography.

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Manuscripts in Progress**

*Conditional* **Rissing, A.,** Inwood, S. and Stengel, E. “The invisible labor and multidimensional

*accept* impacts of negotiating childcare on farms.” Submitted to *Agriculture and Human Values.*

*Under* **Rissing, A.** “We feed the world: The political ecology of the Corn Belt’sdriving

*review* narrative.” Submitted to *Journal of Political Ecology*.

*In prep.* **Rissing, A.** “Making Do: New Farmers on America’s Most Altered Landscape.” Book manuscript.

**Peer Reviewed Articles**

2019 **Rissing, A.** “Fences: boundaries, technologies, and making change.” *Journal for*

*the Anthropology of North America.* 22(2):66-68.

2019 **Rissing, A.** “Profitability vs. Making It: Causes and Consequences of

Disembedding Beginning Farms’ Finances.” *Culture, Agriculture, Food &*

*Environment*. 41(2): 149-157.

2016 **Rissing, A.** “Alternative Economic Strategies and the Technology Treadmill:

Beginning Vegetable Farmers in Iowa.” *Economic Anthropology.* 3:304–314.

2013 **Rissing, A.** “Iowan Women Farmers' Perspectives on Alternative Agriculture and

Gender.” *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development*. 3(2):127–136.

**Editor Reviewed Articles**

2020 Chuvileva, Y., **Rissing, A.,** and King, H. “From Wet Markets to Wal-Marts: Tracing Alimentary Xenophobia in the Time of COVID-19.” *Social Anthropology.* 28(2):241-243.

2017 **Rissing, A.** “Flipping the Field: Who’s Asking the Questions Here?”

*Anthropology News Website.* December 18 2017.

2017 **Rissing, A.** “Beyond Profit and Loss: Anthropological Reflections on Beginning

Farms’ Longevity.” *The Practical Farmer.* Spring 2017:18-19.

**Book Chapters**

2016 Maxfield, A. and **Rissing, A.** “Of Cavemen and Bananas: Unlikely Similarities

Between Two Online Food Communities.” In *Food Cults: How Fads, Dogma, and Doctrine Influence Diet*. Ed. Kima Cargill. Rowman & Littlefield.

**Book Reviews**

2015 **Rissing, A.** Review of“Been Coming Through Some Hard Times: Race, History,

and Memory in Western Kentucky”by Jack Glazier. *Culture, Agriculture, Food & Environment*. 37(1):47-48.

**AWARDS, GRANTS, & FUNDING**

**External Grants and Fellowships**

2015 Wenner-Gren Foundation, Dissertation Fieldwork Grant ($18,733).

2015 USDA North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education,

Graduate Student Grant ($9,855).

2014 Society for Economic Anthropology, Halperin Memorial Research Award ($1,500).

2014-19 National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship.

**Internal Grants and Fellowships**

2018-19 Writing Program Top-Off Fellowship, Emory University ($5,000).

2017-18 On Recent Discoveries by Emory Researchers Interdisciplinary Teaching

Fellowship, Emory University ($5,000).

2017 Evidence-Based Course Mini-Grant, Emory University QEP ($425).

2017 Piedmont Teaching Sustainability Fellowship, Emory University ($500).

2014 Sustainability Incentives Fund Research Award, Office of Sustainability

Initiatives, Emory University ($1,800).

2012 Graduate Fellowship, James T. Laney School of Graduate Studies, Emory University.

2008 Mentored Advanced Project Student Research Grant, Grinnell College.

2005-09 Trustee Honor Scholarship, Grinnell College.

**Awards**

2019 George Armelagos Award for Excellence in Teaching, Dept. of Anthropology, Emory University.

2019 Presenter Scholarship, Community Food Systems Conference.

2019 Graduate Student Travel Award, Rural Sociological Society.

2018 Conference Travel Full Scholarship, USDA NCR-SARE.

2017 Robert M. Netting Student Paper Prize, Culture & Agriculture AAA Section.

2009 Ralph Luebben Award in Anthropology, Grinnell College.

2008 Phi Beta Kappa.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**College of Wooster**

2020 Instructor: Environmental Studies 110—Environment and Society.

**Emory University**

2018 Instructor: Interdisciplinary Studies 190—Freshman Seminar.

2017 Instructor: Interdisciplinary Studies 190—Freshman Seminar.

2017 Instructor: Anthropology 280—Anthropological Perspectives on North America.

2015 Teaching Assistant: Anthropology 205—Foundations of Global Health.

2014 Teaching Assistant: Anthropology 250—Fast Food/Slow Food.

2014 Teaching Assistant: Anthropology 101—Introduction to Anthropology.

2016-19 Guest lectures delivered in undergraduate anthropology classes at Clark Atlanta University (2019), Emory University (2019), Agnes Scott College (2018, 2017), and Grinnell College (2016).

