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Education

North Carolina State University; Raleigh, NC

Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology, in progress— anticipated completion, 2024

Dissertation: Wild Food Foraging in Appalachian North Carolina

Advisor and Committee Chair: Sarah Bowen, Ph.D. (Sociology)

Dissertation Committee: J. Dara Bloom, Ph.D. (Agricultural & Human Sciences), Michaela DeSoucey, Ph.D. (Sociology), Thomas Shriver, Ph.D. (Sociology)

Colorado State University; Fort Collins, CO

M.A. Sociology – graduated 2016

Thesis: The Male Dominated Field: Gendered Experiences of Female Farmers in Northern Colorado.

Advisor and Committee Chair: Joshua Sbicca, Ph.D. (Sociology)

Thesis Committee: Tara Opsal, Ph.D. (Sociology), Dawn Thilmany, Ph.D. (Agricultural Economics)

Baldwin Wallace University; Berea, OH

B.A. *Magna Cum Laude*; Double Major: Sociology and English Literature— graduated 2014

Refereed Publications

Smolski, Andrew R., **Rebecca Shisler**, Abbey E. Piner, Angel Cruz, and Emma Brinkmeyer. 2023. “Applied Social Science As Tools for Change”. *TRAILS: Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology*.

URL: <https://trails.asanet.org/article/view/applied-social-science-as-tools>

Smolski, Andrew R., Abbey E. Piner, Angel Cruz, **Rebecca Shisler**, and Emma Brinkmeyer. 2023. “Racial Equity in the Food System.” *TRAILS: Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology*.

URL: <https://trails.asanet.org/article/view/systemic-racism-and-the-food>

Shisler, Rebecca, Emilia Cordero Ocegueda, Annie Hardison-Moody, Sarah Bowen. 2023. “Addressing the root causes of food and housing insecurity among college students: An asset-based approach.” *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development*. 12 (2), 135-153. (equal authorship)

URL: <https://doi.org/10.5304/jafscd.2023.122.022>

Bloom, Dara, Kathryn Boys, **Rebecca Shisler**, Rebecca Dunning, Caroline Hundley, David Yates. 2022. “Exploring models of local food procurement in farm to early care and education programs.” *Journal of Human Sciences & Extension* 10 (1), 1-23.

URL: <https://doi.org/10.54718/CONI3088>

Bowen, Sarah, Annie Hardison-Moody, Kim Eshleman, Cassius Hossfeld, Marah Maaita, Najma Muhammad, **Rebecca Shisler**, and G. Solorzano. 2021. “The Impact of COVID-19 on Experiences of Food Insecurity Across Place: A Qualitative Research Protocol.” *International Journal of Qualitative Methods* 20, 1-9.

URL: <https://doi.org/10.1177/16094069211062416>

Shisler, Rebecca C., and Joshua Sbicca. 2019. “Agriculture as Carework: The Contradictions of Performing Femininity in a Male-Dominated Occupation.” *Society & Natural Resources*. 32 (8), 875–892.

URL: <https://doi.org/10.1080/08941920.2019.1597234>

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Research Interests

Food Systems, Nature and Environment, Agricultural and Community Extension, Community Development, Rural Studies, Social Inequality, Environmental Studies, Mixed Methods, Qualitative Methods, Participatory Methods

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Research Award	Competitive award for one student from each college's department to receive research travel funding.	\$1,000	North Carolina State University	2023
Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS) Graduate Fellowship	Competitive fellowship providing financial support and recognition for outstanding sustainable agriculture and local food systems researchers	\$10,000	North Carolina State University	2021-2023
Provost's Doctoral Fellowship	Competitive fellowship designed to help college and departmental efforts to recruit outstanding new doctoral students to NC State..	Tuition and stipend for AY 18/19	North Carolina State University	2018-2019
Hertzler Sociology Research Award	Nominated award for an outstanding undergraduate sociology student researcher each year.	\$333	Baldwin Wallace University	2014

Selected Presentations (last 5 years)

Shisler, Rebecca. "Wild Food Foraging in Appalachian North Carolina." *Knowing Food: Joint Conference of the Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS) and the Agriculture, Food & Human Values Society (AFHVS)*. Boston, MA. June 2023.

