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**Education**

**Boston College**,Chestnut Hill, MA                                                Expected graduation 2023

Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology

Master’s paper working title: “Socially Organized Knowledge in the Massachusetts Beekeeping Community”

**Fairfield University**,Fairfield, CT                                                             May 2017

Bachelor of Arts

 Sociology and American studies, *Summa Cum Laude*

Cumulative GPA: 3.91

Minors: Business management and environmental studies

Undergraduate Intendent Study: “‘Lean In’ to Neoliberalism: Individualism and Capitalism Over All”

**Florence University of the Arts**,Florence, Italy                              January 2016-May 2016

Study Abroad Program

**Current Research**

 “Socially Organized Knowledge in the Massachusetts Beekeeping Community”

This ongoing research draws on ethnography and interviews with members of the Massachusetts beekeeping community, composed mostly of hobbyists, and seeks to discover how knowledge about the role of honey bees is local ecologies is socially organized.

“The Strength of Green Ties: Massachusetts Cranberry Grower Social Networks and Effects on Climate Change Attitudes”

Authors: Brian Gareau, Xioarui Huang, Tara Pisani Gareau, Sandra DiDonato

Through statistical analysis of survey data and content analysis of two important cranberry newsletters, the paper finds cranberry growers’ perceived importance of two key cranberry growing institutions and connections to other cranberry growers is associated in nuanced ways with grower climate change attitudes.

**Research and Teaching Interests**

Environmental sociology, sustainable food systems, social understandings of nature

**Teaching Experience**

**Boston College**, Department of Sociology                                            August 2018-present

*Teaching Assistant*

Professors and courses

Ali Kadivar “Social Theory,” “Eve Spangler “Social Theory,” Steven Pfohl “Deviance and Social Control,” Tara Pisani Gareau “Sustainable Agriculture”

**Professional Service**

“International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law and Economics” October 2019

Peer review of article with Brian Gareau and Patrick CoatarPeter

Boston College January 2020-May 2020

*Disability Notetaker*

**Awards and Achievements**

Graduate Research Expense Grant                                                                           October 2019

Department of Sociology, Boston College

“How Can the Humanities Save the Planet?” funded seminar attendance                  June 2019

 Venice International University

Leo F. O’Connor Award in American Studies

American Studies Department, Fairfield University                                                    2017

Harry Fishman Award in Sociology                                                                                       2017

Sociology Department, Fairfield University

Donor-Established Scholarship                                                                                2016-2017

Fairfield University

Dean’s List                                                                                                                2013-2017

Fairfield University

**Other Service**

Sociology Graduate Student Association

*Faculty representative*

**The Connecticut League of Conservation Voters,** Hartford, CT       November 2017-June 2018

*Education Fund Board Member*

Volunteer board member position

**Leaders for Environmental Action at Fairfield (LEAF)** October 2014 - May 2017

*Member and President*

Lead weekly meetings and planed educational and interactive events to engage peers with environmental issues.

Organized and led fundraisers for wildlife foundations.

Attended weekly meetings with the Fairfield University Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs to develop sustainable campus projects in collaboration with the Fairfield University administration.

**Other professional Experience**

**The Connecticut League of Conservation Voters,** Hartford, CT      September–December 2016

*Intern*

Input and revised membership and fundraising data into the EveryAction database system and performed various office duties as needed.

Provided the League’s Educational Program Director with thorough notes and briefing papers after attending events like Environment America’s Climate Panel and Yale University’s Federal Green Act Press Conference with Senators Murphy and Larson.

Researched social media post content and captured action photos for wide media publication.

Spoke as a featured speaker at the December 2016 “March for Jobs, Justice, and a Livable Earth” in Hartford, CT.

**Memberships**

Phi Beta Kappa                                                                                                       Inducted 2017

Alpha Kappa Delta                                                                                                 Inducted 2017