**Additional Teaching Experience**

2008 English teacher, IES Abroad, Vienna, Austria.

2005-07 ESL Tutor, Lutheran Services in Iowa, Des Moines, IA.

**CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

**Conferences Organized**

2021 Co-chair and co-organizer. “Landscapes of Value/Economies of Place.” Society for Economic Anthropology Annual Meeting, co-sponsored with Culture and Agriculture section of the AAA.

**Panels Organized**

2019 “**It’s Time to Get Personal: How farm households shape farm operations and**

**persistence.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference. Arlington, VA.**

2017 “Cultivating Life and Livelihood at the Limits of Late Industrialism.” American

Anthropological Association Annual Conference. Washington, D.C.

2016 “Economic and Environmental Negotiations in Contemporary U.S. Agriculture.”

American Anthropological Association Annual Conference. Minneapolis, MN.

**Papers Presented**

2019 “I’m not land-tied: Understanding new farmers’ livelihood precarity through

tenancy.” American Anthropological Association Annual Conference**. Vancouver,**

**BC.**

2019 “This is my job, she has her job: Negotiating Labor and Marriage on Beginning

Farms.” **Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference. Arlington, VA.**

2019 “Growing Where They’re Planted: Alternative Farmers on Conventional

Farms.” Society for the Anthropology of North America & Society for Urban,

National, and Transnational Anthropology. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

2018 “What Does It Mean to Feed the World? The Landscape Effects of an Industrial

Narrative.” American Anthropological Association Annual Conference. San Jose,

CA.

2018 “We Feed the World: Industrial Discourses and Iowa's Agroecological Farms.”

Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society & Association for the Study of

Food and Society Annual Conference. Madison, WI.

2017 “Imagining Post-Industrial Iowa: Emergent Agrarian Livelihoods in the Corn

Belt.” American Anthropological Association Annual Conference. Washington,

D.C.

2017 “Profitability vs. Making it: Beginning Farmers’ Longevity in the Midwest.”

Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society & Association for the Study of

Food and Society Annual Conference. Los Angeles, CA.

2017 “Loving the Work Isn’t Enough: New Farmers Deciding to Quit in the Midwest.”

Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Conference. Santa Fe, NM.

2016 “Entrepreneurial Visions and Stewardship in Iowa Agriculture.” American

Anthropological Association Annual Conference. Minneapolis, MN.

2016 “Conversation and Confrontation in Iowa Agriculture.” Central States

Anthropology Society Annual Conference. Kansas City, MO.

2015 “Intergenerational Relationships and Agricultural Legitimacy Among Beginning

Alternative Farmers in Iowa.” Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society &

Association for the Study of Food and Society Annual Conference. Pittsburgh, PA.

2015 “Opting Out of the Technology Treadmill: Economic Strategies of Beginning

Alternative Farmers in Iowa.” Society for Economic Anthropology Annual

Conference. Lexington, KY.

2009 “Gender’s Influence in Alternative Agriculture: Women Farmers’ Perspectives.”

Central States Anthropology Society Annual Conference. Champaign-Urbana, IL.

**Additional Conference Activity**

2019 *Poster.* “What makes a ‘real’ Iowa farmer? Blurred boundaries, Financial Metrics,

and Agricultural Wealth.” Society for Economic Anthropology Annual

Conference. Orlando, FL.

2018 *Roundtable presenter.* “Day-to-Day Food Sovereignty: Ethnographic Accounts of

Connecting Food Pasts and Imagined Futures.” National Women Studies

Association Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA.

2018 *Poster.* “Why Do They Quit? Identifying Key Determinants of Beginning

Farmers’ Decisions.” USDA Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education

“Our Farms, Our Future” Conference. St. Louis, MO.

2018 *Lightning talk.* “Why Do They Quit?” USDA Sustainable Agriculture Research

and Education “Our Farms, Our Future” Conference. St. Louis, MO.