Smolski, Andy R., Angel Cruz, Abbey Piner, **Rebecca Shisler.** "Content Analysis as Audit Tool for Evaluating Racial Equity in the Food System." *North Carolina Community Food Gathering*. Rocky Mount, NC. March 2023

Smolski, Andy R., Angel Cruz, Abbey Piner, **Rebecca Shisler.** "Framing Charity and Justice: Content Analysis as Racial Equity Evaluation Tool for Food System Practitioners." *Annual Meeting of the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology*. Louisville, KY. October 2022

Hardison-Moody, Annie, **Rebecca Shisler.** "Emergency Food During Covid-19: Lessons Learned from a 5 State Study of Families and Food During COVID-19." *National Health Outreach Conference*. St. Louis, MO. May 2022

Shisler, Rebecca. "Food Self-provisioning: exploring non-conventional foodways." *Just Food: a joint conference of ASFS, AFHVS, CAFS, SAFN*. Virtual Conference. June 2021.

Shisler, Rebecca, Sarah Bowen, Annie Hardison-Moody. "Food Access & Faith Communities." *ReConnecting Our Faith & Community Conference*, Institute for Emerging Issues. Raleigh, NC. May 2021

Shisler, Rebecca, Annie Hardison-Moody. "Emergency Food during COVID: Research and Extension Impacts." *FIRST Study Workshop*, North Carolina State University. Raleigh, NC. March 2021

Shisler, Rebecca. "Gendered Carework through Sociology of Food: A Critical Literature Review." *Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting*. San Diego, CA. February 2020.

Shisler, Rebecca. "Food Hubs: Creating or Conforming?" *Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society*. Richmond, VA. August 2019.

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Bowen, Sarah, Annie Hardison-Moody, Emilia Cordero Ocegueda, **Rebecca Shisler**. “Addressing and Preventing Food Insecurity among College Students: An Asset-Based Approach.” *Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society*. Richmond, VA. August 2019

Shisler, Rebecca C., and Joshua Sbicca. “Agriculture as Carework: Performing Femininity in a Male Dominated Occupation” *Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting*. Boston, MA. March 2019.

Bloom, Dara, Rebecca Dunning, Kathryn Boys, David Yates, Caroline Stover, and **Rebecca Shisler**. “Local Food Procurement in Farm to Early Care and Education Programs: Analyzing Market Potential.” *Food Distribution Research Society Annual Conference*. Arlington, VA. September 2018.

Bloom, Dara, Rebecca Dunning, Kathryn Boys, **Rebecca Shisler**, and David Yates. “Local Food Procurement in Farm to Early Care and Education Programs: Analyzing Innovative Models for Farmer Profitability.” *Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society*. Portland, OR. July 2018

Research Experience

Research Assistant. Department of Sociology, NC State University. Raleigh, NC. 2020-2022.

- *Project*: “Effects of Responses to COVID-19 and Social Context on Food Insecurity.”
 - I led efforts to develop the research plan and instruments for this multi-state, NSF-funded project. I conducted dozens of interviews with a photovoice component, developed a reflexivity protocol, and compiled resources for our participants who were in need. I also developed and led trainings for extension, faith communities, and emergency food practitioners about how to improve experiences at emergency food sites.

Research Assistant. Department of Sociology, NC State University. Raleigh, NC. 2020-2021.

- *Project*: “Voices Into Action: The Families, Food, and Health Project.”
 - As part of a multi-disciplinary team on this USDA-funded Research and Extension project, I coded and analyzed semi-structured interview data on family food access and choice, caring labor, and health inequity in four North Carolina counties.

Research Assistant & Facilitator. Pack Essentials Steering Committee, NC State University. Raleigh, NC. 2019-2020

- *Project*: “Plan for Comprehensive, Integrated Plan to Prevent Student Food Insecurity and Homelessness.”
 - As part of a multi-disciplinary team, I recruited, designed, and facilitated CBPR-informed asset mapping workshops for students, faculty, and university staff. This led to a report disseminated to university administration and a publication in a special issue of a practitioner journal.