2008 *Lightning talk*. “Iowan Women Farmers and the Local Foods Movement.” Student

Activism Showcase, Tallgrass Prairie Bioneers Conference. Grinnell, IA.

**SERVICE**

**Professional Service**

2020- Board Member, Society for Economic Anthropology.

2019- Culture and Agriculture student paper prize selection committee.

2019 Workshop coordinator, Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education “Sustainability Across the Curriculum.” June 3-4, Atlanta, GA.

Peer Reviewer: *Culture, Agriculture, Food and Environment, Economic Anthropology*, *Human Organization,* *Journal of Rural Studies, SAGE Handbook for Cultural Anthropology.*

**University and Departmental Service**

**Emory University**

2018-19 Coordinator, Piedmont Project Workshop for faculty and graduate students on

sustainability pedagogy.

2016-17 Graduate Concerns Committee, Department of Anthropology.

2014-15 Food Studies Multi-Disciplinary Academic Learning Community.

2013-15 Co-founder and Secretary, Graduate Sustainability Group.

2014-15 Co-founder, Anthropology Graduate Student Association.

2013-15 Co-founder, Anthropology Sustainability Committee.

2012-14 Coordinator, Piedmont TATTO Workshop for graduate students on sustainability pedagogy.

**INVITED TALKS**

2020“Good, Clean, and Fair: Slow Food For All?” Panel talk. OSU Anthropology Public Outreach and Slow Food Columbus. Columbus, OH.

2020“Agri-cultures across the Corn Belt.” Brown bag talk. Ohio Ecological Food and Farming Association. Columbus, OH.

2019 “Small Farms and Big Ag: Using Anthropology to Understand American

Agricultures.” Symposium talk. *Peggy Barlett: Educator, Researcher, and*

*Engaged Scholar*. Emory University. Atlanta, GA.

2016 “Anthropological Fieldwork and Iowa Agriculture.” Department seminar.

Department of Sociology, Iowa State University. Ames, IA.

**OUTREACH & COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE**

2020Workshop co-leader. “What do we mean when we say local? Unpacking Food System Values.” Georgia Organics Conference. Athens, GA.

2020Workshop co-leader. “Childcare on Farms.” Ohio Ecological Food and Farming Association Conference. Dayton, OH.

2019Workshop co-leader. “Rethinking the 'Economics' of Direct-Market Agriculture.”

Community Food Systems Conference. Savannah, GA.

2019 Presenter and session leader. Heartland Farm Beginnings holistic training. Ohio

Ecological Food and Farming Association. Columbus, OH.

2018- Pro bono consulting on beginning farmer issues, Center for Rural Affairs, Lyons, NE.

2012 Reading and math tutor, Tutoring Club, Columbus, OH.

2009-11 Farm to School Coordinator, Northern Iowa Food and Farm Partnership,

University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA.

2008-09 President and Founder, Grinnell College Food Preservation Club, Grinnell, IA.

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING**

2020 “Ohio Farm Poll.” Inaugural statewide survey of Ohio farm households. Wooster, OH.

2015 “Agrarian Transformation in the Age of Corporate Agriculture: Beginning

Farmers in Iowa.” 14-month doctoral dissertation research project. Ames, IA.

2014 “Mapping Emory’s Graduate Sustainability Social Network.” With Ioulia Fenton.

Atlanta, GA.

2014 “Beginning Farmers’ Success in Rural Iowa.” Nine-week pilot study. Ames, IA.

2013 National Science Foundation Summer Institute for Research Design, Duke

University, NC.

2011 “Family farmers’ agroecological understandings and practices.” Three months of

ethnographic research. New Zealand.

2008 “Women Farmers, Food, and Community.” Independent undergraduate research.

Grinnell, IA.

**INTERVIEWS AND MEDIA COVERAGE**

2020 Interview with Sarah Franzen for Culture & Agriculture Podcast. “Local Foods.”

2018 Interview with Megan Maurer and Ioulia Evgenyevna Fenton, Anthropology News

Website. [“Sustaining Agrarian Futures.”](http://www.anthropology-news.org/index.php/2018/07/17/sustaining-agrarian-futures/)

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society.

American Anthropological Association.

*Section Memberships:* Anthropology & Environment; Culture and Agriculture; Society for the Anthropology of Work; Society for Economic Anthropology.

Rural Sociological Society.