Research Assistant. Center for Environmental Farming Systems, NC State University. Raleigh, NC. 2018-2019

- *Project*: “Social and Environmental Aspects of Farmers' Decision-Making”
 - I coded and analyzed interview data and wrote up a report for extension practitioners focused on organic farmers' decision making around land tenure.
- *Project*: “Farm to Early Care and Education”
 - I coded and analyzed interview data and local food purchasing data for a farm to early care and education program. This resulted in an internal report and publication in a practitioner journal.

Research Consultant. National Earthquake Technical Working Group, ATC. Remote Work. 2017.

- *Project*: FEMA P-1000: “Safer, Stronger, Smarter: A Guide to Improving School Natural Hazard Safety.”
 - I worked with the Natural Hazards Center to develop accessible webinar materials for project facilitators.

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Research Assistant. Department of Sociology, Colorado State University. Fort Collins, CO. 2015-2016.

- *Project:* “Land and Labor in Denver Urban Food System and Food Movements,”
 - I recruited participants, conducted interviews and transcribed data for over two dozen semi-structured interviews. In the project’s second year, I trained incoming research assistants on how to recruit and conduct interviews.

Research Intern. Greater Cleveland Food Bank. Cleveland, OH. Summer/Fall 2013 Semesters.

- *Project:* Feeding America, “Hunger in America Study”
 - As an intern, I co-lead survey data collection. In this role, I also managed volunteers, and interfaced with hunger alleviation stakeholders and people experiencing food insecurity. This data contributed to Feeding America’s Hunger in America Study.

Community and Stakeholder Engagement Experience

Program Associate. Rural Forward, MDC, Inc. Durham, NC. Spring 2023 Semester.

- As a program associate, I supported community-led development efforts in three rural counties in Southeast North Carolina, as well as statewide food systems work for the Rural Forward program. These efforts are funded by the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust Healthy Places NC grant. This work seeks to address health disparities across the state while centering systemically oppressed rural communities.

Market Support. Boulder County Farmers’ Markets. Boulder, CO. 2017-2018 seasons

- As market staff for BCFM, I assisted with SNAP & WIC market programs, supported market sustainability efforts, interfaced with market vendors and customers, and aided with setup and takedown of market infrastructure.

Business Development Coordinator. Joining Vision and Action. Denver, CO. 2016-2017.

- In this role, I maintained client relationships, responded to requests for proposals, and initiated new business for a social enterprise consulting firm. Clients included local governments, nonprofits, and mission-driven companies. My successful proposals resulted in research contracts resulting in tens of thousands of dollars for the firm.

Teaching Experience

North Carolina State University, Department of Sociology

- Instructor of Record:
 - Fall 2021: Principles of Sociology (SOC 202-007); In-Person
 - Summer 2022: Principles of Sociology (SOC 202-601); Distance Education/Online
 - Fall 2022: Food and Society (SOC 350-002); In-Person
 - Spring 2023: Principles of Sociology (SOC 202-603); Distance Education/Online
 - Fall 2023: Principles of Sociology (SOC 202-602); Distance Education/Online
 - Spring 2024: Principles of Sociology (SOC 202-603); Distance Education/Online
- Teaching Assistant & Grader
 - Fall 2019: Sociology of Family, Data Modules for Various Course; In-Person
 - Spring 2020: Food and Society; shifted to online due to Covid-19 pandemic

Colorado State University, Department of Sociology

- Teaching Assistant
 - Fall 2014: Introduction to Criminal Justice, Methods of Sociological Inquiry; In-Person
 - Spring 2015: Introduction to Sociology, Gender & Society; In-Person
 - Fall 2015: Quantitative Sociological Methods, Gender & Society; In-Person
 - Spring 2016: Introduction to Sociology (Lead TA); In-Person

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Certifications

- NC State University Office of Faculty Development: Inclusive Teaching Certification (Issued Aug 2020)
- Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI): Responsible Conduct of Research (Issued Sep 2021)
- NC Cooperative Extension: Foundations in Local Food System Development Class (Completed Nov 2022)
- North American Food Systems Network (NAFSN): AgriCluster Resilience and Expansion (ACRE) Facilitator Certification (In Progress)

Data and Analysis Software

NVivo, Atlas.ti, Dedoose, Qualtrics, Survey Monkey, Stata, SPSS, ArcGIS, QGIS

Professional Memberships

- American Sociological Association
- Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society
- Rural Sociological Society
- National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals
- North American Food Systems Network